HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

May 20, 2020

HDRC CASE NO: 2020-184

ADDRESS: 228 W LULLWOOD AVE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 6533 BLK 13 LOT 35, AND 36

ZONING: R-5,H CITY COUNCIL DIST.:

DISTRICT: Monte Vista Historic District

APPLICANT: David Reyes **OWNER:** David Reyes

TYPE OF WORK: Front walkway modifications

APPLICATION RECEIVED: April 14, 2020

60-DAY REVIEW: Not applicable due to City Council Emergency Orders

CASE MANAGER: Stephanie Phillips

REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to modify the existing front flagstone walkway to extend straight from the front patio to the sidewalk.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

Historic Design Guidelines, Chapter 5, Guidelines for Site Elements

1. Topography

A. TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURES

- i. *Historic topography*—Avoid significantly altering the topography of a property (i.e., extensive grading). Do not alter character-defining features such as berms or sloped front lawns that help define the character of the public right-of-way. Maintain the established lawn to help prevent erosion. If turf is replaced over time, new plant materials in these areas should be low-growing and suitable for the prevention of erosion.
- ii. *New construction*—Match the historic topography of adjacent lots prevalent along the block face for new construction. Do not excavate raised lots to accommodate additional building height or an additional story for new construction.
- iii. *New elements*—Minimize changes in topography resulting from new elements, like driveways and walkways, through appropriate siting and design. New site elements should work with, rather than change, character-defining topography when possible.

4. Residential Streetscapes

A. PLANTING STRIPS

- i. *Street trees*—Protect and encourage healthy street trees in planting strips. Replace damaged or dead trees with trees of a similar species, size, and growth habit as recommended by the City Arborist.
- ii. *Lawns* Maintain the use of traditional lawn in planting strips or low plantings where a consistent pattern has been retained along the block frontage. If mulch or gravel beds are used, low-growing plantings should be incorporated into the design.
- iii. *Alternative materials*—Do not introduce impervious hardscape, raised planting beds, or other materials into planting strips where they were not historically found.

B. PARKWAYS AND PLANTED MEDIANS

i. *Historic plantings*—Maintain the park-like character of historic parkways and planted medians by preserving mature vegetation and retaining historic design elements. Replace damaged or dead plant materials with species of a like size, growth habit, and ornamental characteristics.

ii. *Hardscape*—Do not introduce new pavers, concrete, or other hardscape materials into parkways and planted medians where they were not historically found.

C. STREET ELEMENTS

- i. *Site elements*—Preserve historic street lights, street markers, roundabouts, and other unique site elements found within the public right-of-way as street improvements and other public works projects are completed over time.
- ii. *Historic paving materials*—Retain historic paving materials, such as brick pavers or colored paving, within the public right-of-way and repair in place with like materials.
- 5. Sidewalks, Walkways, Driveways, and Curbing

A. SIDEWALKS AND WALKWAYS

- i. *Maintenance*—Repair minor cracking, settling, or jamming along sidewalks to prevent uneven surfaces. Retain and repair historic sidewalk and walkway paving materials—often brick or concrete—in place.
- ii. *Replacement materials*—Replace those portions of sidewalks or walkways that are deteriorated beyond repair. Every effort should be made to match existing sidewalk color and material.
- iii. Width and alignment— Follow the historic alignment, configuration, and width of sidewalks and walkways. Alter the historic width or alignment only where absolutely necessary to accommodate the preservation of a significant tree.
- iv. *Stamped concrete*—Preserve stamped street names, business insignias, or other historic elements of sidewalks and walkways when replacement is necessary.
- v. *ADA compliance*—Limit removal of historic sidewalk materials to the immediate intersection when ramps are added to address ADA requirements.

C. CURBING

- i. *Historic curbing*—Retain historic curbing wherever possible. Historic curbing in San Antonio is typically constructed of concrete with a curved or angular profile.
- ii. *Replacement curbing*—Replace curbing in-kind when deteriorated beyond repair. Where in-kind replacement is not be feasible, use a comparable substitute that duplicates the color, texture, durability, and profile of the original. Retaining walls and curbing should not be added to the sidewalk design unless absolutely necessary.

FINDINGS:

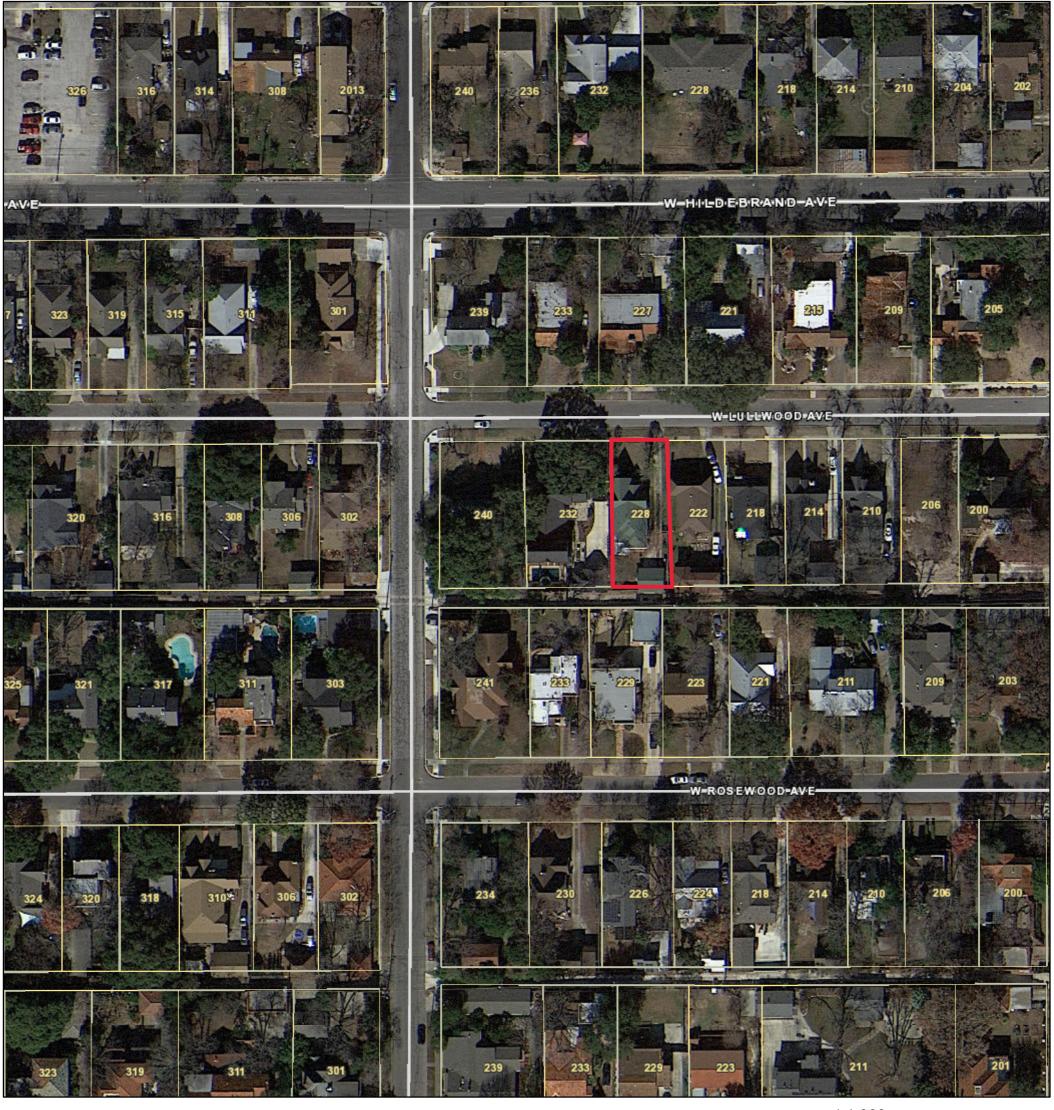
- a. The primary historic structure located at 228 W Lullwood is a 1-story residential structure constructed circa 1925 in the Tudor Revival style. The structure features a textured stucco façade, decorative half timbering, a prominent stone chimney, and wood window screens. The structure is contributing to the Monte Vista Historic District.
- b. WALKWAY The applicant has proposed to modify the existing front flagstone walkway. The walkway currently extends from the front door and curves to meet the driveway. The applicant has requested to remove the walkway and install a new flagstone walkway leading directly from the front door to the existing concrete sidewalk. According to the Historic Design Guidelines, the historic alignment, configuration, and width of sidewalks should be followed. Staff generally finds the proposal appropriate based on the existing context the immediate vicinity, which features homes of a similar style with walkways leading directly to from the front door to the sidewalk as the predominant development pattern.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval based on findings a though b with the following stipulations:

i. That the applicant submits a final material specification and drawing to staff for review and approval prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness. The walkway should be a maximum width of 3 feet. Staff recommends that the applicant make every effort to salvage and reuse the existing flagstone in the new walkway configuration.

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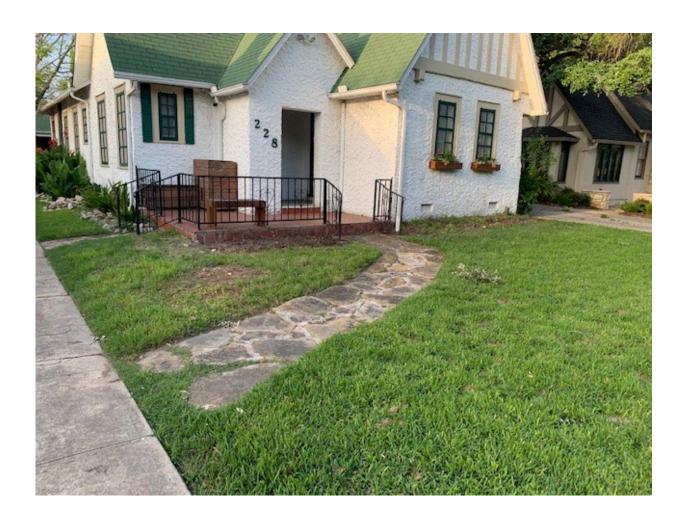
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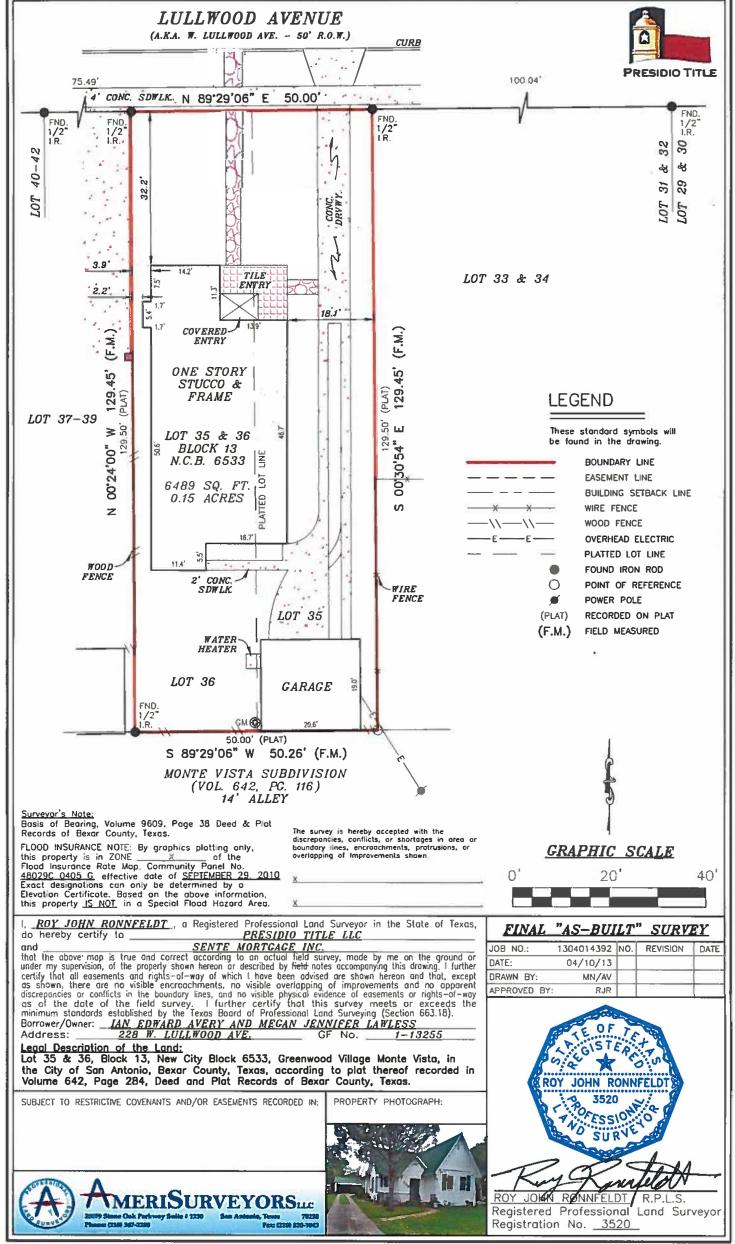


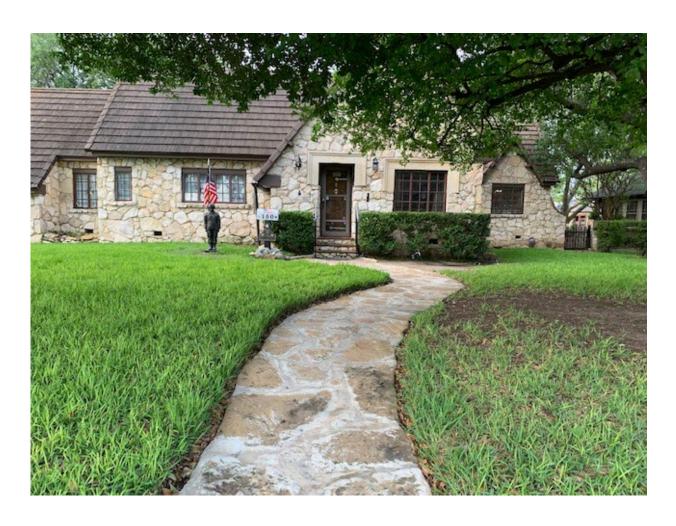
228 W Lullwood Current view



228 W Lullwood Current view of existing walkway Future walkway will use existing materials + similar to match (Oklahoma Flagstone)

PROPOSED SITE PLAN





150 E Lullwood Ave Similar Flagstone Walkway Extends to sidewalk/curb



126 E Lullwood Ave Similar Flagstone Walkway Extends straight to sidewalk/curb



112 E Lullwood Ave Similar Flagstone Walkway Extends straight to sidewalk/curb



130 W Lullwood Ave Similar Flagstone Walkway Extends straight to sidewalk/curb



240 W Lullwood Extends straight to sidewalk/curb



232 W Lullwood Extends straight to sidewalk/curb



227 W Lullwood Extends straight to sidewalk/curb