

HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

October 21, 2020

HDRC CASE NO: 2020-420
ADDRESS: 129 WICKES
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 937 BLK 2 LOT 15 & N 25 FT OF 14
ZONING: RM-4, H
CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 1
DISTRICT: King William Historic District
APPLICANT: LUTZ GINO & ELIZABETH MARIE
OWNER: LUTZ GINO & ELIZABETH MARIE
TYPE OF WORK: Front yard fence
APPLICATION RECEIVED: September 24, 2020
60-DAY REVIEW: Not applicable due to City Council Emergency Orders
CASE MANAGER: Rachel Rettaliata

REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install a 4-foot-tall wrought iron front yard fence with a pedestrian gate and a 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 129 Wickes is 2-story, single-family residence constructed circa 1910. The property first appears on the Sanborn Map in 1912. The structure features a T-shaped plan, a cross gable composition shingle roof, a 2-story front porch, wood cladding, wood windows, and a 2-car front facing garage addition. The property is contributing to the King William Historic District.
- b. FENCE DESIGN AND HEIGHT – The applicant has proposed to install a 4-foot-tall wrought iron fence in the front yard. The fence will feature a pedestrian gate at the walkway set back from the sidewalk and a motorized sliding driveway gate that is set back from the sidewalk. According to the Historic Design Guidelines, new front yard fences should appear similar to those used historically within the district in terms of their scale, transparency, and character. Staff finds that traditional wrought iron fencing is generally appropriate for the King William Historic District.
- c. FENCE LOCATION – The applicant has proposed to install a front yard fence along the front property line that will terminate at the existing rear privacy fence on the north property line and south property line. According to the Historic Design Guidelines, new front yard fences should follow historic fence placements in the district. Front yard fences are commonly found in a similar design within the district. Staff finds the proposal appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the front yard fence installation based on findings a through c.

City of San Antonio One Stop



October 7, 2020

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0 0.0125 0.025 0.05 km

Google Maps 129 Wickes St



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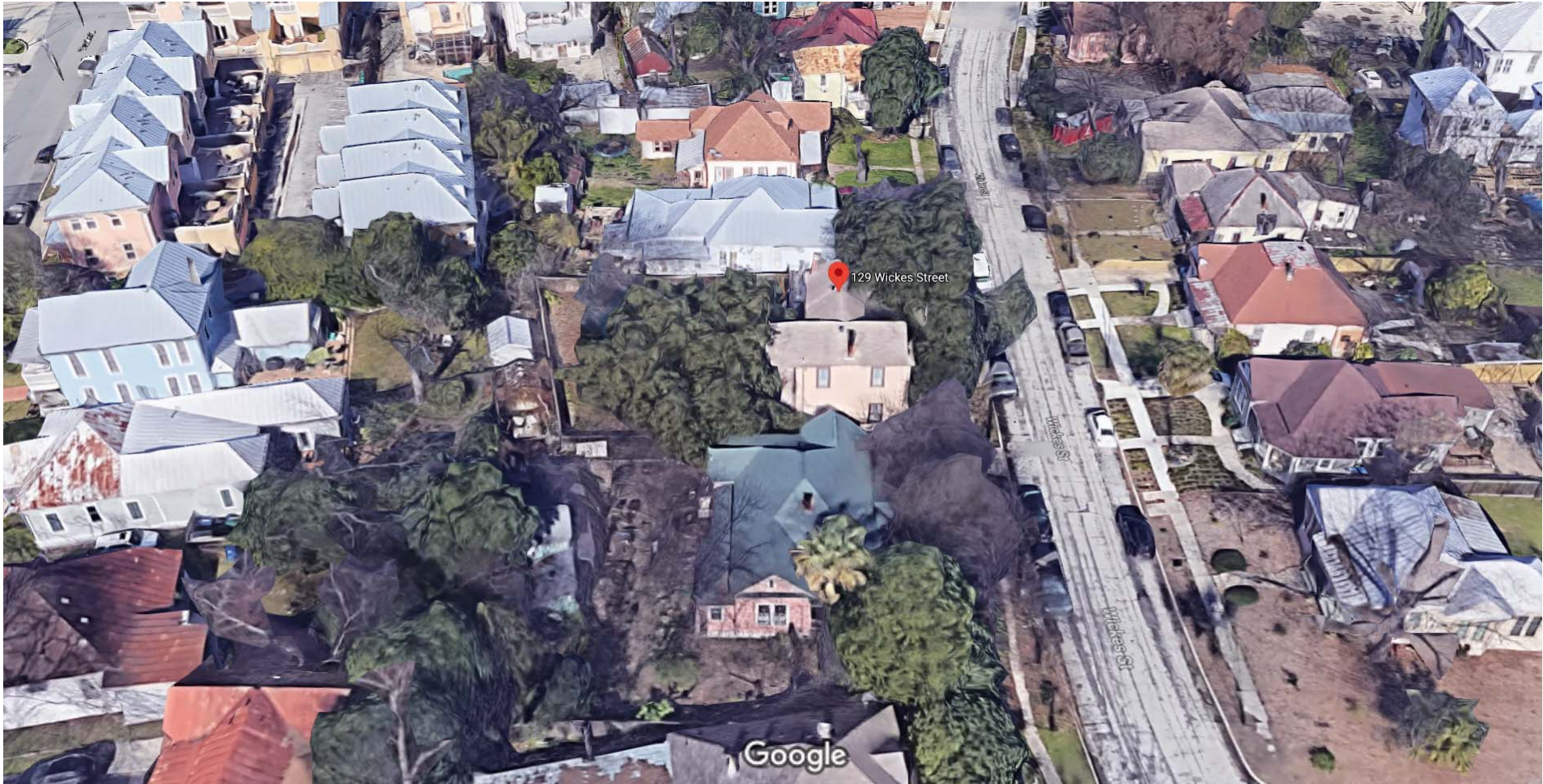
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E. GUENTHER

MACHINIZED

S. ALAMO

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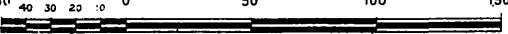
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HIDES

W.C.O. CO.

Scale of Feet.



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THIS REPORT INDICATES THERE ARE NO RES., DON
OR COVENANTS OF RECORD.

NOTE:
THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF RECORD IS WITHOUT BEARINGS.
THIS IS REPRESENTATION OF THE SURVEYOR'S BEST
INTERPRETATION OF RECORD INFORMATION.

NOTE:
BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE ASSUMED.
REVISED: JUNE 8, 2009 (BOUNDARY REVISED)

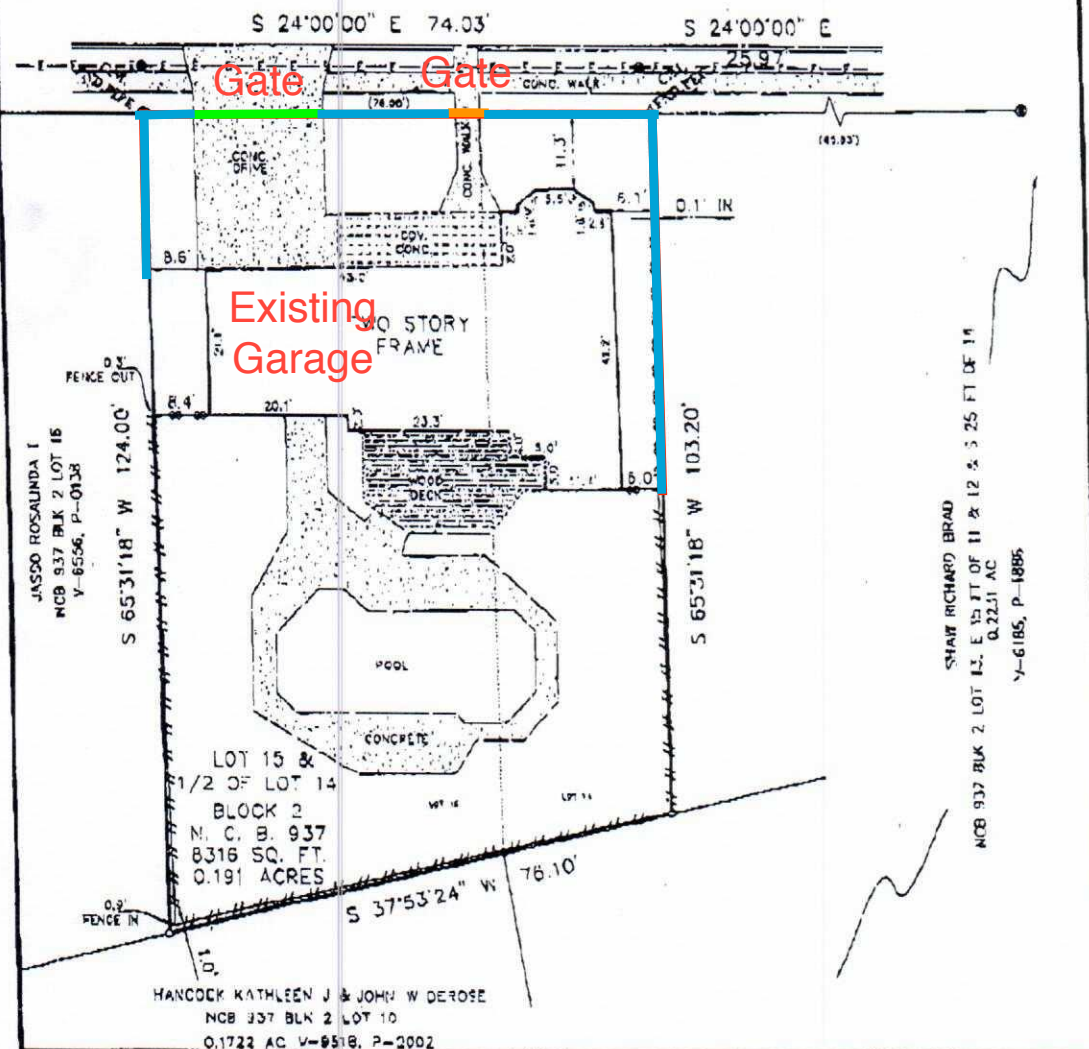
SCALE: 1"=20'

WICKES STREET

(50' R.O.W.)

Proposing a
black metal
fence around
perimeter, small
pedestrian
entrance gate at
concrete
walkway and
motorized sliding
gate at driveway

Please keep in
mind that our
existing garage is
flush with the front
facade of home



PROPERTY ADDRESS
129 WICKES STREET

ECROWER ROBERT L. BRANDT
& MARTHA C. BRANDT

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
LOT 18, AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 14, BLOCK 2, NEW CITY BLOCK 937, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS.

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LEGEND
O = SET 1/2" IRON ROD WITH
CAP STAMPED WESTAR
- END 1/2" IRON ROD
() = RECORD INFORMATION
B.S. = BUILDING SETBACK
C.M. = CONTROLLING MONUMENT
P.U. = PUBLIC UTILITY ESENT.
W.F. = WOOD FENCE
P.F. = END PEG NAIL
C.F. = CHAINLINK FENCE
P.F. = POWER POLE
O.E. = OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
REVIEWED BY: JSH
DRAWN BY: DH



I, JOSE ANTONIO TREVINO, Registered Professional Land Surveyor, State of Texas, do hereby certify that the above plat represents an actual survey made on the ground under my supervision, and there are no discrepancies, conflicts, omissions or errors of boundary lines, or any other information or anything of importance, is the best of my knowledge and belief except as shown herein.

JOSE ANTONIO TREVINO
Registered Professional Land Surveyor
Texas Registration No. 5581









