

HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

August 19, 2020

HDRC CASE NO: 2020-353
ADDRESS: 507 DONALDSON AVE
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 6696 BLK 5 LOT 2
ZONING: R-6,H
CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 7
DISTRICT: Monticello Park Historic District
APPLICANT: Ada Galvez/GALVEZ ADA
OWNER: Ada Galvez/GALVEZ ADA
TYPE OF WORK: Front yard fence installation
APPLICATION RECEIVED: August 07, 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 install a new iron front yard fence measuring four feet in height, to include a pedestrian and driveway gate.

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 507 Donaldson is a 2-story residence constructed circa 1930 in the Tudor Revival style. The home features a brick and woodlap siding façade, a second story addition with two front dormers, and an asymmetrical front porch. The home is contributing to the Monticello Park Historic District.
- b. FENCING – The applicant has proposed to install front yard fencing to measure approximately 4 feet in height. As proposed, the fencing will be constructed of black aluminum with small finials. The pedestrian gate is to be located at the existing front walkway and will be rounded. The fencing will continue across the driveway with an arched gate, which will be relocated from its existing condition behind the front façade of the home. According to the Historic Design Guidelines, front yard fencing should not be introduced where fencing did not historically exist, or in locations where fencing is not common. Where fencing is proposed, the design, material, and style should be similar to those found traditionally in the district or historically. Fencing is not historically or presently common in the Monticello Park Historic District. Additionally, a driveway gate along the sidewalk is not a common feature in most historic districts. While staff finds the use of wrought iron fencing to be appropriate for privacy fencing and driveway gates behind the primary structure in the Monticello Park Historic District, staff does not find the request as proposed consistent with the Guidelines.

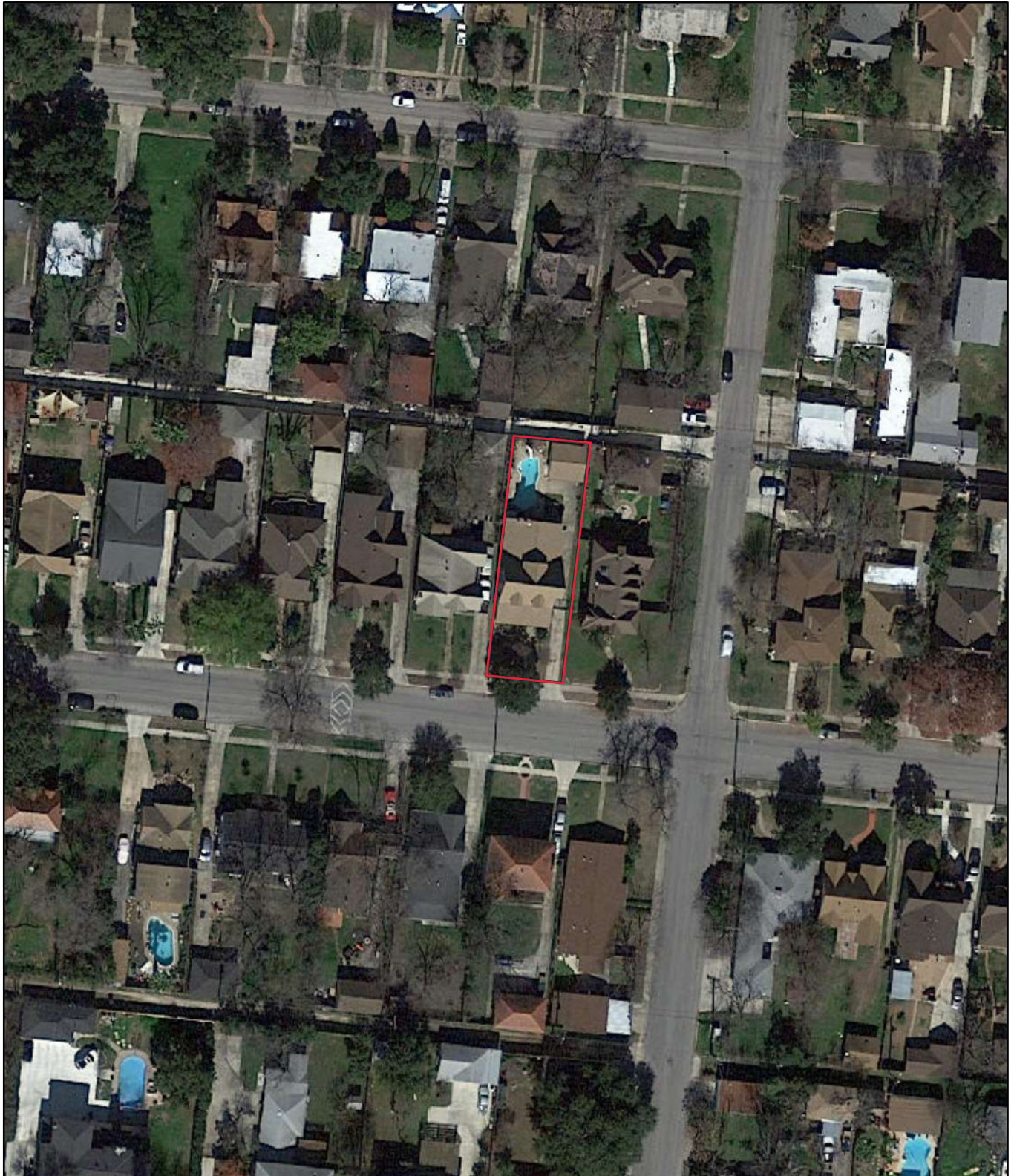
RECOMMENDATION:

Staff does not recommend approval based on finding b.


If the HDRC approves the request, staff recommends that the following stipulations apply:

- i. That the fencing turns at the driveway so the gate is inset from the sidewalk. The applicant is required to submit an updated site plan to staff prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness.
- ii. 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. Front yard fences shall not exceed four (4) feet in height at any point. Additionally, all fences must be permitted and meet the development standards outlined in UDC Section 35-514.

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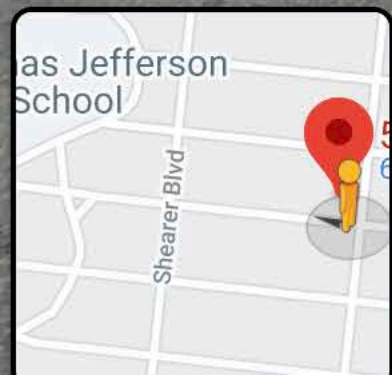


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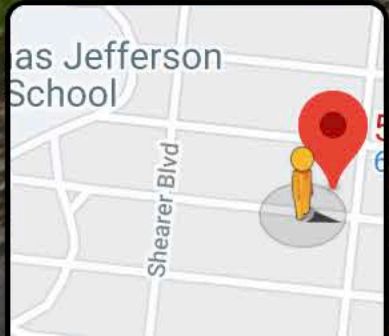


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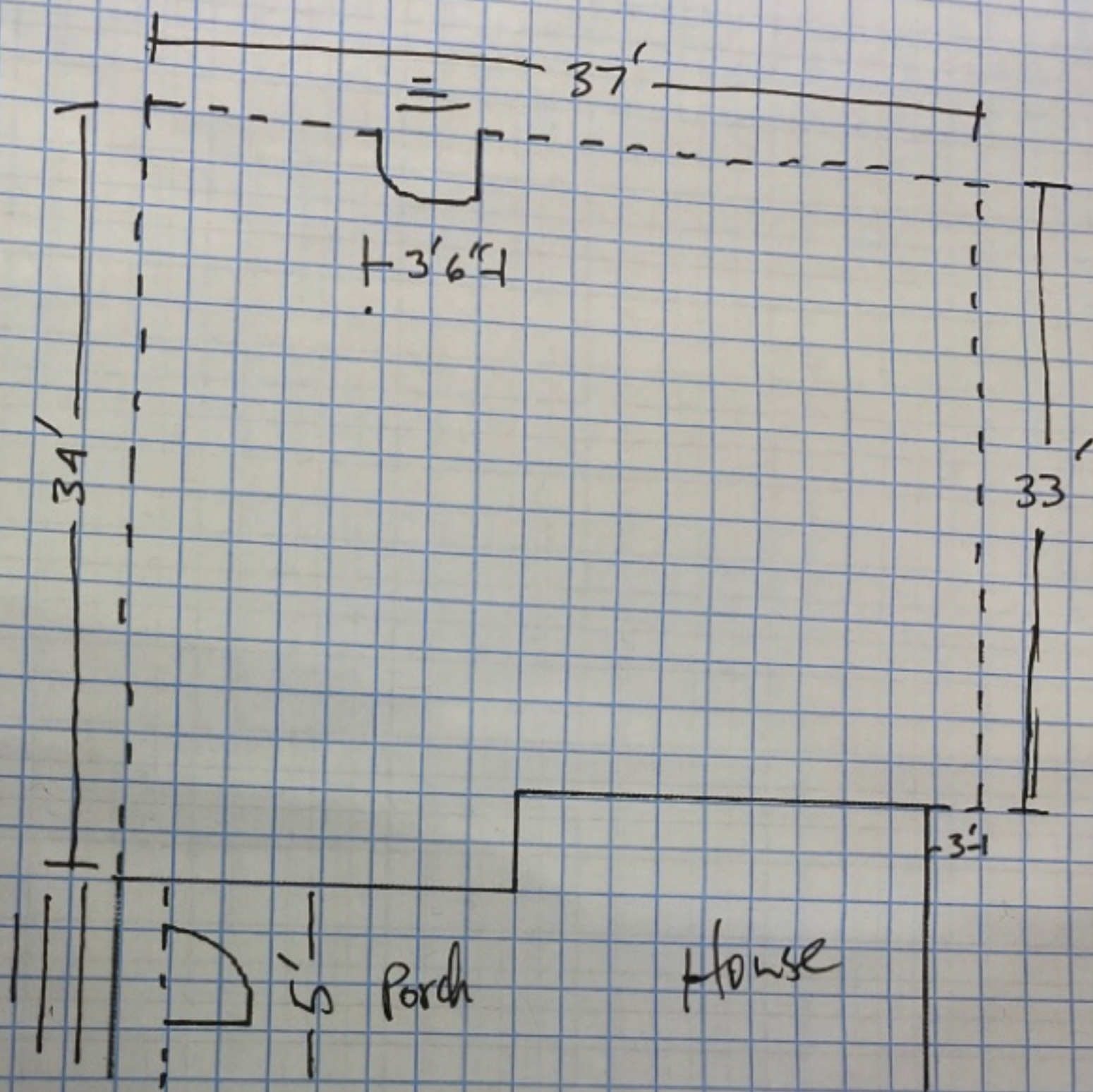
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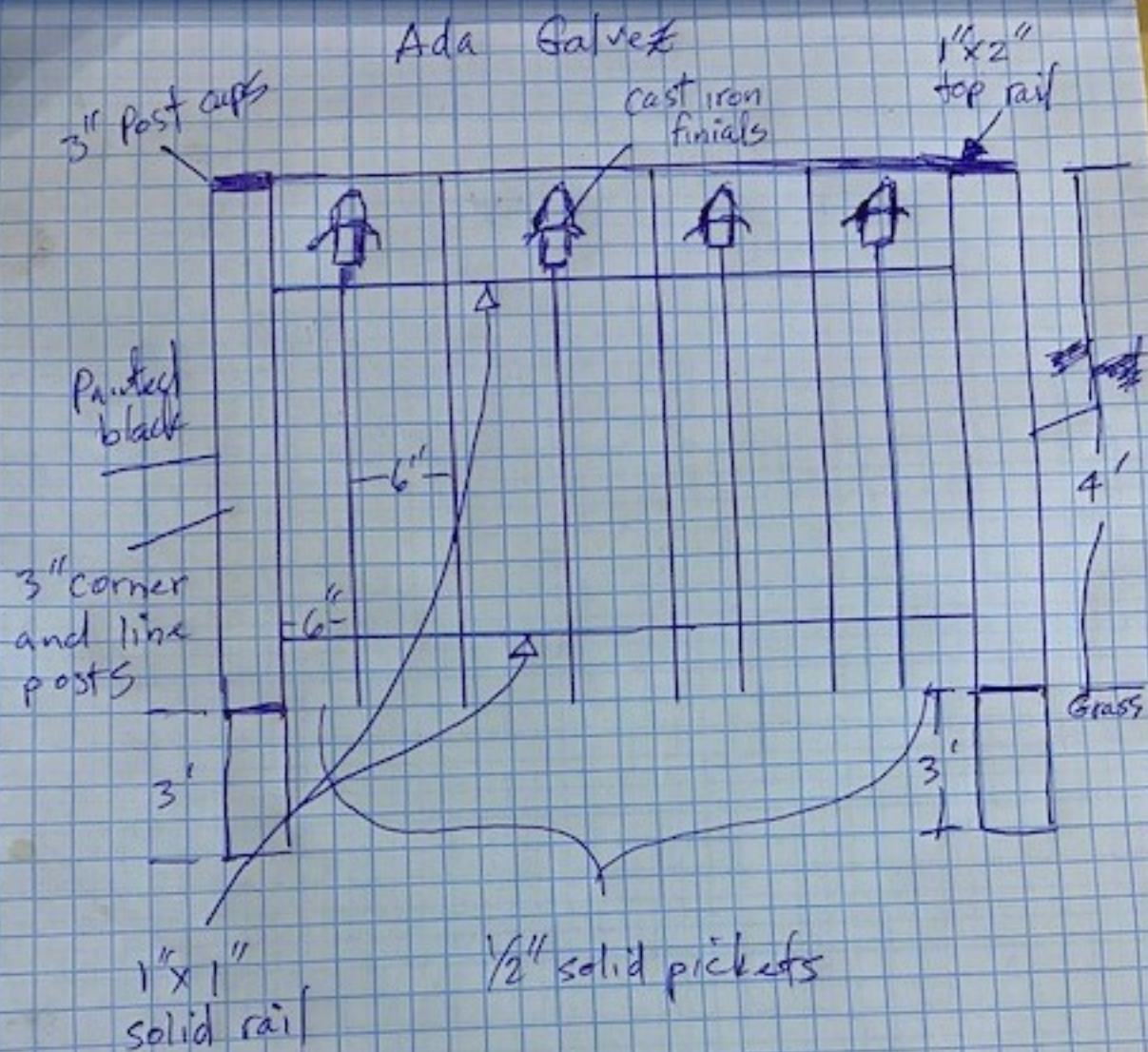


Driveway





Ada Galvez



Cast iron finials + post caps

1/2" solid pickets

1"x2" solid bar rail

1"x1" solid bar rail

Concrete 3' deep

3" corner + line post 1/4" thick