

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ZONING

Request:

Per City Council Resolution 2019-10-17-0060R, the Office of Historic Preservation requests a change of zoning to add "HL" Historic Landmark designation to 214 Lotus. *OHP staff recommends approval*.

Case Comments:

On September 4, 2019, the Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC) agreed with the applicant's finding of historic significance and supported the designation of the property as a local landmark. On October 17, 2019, City Council directed City Staff to move forward with landmark designation.

Case History:

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December 3, 2019	Zoning Commission hearing
October 17, 2019	City Council directs City staff to initiate designation
September 4, 2019	Historic & Design Review Commission (HDRC) hearing
August 28, 2019	Second Demolitions & Designations Committee site visit
August 21, 2019	Historic & Design Review Commission referred case back to Demolitions &
-	Designations Committee
July 24, 2019	Demolitions & Designations Committee site visit

Applicable Citations:

Note: In accordance with the process for designation of a historic landmark, as outlined in Section 35-607 of the UDC, properties must meet three of sixteen criteria. This property meets three Criteria for Evaluation.

Unified Development Code Sec. 35-607. – *Designation Criteria for Historic Districts and Landmarks*.

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Findings of Fact:

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- contacted the Lavaca Neighborhood Association and other neighborhood stakeholders during the 30-day review period provided by UDC 35-455. The Lavaca Neighborhood Association responded in opposition of demolition.
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ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Resolution 2019-10-17-0060R HDRC recommendation HDRC published exhibits

HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION COMMISSION ACTION

This is not a Certificate of Appropriateness and cannot be used to acquire permits

September 4, 2019

HDRC CASE NO: 2019-422

ADDRESS: 214 LOTUS ST

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 3036 BLK 30 LOT 4&5

APPLICANT: Office of Historic Preservation - PO BOX 839966

OWNER: Hector Ubaldo - 462 S Mason Rd #100

REQUEST:

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FINDINGS:

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COMMISSION ACTION:

Approved as submitted.

Shanon Shea Miller

Historic Preservation Officer

HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION September 4, 2019

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ZONING: RM CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 1

APPLICANT: Office of Historic Preservation

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TYPE OF WORK: Finding of Historic Significance

REQUEST:

The Office of Historic Preservation is requesting a finding of historic significance for the property located at 1622 W Huisache

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

Unified Development Code Sec. 35-606. - Designation Process for Historic Landmarks.

- a. Authority. Requests for landmark designation may only be made by or with the concurrence of the property owner. In instances where a property owner does not consent to the landmark designation, the historic preservation officer shall request a resolution from city council to proceed with the designation process prior to any zoning commission hearing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a request for landmark designation may be made and approved by the city council. To the extent that this subsection conflicts with any other provisions of this chapter, this paragraph shall control except for buildings, objects, sites, structures, or clusters heretofore designated as local landmarks or districts, National Register landmarks or districts, state historic landmarks or sites, or state archaeological landmarks or sites. Additionally, requests for designation shall be made on a form obtained from the city historic preservation officer through the office of historic preservation. Completed request forms shall be returned to the office of historic preservation for processing. All buildings, objects, sites, structures, or clusters heretofore designated by the city council as historic landmarks under any pre-existing ordinance of the City of San Antonio shall be accorded the protection of properties designated historic landmarks under this chapter and shall continue to bear the words "historic, exceptional" (HE) or "historic, significant" (HS) in their zoning designation.
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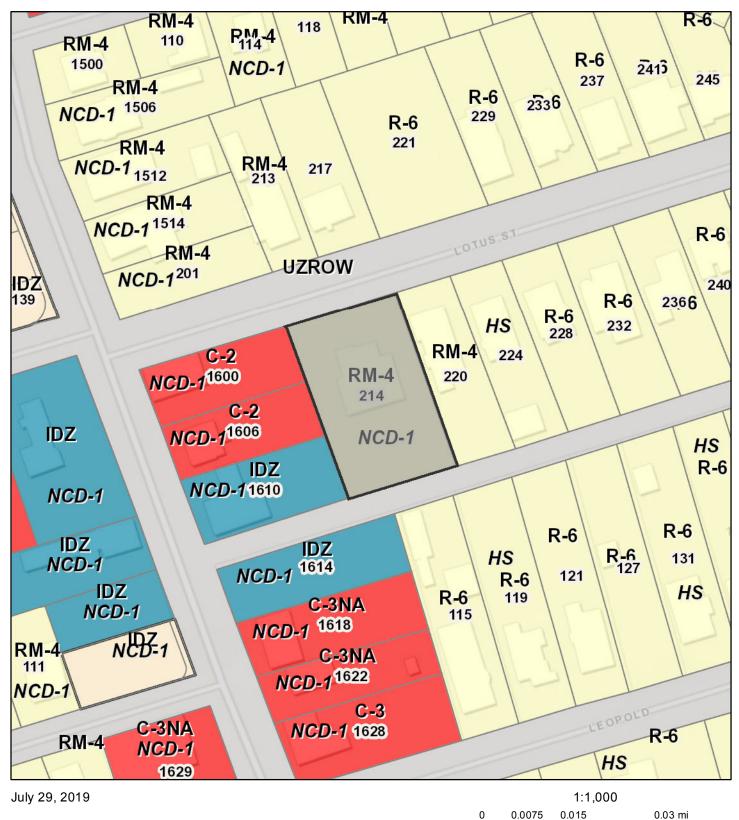
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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a finding of historic significance and that the Historic and Design Review Commission should recommend approval for the landmark designation of 214 Lotus St to the Zoning Commission and to the City Council based on findings a through g.

CASE MANAGER: Jessica Anderson

City of San Antonio One Stop



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Community Service Centers

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Pre-K Sites

BCAD Parcels

CoSA Parcels

0.05 km



Statement of Significance

Property Address: 214 Lotus St

1. Application Details

Applicant: Office of Historic Preservation Type: Finding of Historic Significance

Date Received: 22 July 2019

2. Findings

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Lavaca's residential sector is one of the oldest in the San Antonio area that has survived into modern times, and many of the homes in this area are landmark structures of unique character. The district was initially partitioned into residential lots by the city in 1852 and by developers Samuel MStrick and Thomas Devine in 1854. However, no substantial development occurred there until after the beginning of a period of intense building in the King William District in the early 1870s.¹

The Lavaca neighborhood was designed primarily for working class families. Archival records indicate that the neighborhood mix during the initial development period included carpenters, stonemasons, shopkeepers, clerks, tailors, bartenders, teamsters, and butchers. Residents were mostly of Germanic heritage, but also included those of Polish, Hispanic, and African American descent. Thus, the neighborhood contains adobe and stone saltbox homes from the Spanish era and the 1850s, several styles of vernacular homes from the turn-of-the-century era, and modern bungalows as well.²

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¹ Office of Historic Preservation. Properties File, Historic Districts: Lavaca. "Lavaca National Register Historic District" (Microsoft Word document). Accessed 27 March 2019.

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³ Odintz, Mark. "D'Hanis, TX." Texas State Historical Association: Portal to Texas History (web site). Accessed 29 July 2019.



Sanborn maps show a rear structure in roughly the same location as the current outbuilding—this was rented over the years by various owners, but the Wernettes used it as a barn. A site visit on 24 July 2019 showed staff that the house originally had a wood porch, level with the threshold of the front door. A previous owner removed this porch and replaced it with a poured concrete slab and bricks.

3. Architectural Description

214 Lotus is a single-story Queen Anne residence with rear accessory structure built in 1909. It is located in the Lavaca neighborhood, but outside the boundaries of the Lavaca historic district and outside the boundaries of the S Presa/S St. Mary's neighborhood conservation district (NCD-1). The block on which the property sits is bounded to the north by Lotus St, the west by S Presa St, the south by Panama St, and the east by Interstate 281. The property is on the south side of Lotus St.

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When consulting a satellite view of the property, there appear to be at least four phases of additions to the historic core. Two are marked by hipped roofs; the others hSt flat roofs. East and rear additions are marked by the presence of either metal-sash or reused wood windows. On the east end of the primary elevation is an addition discernable due to board-and-batten siding and a pair of ganged metal-sash windows. Rear additions hSt clapboard siding and either metal-sash or reused wood windows. The rear entrance is modern nine-light paneled door with boarded up sidelight. On the west side of the core on the board-and-batten clad addition, there is evidence of an infilled porch, marked by white square pilasters. The west elevation also has two doors, perhaps indicating that the structure was subdivided into apartments at some point.

The rear accessory unit is a side-gabled Craftsman-style structure with visible rafter tails and wood-frame windows. Historic cladding on the east end has been replaced with plywood. The south and west sides of the accessory structure are obscured by trees and brush. A wood carport is attached to the north side of the accessory unit.

Character-defining features of 214 Lotus include:

- Clapboard siding on the historic core
- Round columns on the recessed porch
- Decorative surround on front door
- Shingled gable over bay window on historic core
- One-over-one wood windows and screens where found on the historic core

4. Landmark Criteria

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⁴ Sanborn Fire Insurance Map: San Antonio, Texas, 1912, vol. 3, sheet 259.



The property meets the following criteria under UDC 35-607(b):

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5. Staff Recommendation

A property must meet at least three of the 16 criteria used to evaluate eligibility for landmark designation, and this assessment determines that 214 Lotus St meets this threshold. Therefore, staff recommends a finding of historic significance for the property at 214 Lotus St. Further research may reveal additional significance associated with this structure.

Additions to the historic core of 214 Lotus St are considered noncontributing and may be removed.

Staff considers the rear accessory structure noncontributing to the eligible property due to loss of integrity.





Primary (north) elevation



Primary (north) and west elevations





Rear (south) and west elevations



Rear (south) and east elevations





Accessory structure at southwest corner of parcel



Accessory structure at southwest corner of parcel

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Property Search Results > 139332 UBALDO HECTOR for Year 2019

Tax Year: 2019

Property

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Property ID: 139332

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Legal Description: NCB 3036 BLK 30 LOT 4&5

Geographic ID:

Zoning: RM-4

Type: Property Use Code:

Real 001

Single Family Property Use Description:

Agent Code:

Protest

Protest Status:

Informal Date:

Formal Date:

Location

Address: 214 LOTUS AVE Mapsco:

616F8

Neighborhood:

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78210 **DURANGO/ROOSEVELT**

Neighborhood CD: 57057 Map ID: E-File Eligible

Owner

Name: **UBALDO HECTOR** Owner ID: 3165974

Mailing Address:

462 S MASON

% Ownership: 100.00000000000%

KATY, TX 77450

Exemptions: HS

Values

(+) Improvement Homesite Value: \$220,830

(+) Improvement Non-Homesite Value: \$0

(+) Land Homesite Value: \$176,490

(+) Land Non-Homesite Value: \$0 Ag / Timber Use Value

(+) Agricultural Market Valuation: \$0 \$0

\$0 (+) Timber Market Valuation: \$0

(=) Market Value: = \$397,320

(-) Ag or Timber Use Value Reduction: \$0

(=) Appraised Value: \$397,320 =

(-) HS Cap: \$208,132

(=) Assessed Value: \$189,188

Taxing Jurisdiction

Owner: UBALDO HECTOR % Ownership: 100.0000000000%

Total Value: \$397,320

Entity	Description	Tax Rate	Appraised Value	Taxable Value	Estimated Tax
06	BEXAR CO RD & FLOOD	0.023668	\$397,320	\$186,188	\$44.07
80	SA RIVER AUTH	0.018580	\$397,320	\$184,188	\$34.22
09	ALAMO COM COLLEGE	0.149150	\$397,320	\$189,188	\$282.17
10	UNIV HEALTH SYSTEM	0.276235	\$397,320	\$189,188	\$522.61
11	BEXAR COUNTY	0.277429	\$397,320	\$189,188	\$524.87
21	CITY OF SAN ANTONIO	0.558270	\$397,320	\$184,188	\$1,028.27
57	SAN ANTONIO ISD	1.562600	\$397,320	\$159,188	\$2,487.47
CAD	BEXAR APPRAISAL DISTRICT	0.000000	\$397,320	\$189,188	\$0.00
	Total Tax Rate:	2.865932			
				Taxes w/Current Exemptions:	\$4,923.68
				Taxes w/o Exemptions:	\$11,386.92

Improvement / Building

Improvement #1:	Residential	State Code:		iving Area:	2320.0	sqft Val	ue: \$210
Туре	Description	n	Class CD	Exter	rior Wall	Year Built	SQFT
LA	Living Area		A - W	S		1910	2320.0
OP	Attached O	pen Porch	A - NO)		1910	320.0
Improvement #2:	Residential	State Code:	A1	Living Area:	sqft	Value:	\$7,070
Туре	Description	on	Class CD	Exteri	ior Wall	Year Built	SQFT
GAR	Detached	Garage	F - WS			0	400.0
Improvement #3:	Residential	State Code:	A1	Living Area:	sqft	Value:	\$2,800
			Class			Year	
Туре	Description	on	CD	Exter	ior Wall	Built	SQFT

Land

#	Туре	Description	Acres	Sqft	Eff Front	Eff Depth	Market Value	Prod. Value	
1	RES	R/1 Family not Farm Single	0.3627	15800.00	100.00	158.00	\$176,490		\$0

Roll Value History

Year	Improvements	Land Market	Ag Valuation	Appraised	HS Cap	Assessed
2019	\$220,830	\$176,490	0	397,320	\$208,132	\$189,188
2018	\$199,750	\$177,850	0	377,600	\$205,611	\$171,989
2017	\$138,010	\$169,380	0	307,390	\$151,036	\$156,354

2016	\$100,590	\$41,550	0	142,140	\$0	\$142,140
2015	\$90,200	\$41,400	0	131,600	\$0	\$131,600

Deed History - (Last 3 Deed Transactions)

#	Deed Date	Туре	Description	Grantor	Grantee	Volume	Page	Deed Number
1	3/5/2019	GWD	General Warranty Deed	CAVAZOS RUDOLPH A &	UBALDO HECTOR			20190038970
2	2/12/1998	Deed	Deed		CAVAZOS, RUDOLPH A &	7362	0233	0

Protest status and date information current as of Jul 29 2019 1:25AM.

2019 and prior year appraisal data current as of Jul 5 2019 7:09AM

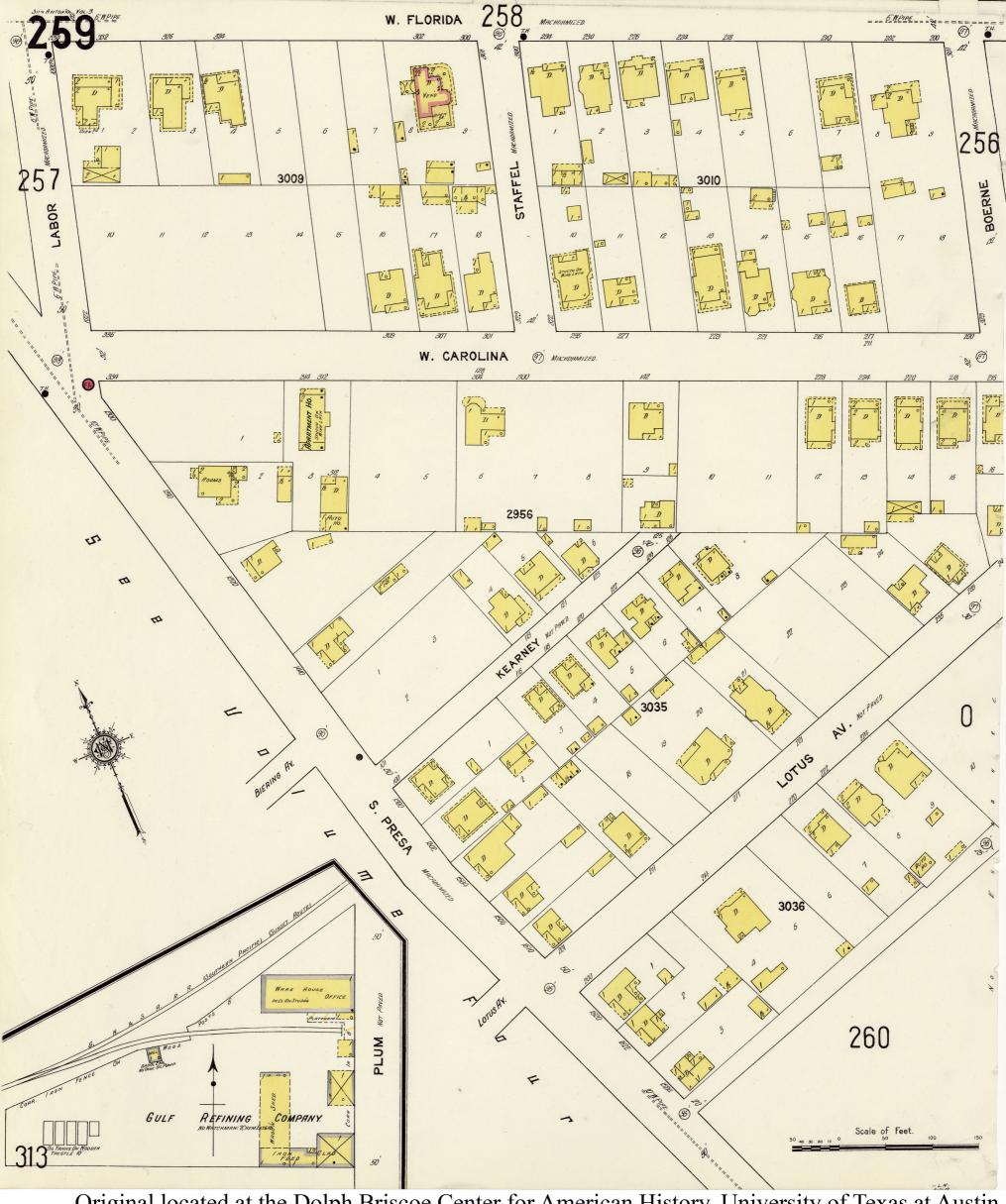
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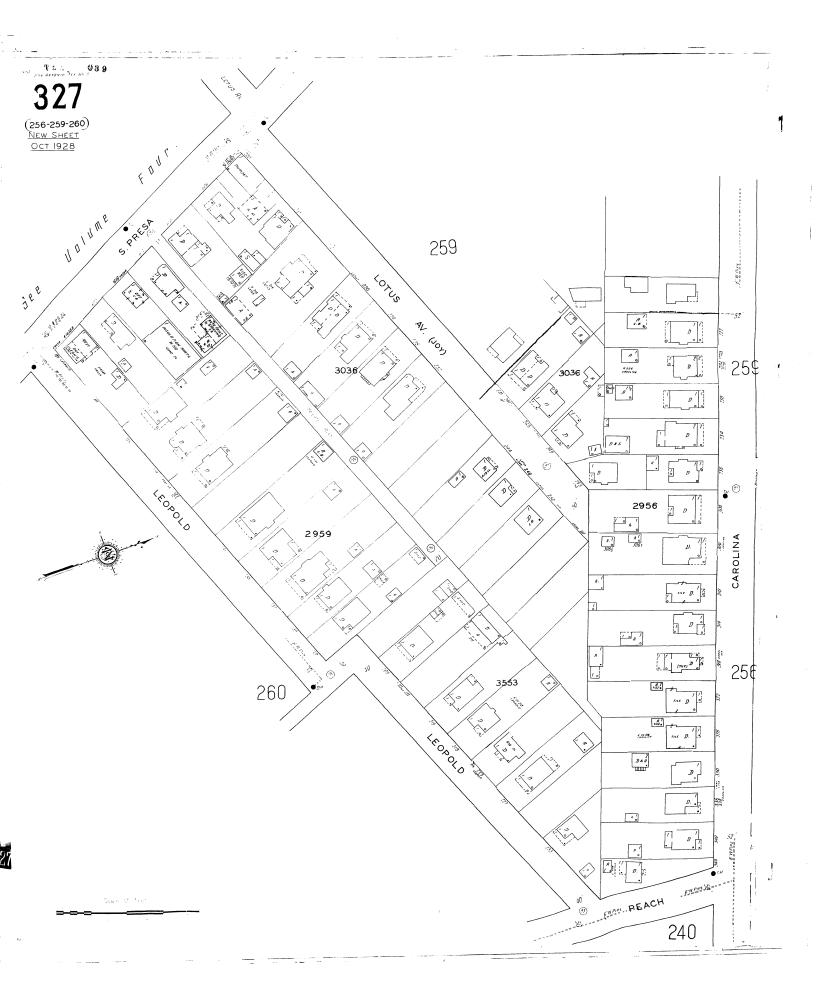
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OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Historic and Design Review Commission Demolition and Designation Committee

DATE: 29 July 2019 HDRC Case# 2019 - 422 Clardn	1211c)
ADDRESS: 714 LOTINS Meeting Location: on site	
APPLICANT: Ottp Chamo applicant/owner: Heeta ula	nUO)
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE[] DISAPPROVE[] COMMENTS/STIPULATIONS:	
Committee Chair Signature (or representative) Date	

DDC SITE VISIT: 214 LOTUS

24 July 2019 | 4:30 PM

Summary prepared by the Office of Historic Preservation's ScoutSA Program

214 Lotus is a single-story Queen Anne residence built in 1909 for (and likely by) Adolph J Wernette. Hector Ubaldo currently owns the property. It is located in the Lavaca neighborhood, but outside the boundaries of the Lavaca historic district and outside the boundaries of the S Presa/S St. Mary's neighborhood conservation district (NCD-1). Lotus Street was established c. 1909, making the subject structure one of the first homes. Wernette was a contractor/builder and likely built his residence. Sanborns show a rear structure in roughly the same location as the current outbuilding—this was rented over the years by various owners, but the Wernettes used it as a barn. Currently zoned RM-4.

Eligible Criteria under UDC 35-607(b):

- 5: Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials; 214 Lotus is an example of the Queen Anne style.
- 8: Its historical, architectural, or cultural integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship; the home represents the economic and social heritage of San Antonio because it was built by a German contractor/builder. Additionally, the structure was one of the first on the Lotus street, which was established c. 1909.
- 13: It bears an important and significant relationship to other distinctive structures, sites, or areas, either as an important collection of properties or architectural style or craftsmanship with few intrusions, or by contributing to the overall character of the area according to the plan based on architectural, historic or cultural motif; the structure contributes to a greater understanding of the development of the Lavaca neighborhood. It is located in an area identified by staff as an eligible local historic district.



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From: Graciela Sanchez Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 6:51 PM To: Jessica L. Anderson (OHP) Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Request for demo in D1/Lavaca: 214 Lotus **Attachments:** Screen Shot 2018-06-18 at 9.15.39 PM.png; IMG_2189.JPG; IMG_2169.JPG Jessica, This is a joke. The owners have been trying to sell it for a year now at about \$350,000. I'm not sure if they succeeded or not, but during the last two weeks, they bulldozed all the beautiful trees that surrounded this home. If the home was worthy enough to be on the market last year at such a high price, the structure itself is not in bad condition. I live a few houses down the way at . HDRC rep from District 1, lives a few homes from this structure. I've attached a screen shot from 2018 and 2 recent photos from a couple of years ago when I noticed that they bludgeoned the trees. Very sad. Graciela On 6/26/19 8:34 AM, Jessica L. Anderson (OHP) wrote: > Good morning. > > The Office of Historic Preservation received a demolition application > for the structure at 214 Lotus in the Lavaca neighborhood (outside the > historic district) of District 1; see attached image. Our staff is > reviewing the property and application. > Let me know if you have any questions or feedback regarding this > property and/or the demolition application. If you'd like to provide > feedback, please do so by Wednesday, July 10. > Thanks! > Jessica > \\\\ > Jessica L. Anderson, M.S.H.P. > Historic Preservation Specialist | ScoutSA | City of San Antonio > Office of Historic Preservation > jessica@sapreservation.com <mailto:jessica@sapreservation.com> | (210) > 207-7984 >

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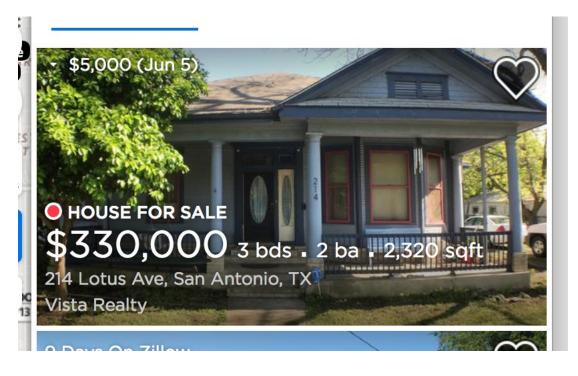
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<214 Lotus Front.jpg>

From: Cherise Rohr-Allegrini

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 3:24 PM **To:** Jessica L. Anderson (OHP)

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Request for demo in D1/Lavaca: 214 Lotus

A comment from one of our board who deals with these houses is that the front is classic architecture of the period and though the porch slab is new, the facade otherwise appears to be fully intact and has all original elements. The rear portion appears to be an addition (which has the slightly damaged roof), so if that portion was to be demolished it is less of a concern.

Cherise Rohr-Allegrini
President
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On Jun 27, 2019, at 3:20 PM, Jessica L. Anderson (OHP) < <u>Jessica.Anderson@sanantonio.gov</u>> wrote:

Hi, Cherise.

Thanks for your note. I'll add it to the case file.

We typically reach out to the owner/applicant after we research the property. We just took in this application and haven't yet completed our review.

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<214 Lotus Front.jpg>

From: Patti Zaiontz

Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 9:03 AM

To: Jessica L. Anderson (OHP)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Request for demo in D1/Lavaca: 214 Lotus

Lotus: cute house, looks fine to me. Wonder if it's in the encroachment zone of the horde of new condos? Sharer: not so cute, but still appears to be sturdy from the outside.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Vincent Michael

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 8:58 AM Sent:

To: Jessica L. Anderson (OHP)

Cc: Ron Bauml; Beth Standifird; Brandi Hayes; Kathy Bailey; Society Intern; sheba4us; Patti

Zaiontz

Subject: [EXTERNAL] 214 Lotus and 230 Sharer

Dear Jessica:

The San Antonio Conservation Society opposes the demolition requests for 214 Lotus and 230 Sharer. 230 Sharer appears to be providing housing and appears to be in decent repair. 214 Lotus is an excellent example of a Folk Victorian cottage with many original architectural features and details, including original siding, porch, built-ins, and floors. This house contributes to its historic neighborhood and was recently purchased for \$230,000, meaning that it could easily Improve its value with a sensible rehabilitation.

Vincent

Vincent L. Michael, PhD **Executive Director** San Antonio Conservation Society

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	Cherise Rohr-Allegrini <pre></pre>
Hi Jessica,	
	SAEN about the historic designation efforts. Apart from that initial call from the a the owner to follow up. Is there any thing more you'd like from us? We oppose mark designation.
-Cherise	
Cherise Rohr-Allegrini President Lavaca Neighborhood Asso PO Box 831274 San Antonio, TX 78283 210-326-9248	ciation
On Aug 6, 2019, at 2:18 PM Happy to meet and discuss.	I, Nicholas Melde < <u>meldenick@gmail.com</u> > wrote:
	4 PM Cherise Rohr-Allegrini < <u>president@lavaca.net</u> > wrote:
evaded the answer. Gave m "just in such bad condition	led to talk today about this case. I asked him what the owner's plans were and he he instead a sob story about how he bought it to restore it and then learned it was it can't be saved." He asked me a gazillion times if I lived in the neighborhood or buldn't possibly appreciate how bad this house is and how difficult it would be to
	cussed it and reviewed it and would not support demolition. We went back and forth to have a conversation with you guys (I'd get Oscar's input as well) but he hasn't
Cherise	
Begin forwarded message:	

From: "Jessica L. Anderson (OHP)" < Jessica.Anderson@sanantonio.gov>

Subject: HDRC Case Postponed: 214 Lotus Date: August 6, 2019 at 11:44:03 AM CDT

Cc: "Jenny Hay (OHP)" < Jenny. Hay@sanantonio.gov >

Good morning,

I write to share that the case for landmark designation of 214 Lotus has been postponed to Wednesday, August 21, no earlier than 4:30 PM.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Best, Jessica

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Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 7:52 PM

To: Jessica L. Anderson (OHP)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: House at 214 Lotus

Attachments: 214 Lotus story.docx

Hi Jessica,

You likely have more access to details than I do, but I put together a story of the residents of 214 Lotus from its building until the mid 1930s. Sources are <u>ancestry.com</u>, Bexar County Records, and other resources within <u>ancestry.com</u>

I do this for houses in Lavaca from time to time to share with the neighbors. I don't think anyone in the story is of particular significance, but it gives a little life to the house. Feel free to share.

Cherise

Cherise Rohr-Allegrini President Lavaca Neighborhood Association PO Box 831274 San Antonio, TX 78283 210-326-9248

On Aug 23, 2019, at 11:06 AM, Jessica L. Anderson (OHP) < <u>Jessica.Anderson@sanantonio.gov</u>> wrote:

Lynn,

Thanks for forwarding. I'll add your note and attached materials to the case file.

Best, Jessica

From: Lynn Knapik [mailto:lynn@lynnknapik.com]

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:04 AM

To: president@lavaca.net; Jessica L. Anderson (OHP)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] House at 214 Lotus

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Adolph Wernette was the son of a French father and Austrian mother who married in D'Hanis in 1869. Young Adolph was born in 1870 and raised in Medina County. He came to San Antonio and worked as a carpenter and builder.

In 1894, he married Marie Elfrieda Lamm, born to German immigrants on 22 October 1875. Elfrieda's family had deep connections in the area. Most of her father's eight siblings had also emigrated from Germany and settled in the Hill Country. Elfrieda had 10 siblings, who, along with many cousins, left the family farms for the city of San Antonio.

For a time, the couple lived at 415 Dakota St (Historic Gardens area near the Alamodome) where they raised three children. The youngest, Leo John, was only 5 years old when he died in 1907 in Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico.

In 1909, Adolph completed building the house at **214 Lotus Ave**. He and his wife and two older children moved in. But tranquility was not to last. On Nov 5, 1910, his wife, Elfrieda, died of a gunshot wound.

Adolph remarried in 1912 to Lucille Zimmerman. The new couple called **214 Lotus Ave** home, which they shared with his two teenaged children until later that year. Around that time, daughter Lottie married Raymond Osborne and moved to Oregon. The Osbornes eventually moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where her brother, Frederick lived after marrying in 1919. The siblings maintained ownership of 415 Dakota for a time, but never moved back to San Antonio.

We're not sure what happened to Lucille, as in 1916, Adolph married his 3rd wife, Anna Elizabeth Albert (formerly Bolsetter), a widow who'd lost her only son in WWI. Adolph and Anna moved to Orange, California for a time, returning to San Antonio before 1930, where he lived until his death in 1940.

Meanwhile, the house at **214 Lotus** was rented to the Newton Amick family (picture). The 1920 census indicates 13 family members sharing the house. The census lists the house as "124 Lotus," however, based on the adjacent properties, their occupants in 1910 and 1920, this is believed to be 214 Lotus.

Marcellus H (MH) Davis, a realtor, married Ollie Mills in her hometown of Gonzales, Texas in 1903. They had three children: Marcella, Mary Virginia, and MH Jr. In 1920, they were living, along with grandfather WH Davis, on Saunders St in the Prospect Hill area. In 1924, MH and Ollie bought the house at **214 Lotus St**. for \$2000 (8% interest). Daughter Marcella Davis was a Junior at Main Ave High School in 1927 (now Fox Tech). The family lived there from 1924 until the couple divorced. In 1929, MH Davis still lived on Lotus St, but was listed as "single" while his now ex-wife and children had moved to Ashby Place.

MH Davis married his new wife, divorceé Marion Boesling Bueller in late 1929. Marion had previously lived in nearby King William on Mission St with then husband George Bueller, their

daughter, Juanita and son Ralph. But by 1930, the Buellers had divorced, and George and his daughter Juanita were living in Houston. Marion married MH Davis and lived on **Lotus St** with her son Ralph. That year, the home was valued at \$3500.

Their neighbors on Lotus St included the Wild and Bennett families. Neighbor Susan Bennett had married Herman Wild and raised their children on Lotus St, amongst their extended family.

To be continued...

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Agent Report



Addr: 214 Lotus Ave **MLS #**: 1301875

Status: Sold Class: RE

Area: 1100 Grid: 616F8 List Price: \$300,000

Type: SFD

Int.St./Dir: See google maps

Subdivision: DURANGO/ROOSEVELT

City: San Antonio **Żip:** 78210-1624

030360300040 County: Bexar CAN#: AdSf: 2320 Block: 30 Lot: 4&5 NCB 3036 BLK 30 LOT 4&5 **Currently Leased:** Legal: Lot Size: Lot Dimensions: Lease Expiration: 0.36 Sch: San Antonio BR: 3 Year Built: 1910

I.S.D.

Elem: Call District FBaths: 2 HBaths: 0 Middle: Call District Builder: Unknown Recent Rehab:

High: Call District Constr: Pre-Owned

		Level			Level	<u>Utility Suppliers</u>
Living Room	15 X 15	1	Master Bedroom	14X9	1	Gas:
Dining Room	19 X 13	1	Master Bedroom 2			Electric:
Family Room			Master Bath			Garbage:
Kitchen	13 X 12	1	Bedroom 2	13 X 12	1	Water:
Breakfast			Bedroom 3	13 X 13	1	Sewer:
Utility			Bedroom 4			Other:
Entry Room			Bedroom 5			
Study/Office						

Level Key: 1-Main Level, 2-2nd Level, 3-3rd Level, W-Walkout Basement, B-Basement, U-Unknown

Taxed by Mitpl Counties: No Financials Assessments Mand/Mult HOA: None/N

Total Tax (W/O Exemptions): \$8,722.63 PrTerms: Conventional, FHA, Cash HOA Name:

Tax Year: 2017 Loan Info: HOA Fee / Freq / Trans Fee: //

Subdivision: DURANGO/ROOSEVELT **Neighborhood Amenities:** None

Preferred Title Co.:

Owner: CAVAZOS RUDOLPH A SC/\$: 2% BC/\$: 3% Owner LREA/LREB: No List Agent: Dustin Erwin, GRI 532514 (830) 643-0111 Occupancy: Owner

List Office: Vista Realty VSTR00 (830) 643-0111 Possession: Closing/Funding

Ph to Show: 2102222227 Lockbox Type: Combo Showing Contact: CSS Bonus:

AgentRmrks: ATTN Agents: **Contact Co-listing agent for ALL questions- Cory Lamey 210-445-6844. 24 HOUR NOTICE required for showings!!! ** Buyers agent and buyers to verify all measurements, schools and taxes.

Remarks: Southtown/Lavaca district area living! This Historic Victorian is awaiting new owners to give it some love! Original wood floors grace this 3/2 home~ high ceilings, covered front porch, original built-ins, dramatic entry door and foyer, waterfall exterior wood panel siding, 2 living spaces, interior storage room, 4 mature Pecan trees, grapefruit tree, and more! Close to Blue Star Refinery, Riverwalk, Pioneer flour mill and easy access to major highways.

Style: One Story, Historic/OlderGarage Parking: Detached
Roof:Additional/Other Parking:
Mst BR: DownStairsFndtn: Pier & BeamWdw: None RemainMst BR: DownStairsMst Bh: Not Applicable

Interior: One Living Area **Inclusions:** Ceiling Fans

Exterior Fea: Chain Link Fence, Storage Building/Shed, Mature Trees

Wat/Swr: City Floor: Wood, Vinyl Frpl: Not Applicable
Heating: Central Ht Fuel: Natural Gas Air Cond: 3+ Window/Wall

Pool/SPA: None Misc:
Lot Des: Lot Impv:

Accessible/Adaptive: No

Green: Features - none / Certification - none / Energy Efficiency - none

Contingent Info: DOM/CDOM: 336/ 336 **Sold Price:** \$230,000

Contract Date: 02/23/2019 Sale Trms: Cash Sell Points: SQFT/Acre:

Closing Date:03/05/2019Sell Concess: 0Sold Price per SQFT: \$99.13Sell Ofc:BHHS Penfed RealtySelling Agent:Sam HallSource SQFT Acre:

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Prepared By: Lynn Knapik, CRS,E-PRO,GRI | Lynn Knapik Real Estate LLC | Cell: (210) 884-5774 | 08/23/2019 10:58 AM

DATE: 28 August 2019 HDRC Case# 1019-422
ADDRESS: 214 Lotus St Meeting Location: 4142
APPLICANT: OHP (FOHS)
DDC Members present: Ander, Fetzer
Staff present: Jenny Hay Jessicz Anderon
Others present: Jose gallagos (onna ma)
REQUEST: Finding of itistance Synificance
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San Antonio Conservation Society

August 21, 2019

STATEMENT:

TO: Historic and Design Review Commission, City of San Antonio

RE: Item B-13: 214 Lotus Street HDRC Case No.: 2019-422

Statement of the San Antonio Conservation Society regarding the historic house at 214

Lotus Street.

Two months ago, the San Antonio Conservation Society contacted the Office of Historic Preservation regarding the home at 214 Lotus because we knew that the property had architectural significance. We also knew that the building had been marketed within the last year as an historic property in an area with a vibrant tradition of re-use and rehabilitation. The sale price appeared consistent with that of other preservation projects in the community.

The Conservation Society concurs that the home at 214 Lotus meets three of the criteria required in the Unified Development Code for designation as a historic landmark. First, it is an excellent example of a Queen Anne styled Victorian home with its clapboard siding, distinctive roofline, and decorative porch. Additions to the house do not detract from the columned front porch, large entrance, and gabled façade.

Second, the house is associated with Adolphe Wernette family, for whom it was built in 1909. The Wernettes were descended from the original Alsatian settlers of Castroville and continued to be a presence in San Antonio. Thirdly, the building provides a connection to the earliest history of this neighborhood, having helped set the standard for housing when it was constructed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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