# HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION October 07, 2020

HDRC CASE NO: 2020-412 ADDRESS: 615 N PINE ST

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 563 BLK 7 LOT E 150 FT OF 11

**ZONING:** R-6, H CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 2

**DISTRICT:** Dignowity Hill Historic District

**APPLICANT:** Armando Ortiz/ORTIZ ARMANDO P & LORETTA M **OWNER:** Armando Ortiz/ORTIZ ARMANDO P & LORETTA M

**TYPE OF WORK:** Front yard fence APPLICATION RECEIVED: September 17, 2020

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

**CASE MANAGER:** Huy Pham

**REQUEST:** 

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install a 4-foot tall wrought iron fence.

#### **APPLICABLE CITATIONS:**

5. Guidelines for Site Elements

2. Fences and Walls

**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.

#### **FINDINGS:**

- a. The primary structure at 615 N Pine was constructed circa 1910 in the Craftsman style and contributes to the Dignowity Hill Historic District. The one-story single-family structure features a primary front-facing gable with a turned gable to the rear and a subordinate gable tot the front flanked by an inset porch with Craftsman style tapered wood columns.
- b. FENCE The applicant has proposed to install a install a 4-foot tall wrought iron fence to wrap around the front yard including a pedestrian gate.
- c. FENCE DESIGN The applicant has proposed to install a wrought iron front fence, matching the fence design in the submitted example photo. Per the Guidelines for Site Elements 2.B.i., new fences and walls should appear similar to those used historically within the district in terms of their scale, transparency, and character; the design of fence should respond to the design and materials of the house or main structure. Staff finds that a wrought iron front is consistent with the Guidelines and appropriate within the district.
- d. FENCE LOCATION The applicant has proposed to install the fence around the front and side property lines to meet the existing rear privacy fence. Per the Guidelines for Site Elements 2.B.ii., applicants should 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. Staff finds that fences are found on N Pine on similar properties and within the Dignowity Hill Historic District.
- e. FENCE HEIGHT The applicant has proposed to install a fence with a height of four-feet. Per the Guidelines for Site Elements 2.B.iii., applicants should 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. Staff finds the proposed height is consistent with the Guidelines

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approved as proposed based on the findings.

## 615 N Pine



September 30, 2020



























