HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION March 06, 2019

HDRC CASE NO: 2019-079 **112 LINDELL PLACE ADDRESS:** NCB 6204 BLK 5 LOT 1 **LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ZONING:** MF-33, H, RIO-1 **CITY COUNCIL DIST.:** 1 **DISTRICT: River Road Historic District APPLICANT:** Jim Bailev/Alamo Architects Asher Reilley **OWNER: TYPE OF WORK:** Amendments to a previously approved design including the reconstruction of original walls **APPLICATION RECEIVED:** February 15, 2019 April 16, 2019 **60-DAY REVIEW:**

REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to amend a previously issued Certificate of Appropriateness in regards to the historic structure at 112 Lindell Place. The applicant has proposed to deconstruct and rebuild a portion of the exterior clay unit walls due to deterioration that has rendered them structurally unsound.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

Historic Design Guidelines, Chapter 2, Guidelines for Exterior Maintenance and Alterations

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 historic house at 112 Lindell Place was constructed prior to 1951 and has been substantially modified over time. On November 18, 2015, the Historic and Design Review Commission issued a Certificate of Appropriateness for the rehabilitation of the existing structure and the construction of an adjacent multi-family residential structure. The rehabilitation scope included removal of two additions, window and door replacement, and porch replacement. Additional approval for the in-kind replacement of the deteriorated roof structure was issued administratively on December 12, 2018.
- b. Following the removal of the roof structure, it was determined that the existing clay unit walls were unfit to receive the new roof load due to substantial buckling and structural deterioration that has occurred at some of the exterior walls. At the recommendation of a structural engineer, the applicant has proposed to deconstruct and rebuild the sections of the exterior walls limited to the south (right) façade and the east (rear) façade using matching materials. A new interior frame will be constructed to support the roof load and will not affect the exterior appearance. Staff finds this proposal to be consistent with the Historic Design Guidelines for rehabilitation and reconstruction of historic masonry.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval based on findings a and b with the stipulation that the proposed reconstructed walls match the original in appearance (profile, dimension, texture).

CASE MANAGER:

Edward Hall





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January 24, 2019

Mr. Chip Collins Alamo Architects, Inc. 1512 South Flores Street San Antonio, Texas 78204

RE: Engineer's Opinion Statement 112 Lindell Place San Antonio, TX

Dear Mr. Collins:

We issued the original sealed drawings for the project located at the above address on November 23, 2015. As part of the project a single standalone residence was to be remodeled and refurbished as rental units and a new two story unit.

Our scope in the standalone residence structured new openings along the exterior walls, widening and creating new interior wall openings and removing various interior load bearing walls along with new foundation footings at the proposed opening posts.

During the renovations, a majority of the roof and floor system was not repairable and both the roof and floor system was deconstructed to leave the exterior walls free standing. The exterior load bearing wall system is a hollow clay unit system mortared at the joists with grouted and reinforced lintels at the various openings. The project team requested us to visit the site to review the condition of the exterior walls and their structural capacity, as many of the clay units were fractured and cracked upon discovery.

On Monday, January 21, 2019, Stephen G. Urias PE, visited the site in the presence of the Owner's contractor, Blaine Bybee of Robare Custom Homes, to observe the state of the exterior wall system.

Based on our experience and our site observations, the degradation and cracking of the clay unit walls was extensive and has compromised the load carrying capacity. The clay units are very fragile and many have cracked/broken beyond repair. Some of the walls exhibit a buckling failure at base of the wall and diagonal fractures through the wall body. The conditions below grade are still unknown but likely similar or worse due to their contact with wet soils. Due to the extensive degradation of the walls we deem them not safe for the public and therefore we recommend all walls be deconstructed and rebuilt to similar or like conditions.

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Photographs are attached showing the current conditions and the state of the clay unit walls.

As denoted by the engineering seal on the construction and on this letter, we believe we have fulfilled our obligations as an engineer under the Texas Engineering Practice Act pursuant to its requirements to protect the public health and welfare in the practice of engineering.

Please contract us if there are any questions or concerns in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Stephen G. Urias, PE Associate



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1. Base of wall buckled.



2. Diagonal crack through wall body.

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3. Horizontal Crack through wall.



4. Typical lintel construction.







2 EXISTING ROOF RENOVATIONS 1/8" = 1'-0"





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