# HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

#### April 18, 2018

HDRC CASE NO:	2018-178
ADDRESS:	426 CLUB DR
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	NCB 7013 BLK LOT W 60 FT OF 4
ZONING:	RM-4 H
CITY COUNCIL DIST.:	7
DISTRICT:	Monticello Park Historic District
APPLICANT:	Office of Historic Preservation
TYPE OF WORK:	Recommendation to the BSB
<b>APPLICATION RECEIVED:</b>	April 02, 2018
60-DAY REVIEW:	June 01, 2018

#### **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a recommendation to the Building Standards Board (BSB) for the repair of the primary structure located at 424/426 Club Drive.

The City's Code Enforcement Division has determined the primary structure at this address is in repairable condition and is recommending repair per Chapter 6-156.

### **APPLICABLE CITATIONS:**

#### UDC Section 35-614 Demolition.

Demolition of a historic landmark constitutes an irreplaceable loss to the quality and character of the City of San Antonio. Accordingly, these procedures provide criteria to prevent unnecessary damage to the quality and character of the city's historic districts and character while, at the same time, balancing these interests against the property rights of landowners.

(a)Applicability. The provisions of this section apply to any application for demolition of a historic landmark (including those previously designated as historic exceptional or historic significant) or a historic district.

(3)Property Located in Historic District and Contributing to District Although Not Designated a Landmark. No certificate shall be issued for property located in a historic district and contributing to the district although not designated a landmark unless the applicant demonstrates clear and convincing evidence supporting an unreasonable economic hardship on the applicant if the application for a certificate is disapproved. When an applicant fails to prove unreasonable economic hardship in such cases, the applicant may provide additional information regarding loss of significance as provided is subsection (c)(3) in order to receive a certificate for demolition of the property.

#### Sec. 35-615. - Prevention of Demolition by Neglect.

(a)Applicability. In keeping with the city's minimum housing standards, the owner, or other person having legal custody and control of a designated historic landmark or structure in a local historic district shall preserve the historic landmark or structure against decay and deterioration and shall keep it free from any of the following defects:

(1)Parts which are improperly or inadequately attached so that they may fall and injure persons or property;

(2)Deteriorated or inadequate foundation;

(3)Defective or deteriorated floor supports or floor supports that are insufficient to carry the loads imposed safely;

(4)Walls, partitions, or other vertical supports that split, lean, list, or buckle due to defect or deterioration or are insufficient to carry the loads imposed safely;

(5)Ceilings, roofs, ceiling or roof supports, or other horizontal members which sag, split, or buckle due to defect or deterioration or are insufficient to support the loads imposed safely;

(6)Fireplaces and chimneys which list, bulge, or settle due to defect or deterioration or are of insufficient size or strength to carry the loads imposed safely;

(7)Deteriorated, crumbling, or loose exterior stucco or mortar, rock, brick, or siding;

(8)Broken, missing, or rotted roofing materials or roof components, window glass, sashes, or frames, or exterior doors or door frames; or

(9)Any fault, defect, or condition in the structure which renders it Structurally unsafe or not properly watertight.

(b)Compliance. The owner or other person having legal custody and control of a designated historic landmark or structure in a local historic district shall, in keeping with the city's minimum housing standards, repair the landmark or structure if it is found to have any of the defects listed in subsection (a) of this section. In addition, the owner or other person having legal custody and control of a historic landmark or a building, object, site, or structure located in a historic district shall keep all property, including vacant property, clear of all weeds, fallen trees or limbs, debris, abandoned vehicles, and all other refuse as specified under the city's minimum housing codes and ordinances.

#### (c)Enforcement.

(1)The historic preservation officer and the historic and design review commission are authorized to work with a property owner to encourage maintenance and stabilization of the structure and identify resources available before taking enforcement action under this section.

(2)The historic and design review commission, on its own initiative, or the historic preservation officer may file a petition with code compliance requesting that the city proceed under the public safety and housing ordinance to require correction of defects or repairs to any structure covered by subsection (a) above so that such structure shall be preserved and protected in accordance with the purposes of this article and the public safety and housing ordinance.

#### (3)Penalties.

(i)A person may not violate a requirement of this article. Pursuant to Section 214.0015 (Additional Authority Regarding Substandard Buildings) of the Texas Local Government Code, a person who violates a requirement of this article commits a civil offense, and is civilly liable to the City of San Antonio in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per day for each violation or an amount not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) per day for each violation if the property is the owner's lawful homestead. The City of San Antonio may by order assess and recover any such civil penalties against a property owner at the time of an administrative hearing regarding the violations provided the property owner was notified of the requirements of the ordinance and the owner's need to comply with the requirements and, after notification, the property owner committed an act in violation of the ordinance or failed to take an action necessary for compliance with the ordinance. The city clerk shall file with the district clerk of Bexar County a certified copy of any order issued under this subsection stating the amount and duration of the penalty. Any monies collected shall be deposited into an account as directed by the historic preservation officer for the benefit, rehabilitation or acquisition of local historic resources.

(ii)A person who violates this article commits an offense. An offense under this article is a class C misdemeanor punishable as provided in the municipal ordinances of San Antonio.

(iii)An action to enforce the requirements of this article may include injunctive relief and may be joined with enforcement of all applicable city codes.

(iv)If any building, object, site or structure covered by this subdivision shall have to be demolished as a public safety hazard and the owner thereof shall have received two (2) or more notices from the director of code compliance of building neglect in violation of this and other city ordinances, no application for a permit for a project on the property may be considered for a period of five (5) years from the date of demolition of the structure. Additionally, no permit for a curb cut needed for the operation of surface parking lot shall be granted by a city office during this period, nor shall a parking lot for vehicles be operated whether for remuneration or not on the site for a period of five (5) years from and after the date of such demolition.

### 2. Materials: Masonry and Stucco

### A. MAINTENANCE (PRESERVATION)

i. *Paint*—Avoid painting historically unpainted surfaces. Exceptions may be made for severely deteriorated material where other consolidation or stabilization methods are not appropriate. When painting is acceptable, utilize a water permeable paint to avoid trapping water within the masonry.

ii. *Clear area*—Keep the area where masonry or stucco meets the ground clear of water, moisture, and vegetation.
iii. *Vegetation*—Avoid allowing ivy or other vegetation to grow on masonry or stucco walls, as it may loosen mortar and stucco and increase trapped moisture.

iv. *Cleaning*—Use the gentlest means possible to clean masonry and stucco when needed, as improper cleaning can damage the surface. Avoid the use of any abrasive, strong chemical, sandblasting, or high-pressure cleaning method. B. ALTERATIONS (REHABILITATION, RESTORATION, AND RECONSTRUCTION)

i. *Patching*—Repair masonry or stucco by patching or replacing it with in-kind materials whenever possible. Utilize similar materials that are compatible with the original in terms of composition, texture, application technique, color, and detail, when in-kind replacement is not possible. EIFS is not an appropriate patching or replacement material for stucco. ii. *Repointing*—The removal of old or deteriorated mortar should be done carefully by a professional to ensure that masonry units are not damaged in the process. Use mortar that matches the original in color, profile, and composition when repointing. Incompatible mortar can exceed the strength of historic masonry and results in deterioration. Ensure that the new joint matches the profile of the old joint when viewed in section. It is recommended that a test panel is prepared to ensure the mortar is the right strength and color.

iii. *Removing paint*—Take care when removing paint from masonry as the paint may be providing a protectant layer or hiding modifications to the building. Use the gentlest means possible, such as alkaline poultice cleaners and strippers, to remove paint from masonry.

iv. *Removing stucco*—Remove stucco from masonry surfaces where it is historically inappropriate. Prepare a test panel to ensure that underlying masonry has not been irreversibly damaged before proceeding.

## FINDINGS:

- a. The primary structure located at 426 Club Dr. is a 2-story single family home constructed circa 1936 in the Minimal Traditional style with Spanish Eclectic influences. The structure features a rugged cut stone façade, a two front gables with a centrally located double height front porch, and ganged one over one wood windows. The Monticello Park Historic District is characterized by Spanish Eclectic, Minimal Traditional, and Tudor Revival homes, many with stone facades and architectural details similar to those found on this structure. The location, materials, design, and construction style are original to the site.
- b. FAÇADE According to the Historic Design Guidelines for Exterior Maintenance and Alterations, regular cleaning, repointing, and stabilization of historic masonry is encouraged to avoid deterioration and structural damage. Façade elements of historic homes should be replaced in-kind when necessary. When new materials are needed, they should match the existing materials in color, durability and texture. Additionally, vegetation should be routinely maintained and cleared from the façade of the home to ensure that damage from organic elements is mitigated to ensure the longevity of the structure.
- c. WINDOWS & DOORS DSD Code Staff has observed that the windows and doors on the structure are in need of repair to alleviate broken glass, wood damage, and issues with weather tightness. With repair, refinishing, and rehanging, these issues can be mitigated. Historic structures naturally settle and shift slightly over time, and the window openings and sashes have settled with the surrounding structure. Regular maintenance and repair of the windows is a standard basis of care for ensuring these openings are functional and any weatherization issues are addressed. Staff finds that in conjunction with repair and rehanging, the installation of weatherstripping along the window frames and a rubber or foam gasket at the window sills may greatly mitigate air infiltration. The original windows feature single-pane glass which is subject to radiant heat transfer. Products are available to reduce heat transfer such as window films, interior storm windows are available that can be custom fitted to openings. In general, staff encourages the repair of historic wood windows. A wood window that is maintained over time can last for decades.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends repair of the historic primary structure based on findings a and b. The stabilization of the structure and repair and weatherization of the windows and doors are eligible for administrative approval.

# CASE MANAGER:

Stephanie Phillips





# **Flex Viewer**

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