### HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

**January 16, 2019** 

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2018-638

**ADDRESS:** 929 BURNET ST

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 1656 BLK D LOT S 131 FT OF 17

**ZONING:** RM-6,H

CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 2

**DISTRICT:** Dignowity Hill Historic District

**APPLICANT:** Adan Huerta

OWNER: Adan Huerta & Juan Sanchez
TYPE OF WORK: Installation of front yard fencing

**APPLICATION RECEIVED:** December 20, 2018 **60-DAY REVIEW:** February 18, 2019

**REQUEST:** 

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to construct a front yard fence.

#### **APPLICABLE CITATIONS:**

Historic Design Guidelines, Chapter 5, Guidelines for Site Elements

2. Fences and Walls

## A. HISTORIC FENCES AND WALLS

- i. Preserve—Retain historic fences and walls.
- ii. *Repair and replacement*—Replace only deteriorated sections that are beyond repair. Match replacement materials (including mortar) to the color, texture, size, profile, and finish of the original.
- iii. Application of paint and cementitious coatings—Do not paint historic masonry walls or cover them with stone facing or stucco or other cementitious coatings.

#### **B. NEW FENCES AND WALLS**

- i. *Design*—New fences and walls should appear similar to those used historically within the district in terms of their scale, transparency, and character. Design of fence should respond to the design and materials of the house or main structure. ii. *Location*—Avoid installing a fence or wall in a location where one did not historically exist, particularly within the front yard. The appropriateness of a front yard fence or wall is dependent on conditions within a specific historic district. New front yard fences or wall should not be introduced within historic districts that have not historically had them. iii. *Height*—Limit the height of new fences and walls within the front yard to a maximum of four feet. The appropriateness of a front yard fence is dependent on conditions within a specific historic district. New front yard fences should not be introduced within historic districts that have not historically had them. If a taller fence or wall existed historically, additional height may be considered. The height of a new retaining wall should not exceed the height of the slope it retains.
- iv. *Prohibited materials*—Do not use exposed concrete masonry units (CMU), Keystone or similar interlocking retaining wall systems, concrete block, vinyl fencing, or chain link fencing.
- v. Appropriate materials—Construct new fences or walls of materials similar to fence materials historically used in the district. Select materials that are similar in scale, texture, color, and form as those historically used in the district, and that are compatible with the main structure. Screening incompatible uses—Review alternative fence heights and materials for appropriateness where residential properties are adjacent to commercial or other potentially incompatible uses.

#### C. PRIVACY FENCES AND WALLS

- i. *Relationship to front facade*—Set privacy fences back from the front façade of the building, rather than aligning them with the front façade of the structure to reduce their visual prominence.
- ii. Location Do not use privacy fences in front yards.

#### **FINDINGS:**

a. The primary structure located at 929 Burnet is a 1-story single-family structure constructed circa 1925 in the Folk Victorian style. The home features a front porch with wood posts, front-facing gable, and one over one

- wood windows. The home is contributing to the Dignowity Hill Historic District.
- b. FENCE LOCATION The applicant has proposed to install a new fence that spans across the driveway instead of turning at the driveway to meet the corner of the house. According to the Historic Design Guidelines, new front yard fences should follow historic fence placements in the district. Staff finds that the fence should turn at the driveway to meet the corner of the structure, rather than spanning across the driveway as proposed.
- c. FENCE DESIGN The applicant has proposed to install a new horizontal slat wood front yard fence. According to the Historic Design Guidelines, new front yard fences should appear similar to those used historically within the district in terms of their scale, transparency, character, and materials. The height should also be limited to a maximum of four feet. In the surrounding vicinity and within the Dignowity Hill Historic District, typical fence types for Folk Victorian style homes are vertical wood pickets and wrought iron. Staff finds the proposed horizontal slat fence is not consistent with the Guidelines.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the new front yard fence based on findings a through c with the following stipulations:

- i. That the fence turn at the driveway to meet the corner of the structure and the driveway gate, if included, be set back behind the front façade plane of the structure, as noted in finding b.
- ii. That the fence be constructed of wood, feature a design that is more appropriate for the district, such as vertical wood picket or wrought iron, as noted in finding c. The applicant is required to submit updated documents to staff for review and approval prior to receiving a Certificate of Appropriateness.
- iii. That the fence be a maximum of four feet in height. The final construction height of an approved fence may not exceed the maximum height as approved by the HDRC at any portion of the fence. Additionally, all fences must be permitted and meet the development standards outlined in UDC Section 35-514.

#### **CASE MANAGER:**

Adam Rajper



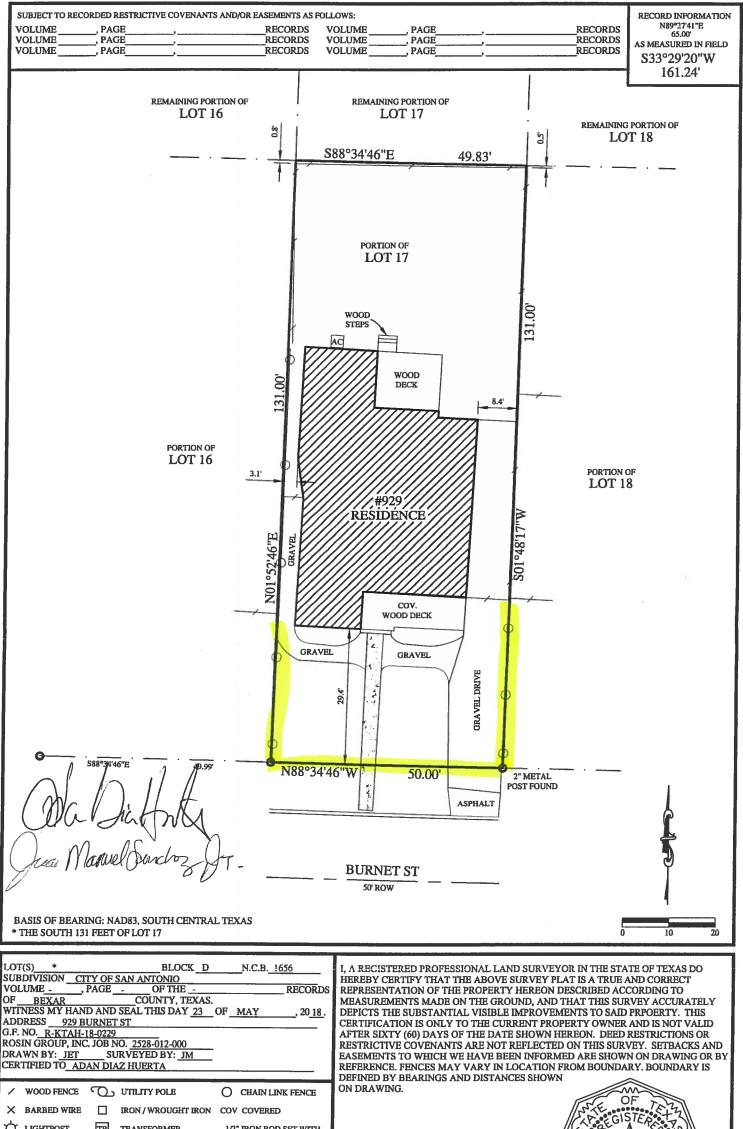


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