

HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

April 21, 2021

HDRC CASE NO: 2021-172
ADDRESS: 129 W AGARITA AVE
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 1767 BLK 1 LOT E 35 FT OF 11 & W 25 FT OF 12
ZONING: R-4, H
CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 1
DISTRICT: Monte Vista Historic District
APPLICANT: CHRISTOPHER VERETTE/CrabApple Designs LLC
OWNER: Thomas Seerden/SEERDEN THOMAS R & GAYLE W
TYPE OF WORK: Repairs, painting, window replacement
APPLICATION RECEIVED: March 30, 2021
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 replace two windows on the rear elevation with an aluminum clad wood casement window with a fixed transom.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

Historic Design Guidelines, Chapter 2, Exterior Maintenance and Alterations

6. Architectural Features: Doors, Windows, and Screens

A. MAINTENANCE (PRESERVATION)

- i. *Openings*—Preserve existing window and door openings. Avoid enlarging or diminishing to fit stock sizes or air conditioning units. Avoid filling in historic door or window openings. Avoid creating new primary entrances or window openings on the primary façade or where visible from the public right-of-way.
- ii. *Doors*—Preserve historic doors including hardware, fanlights, sidelights, pilasters, and entablatures.
- iii. *Windows*—Preserve historic windows. When glass is broken, the color and clarity of replacement glass should match the original historic glass.
- iv. *Screens and shutters*—Preserve historic window screens and shutters.
- v. *Storm windows*—Install full-view storm windows on the interior of windows for improved energy efficiency. Storm window may be installed on the exterior so long as the visual impact is minimal and original architectural details are not obscured.

B. ALTERATIONS (REHABILITATION, RESTORATION, AND RECONSTRUCTION)

- i. *Doors*—Replace doors, hardware, fanlight, sidelights, pilasters, and entablatures in-kind when possible and when deteriorated beyond repair. When in-kind replacement is not feasible, ensure features match the size, material, and profile of the historic element.
- ii. *New entrances*—Ensure that new entrances, when necessary to comply with other regulations, are compatible in size, scale, shape, proportion, material, and massing with historic entrances.
- iii. *Glazed area*—Avoid installing interior floors or suspended ceilings that block the glazed area of historic windows.
- iv. *Window design*—Install new windows to match the historic or existing windows in terms of size, type, configuration, material, form, appearance, and detail when original windows are deteriorated beyond repair.
- v. *Muntins*—Use the exterior muntin pattern, profile, and size appropriate for the historic building when replacement windows are necessary. Do not use internal muntins sandwiched between layers of glass.
- vi. *Replacement glass*—Use clear glass when replacement glass is necessary. Do not use tinted glass, reflective glass, opaque glass, and other non-traditional glass types unless it was used historically. When established by the architectural style of the building, patterned, leaded, or colored glass can be used.
- vii. *Non-historic windows*—Replace non-historic incompatible windows with windows that are typical of the architectural style of the building.
- viii. *Security bars*—Install security bars only on the interior of windows and doors.

- ix. *Screens*—Utilize wood screen window frames matching in profile, size, and design of those historically found when the existing screens are deteriorated beyond repair. Ensure that the tint of replacement screens closely matches the original screens or those used historically.
- x. *Shutters*—Incorporate shutters only where they existed historically and where appropriate to the architectural style of the house. Shutters should match the height and width of the opening and be mounted to be operational or appear to be operational. Do not mount shutters directly onto any historic wall material.

12. Increasing Energy Efficiency

A. MAINTENANCE (PRESERVATION)

- i. *Historic elements*—Preserve elements of historic buildings that are energy efficient including awnings, porches, recessed entryways, overhangs, operable windows, and shutters.

B. ALTERATIONS (REHABILITATION, RESTORATION, AND RECONSTRUCTION)

- i. *Weatherization*—Apply caulking and weather stripping to historic windows and doors to make them weather tight.
- ii. *Thermal performance*—Improve thermal performance of windows, fanlights, and sidelights by applying UV film or new glazing that reduces heat gain from sunlight on south and west facing facades only if the historic character can be maintained. Do not use reflective or tinted films.
- iii. *Windows*—Restore original windows to working order. Install compatible and energy-efficient replacement windows when existing windows are deteriorated beyond repair. Replacement windows must match the appearance, materials, size, design, proportion, and profile of the original historic windows.
- iv. *Reopening*—Consider reopening an original opening that is presently blocked to add natural light and ventilation.
- v. *Insulation*—Insulate unfinished spaces with appropriate insulation ensuring proper ventilation, such as attics, basements, and crawl spaces.
- vi. *Shutters*—Reinstall functional shutters and awnings with elements similar in size and character where they existed historically.
- vii. *Storm windows*—Install full-view storm windows on the interior of windows for improved energy efficiency.
- viii. *Cool roofs*—Do not install white or —cool roofs when visible from the public right-of-way. White roofs are permitted on flat roofs and must be concealed with a parapet.
- ix. *Roof vents*—Add roof vents for ventilation of attic heat. Locate new roof vents on rear roof pitches, out of view of the public right-of-way.
- x. *Green Roofs*—Install green roofs when they are appropriate for historic commercial structures.

Standard Specifications for Original Wood Window Replacement

- SCOPE OF REPAIR: When individual elements such as sills, muntins, rails, sashes, or glazing has deteriorated, every effort should be made to repair or reconstruct that individual element prior to consideration of wholesale replacement. For instance, applicant should replace individual sashes within the window system in lieu of full replacement with a new window unit.
- MISSING OR PREVIOUSLY-REPLACED WINDOWS: Where original windows are found to be missing or previously-replaced with a nonconforming window product by a previous owner, an alternative material to wood may be considered when the proposed replacement product is more consistent with the Historic Design Guidelines in terms of overall appearance. Such determination shall be made on a case-by-case basis by OHP and/or the HDRC. Whole window systems should match the size of historic windows on property unless otherwise approved.
- MATERIAL: If full window replacement is approved, the new windows must feature primed and painted wood exterior finish. Clad, composition, or non-wood options are not allowed unless explicitly approved by the commission.
- SASH: Meeting rails must be no taller than 1.25". Stiles must be no wider than 2.25". Top and bottom sashes must be equal in size unless otherwise approved.
- DEPTH: There should be a minimum of 2" in depth between the front face of the window trim and the front face of the top window sash. This must be accomplished by recessing the window sufficiently within the opening or with the installation of additional window trim to add thickness.
- TRIM: Original trim details and sills should be retained or repaired in kind. If approved, new window trim must feature traditional dimensions and architecturally appropriate casing and sloped sill detail. Window track components such as jamb liners must be painted to match the window trim or concealed by a wood window screen set within the opening.

- GLAZING: Replacement windows should feature clear glass. Low-e or reflective coatings are not recommended for replacements. The glazing should not feature faux divided lights with an interior grille. If approved to match a historic window configuration, the window should feature real exterior muntins.
- COLOR: Replacement windows should feature a painted finished. If a clad product is approved, white or metallic manufacturer's color is not allowed, and color selection must be presented to staff.
- INSTALLATION: Replacement windows should be supplied in a block frame and exclude nailing fins. Window opening sizes should not be altered to accommodate stock sizes prior to approval.
- FINAL APPROVAL: If the proposed window does not meet the aforementioned stipulations, then the applicant must submit updated window specifications to staff for review, prior to purchase and installation. For more assistance, the applicant may request the window supplier to coordinate with staff directly for verification.

FINDINGS:

- a. The primary structure located at 129 W Agarita is a 2-story, single-family structure constructed circa 1905 in the Neoclassical style. The house is commonly known as the Hoarder House. The structure features a composition shingle hip roof with a prominent front gable and widely overhanging eaves, a 2-story wraparound front porch, wood cladding, one-over-one and divided lite windows, exposed rafter tails, and decorative woodwork. The property is contributing to the Monte Vista Historic District.
- b. WINDOW REPLACEMENT: EXISTING CONDITION – The applicant has proposed to replace two (2) one over-one wood windows located on the north (rear) elevation. The windows are fully wood and are located beneath a second story box bay window. The applicant has proposed to replace the existing windows with one Marvin aluminum-clad wood casement window with a fixed transom featuring simulated divided lites. Guideline 6.A.iii for Exterior Maintenance and Alterations states that historic windows should be preserved. At this time, the applicant has not provided evidence that the existing windows are not original to the structure. Additionally, Guideline 6.B.iv for Exterior Maintenance and Alterations states that new windows should be installed to match the historic or existing windows in terms of size, type, configuration, material, form, appearance, and detail when original windows are deteriorated beyond repair. The documentation provided does not show that the windows are deteriorated beyond repair. Staff finds the proposal inconsistent with the Guidelines and finds that the existing windows should be repaired in place.
- c. WINDOW REPLACEMENT: REPLACEMENT PRODUCT – The applicant has proposed to replace two (2) existing one-over-one wood windows with one Marvin aluminum-clad wood casement window with a fixed transom featuring simulated divided lites. According to the Standard Specifications for Original Wood Window Replacement, meeting rails must be no taller than 1.25". Stiles must be no wider than 2.25". Top and bottom sashes must be equal in size unless otherwise approved. The proposed replacement product does not match the existing windows in material, configuration, and form. Staff finds the proposal inconsistent with the Standard Specifications for Original Wood Window Replacement.

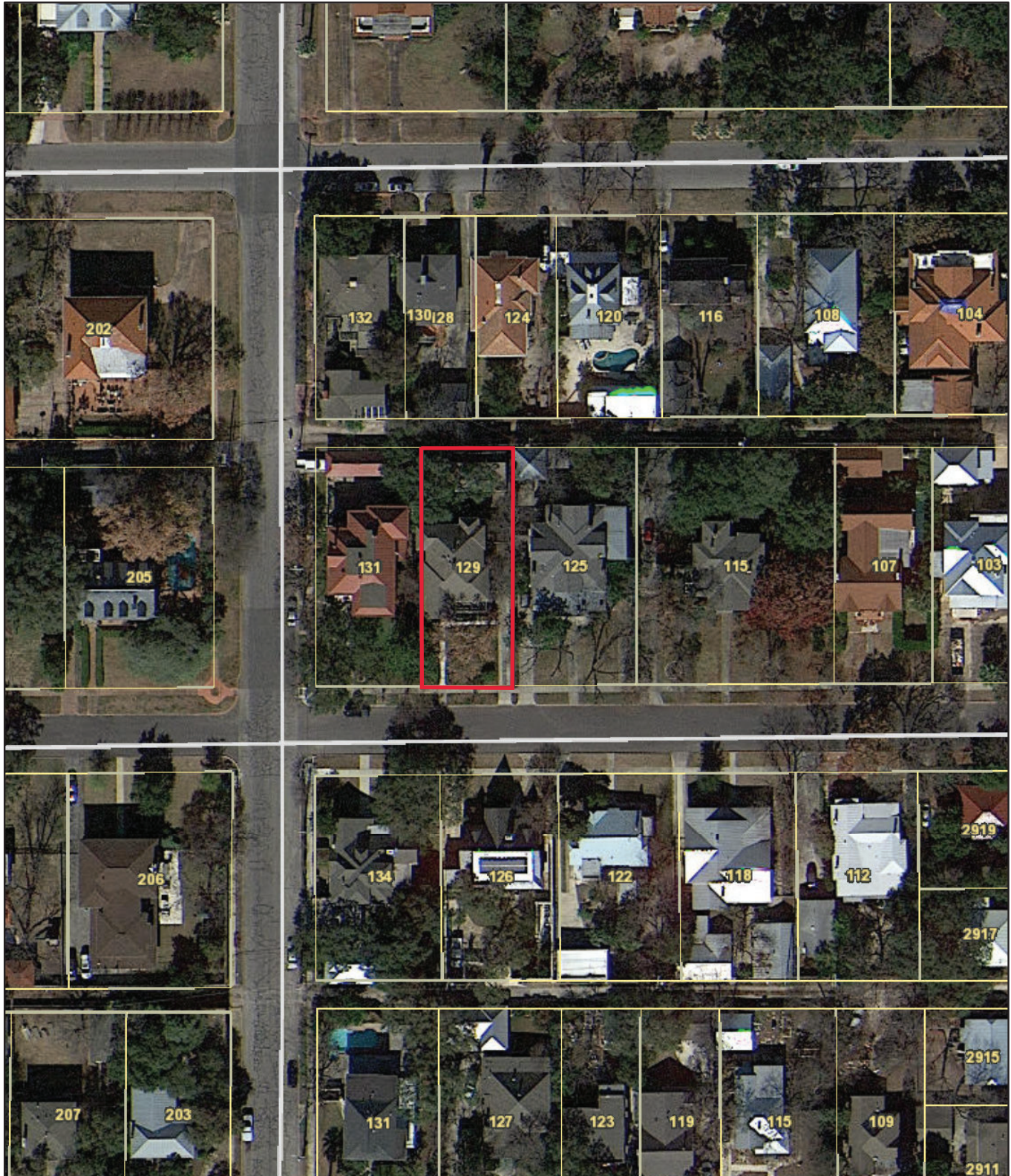
RECOMMENDATION:

Staff does not recommend approval based on findings a through c. Staff recommends that the applicant repair the existing windows in place.

If the HDRC finds the window replacement appropriate, staff recommends the following stipulation:

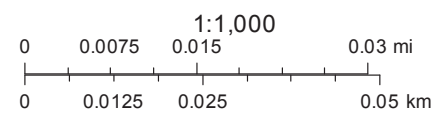
- i. That the applicant replaces the existing windows with a fully wood window product that meets staff's standard window specifications and submits updated specifications to staff for review and approval. The windows should feature an inset of two (2) inches within facades and should feature profiles that are found historically within the immediate vicinity. Meeting rails must be no taller than 1.25" and stiles no wider than 2.25". White manufacturer's color is not allowed, and color selection must be presented to staff. There should be a minimum of two inches in depth between the front face of the window trim and the front face of the top window sash. This must be accomplished by recessing the window sufficiently within the opening or with the installation of additional window trim to add thickness. Window trim must feature traditional dimensions and architecturally appropriate sill detail. Window track components must be painted to match the window trim or concealed by a wood window screen set within the opening. Faux divided lites are not permitted.

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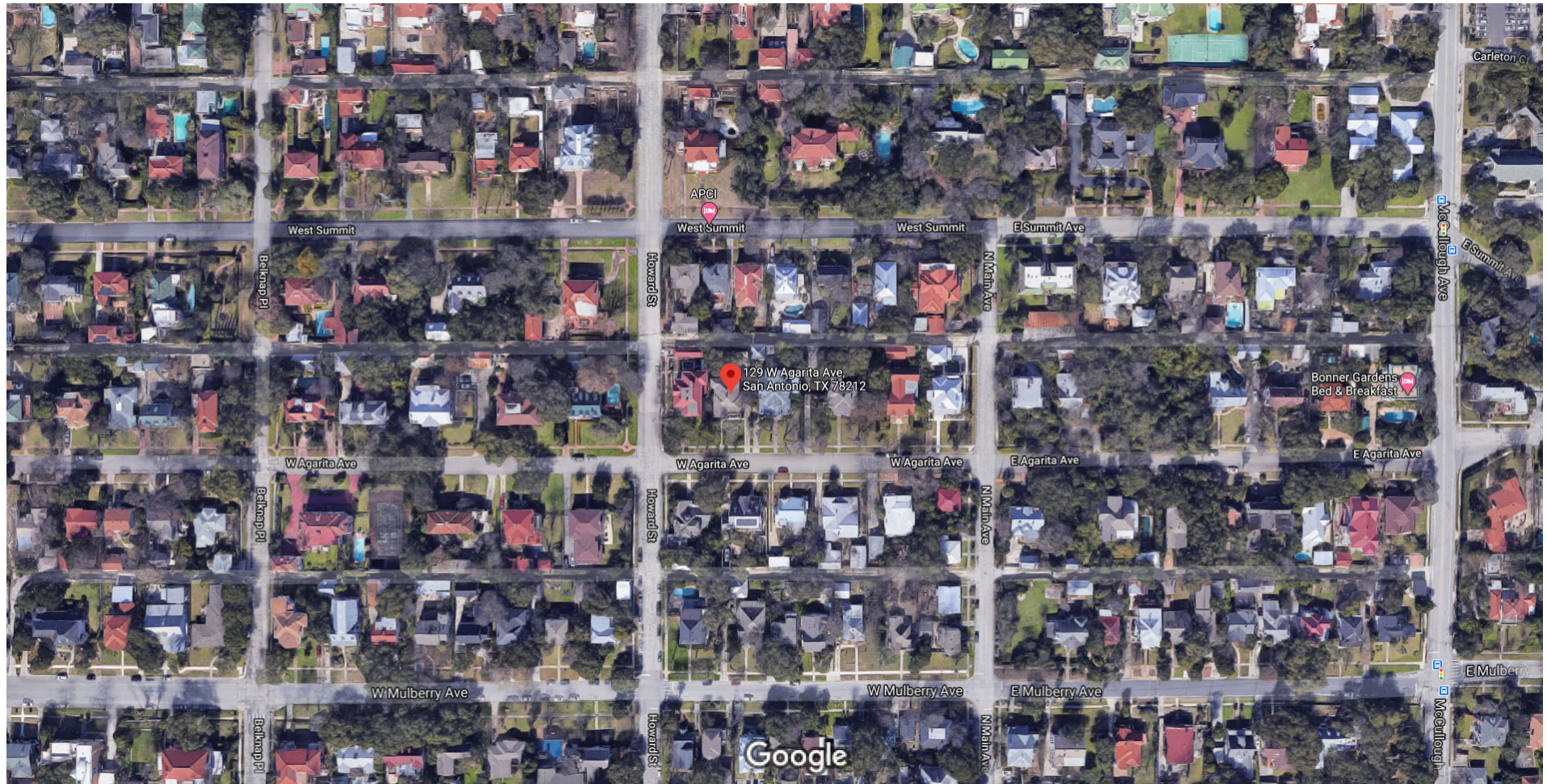


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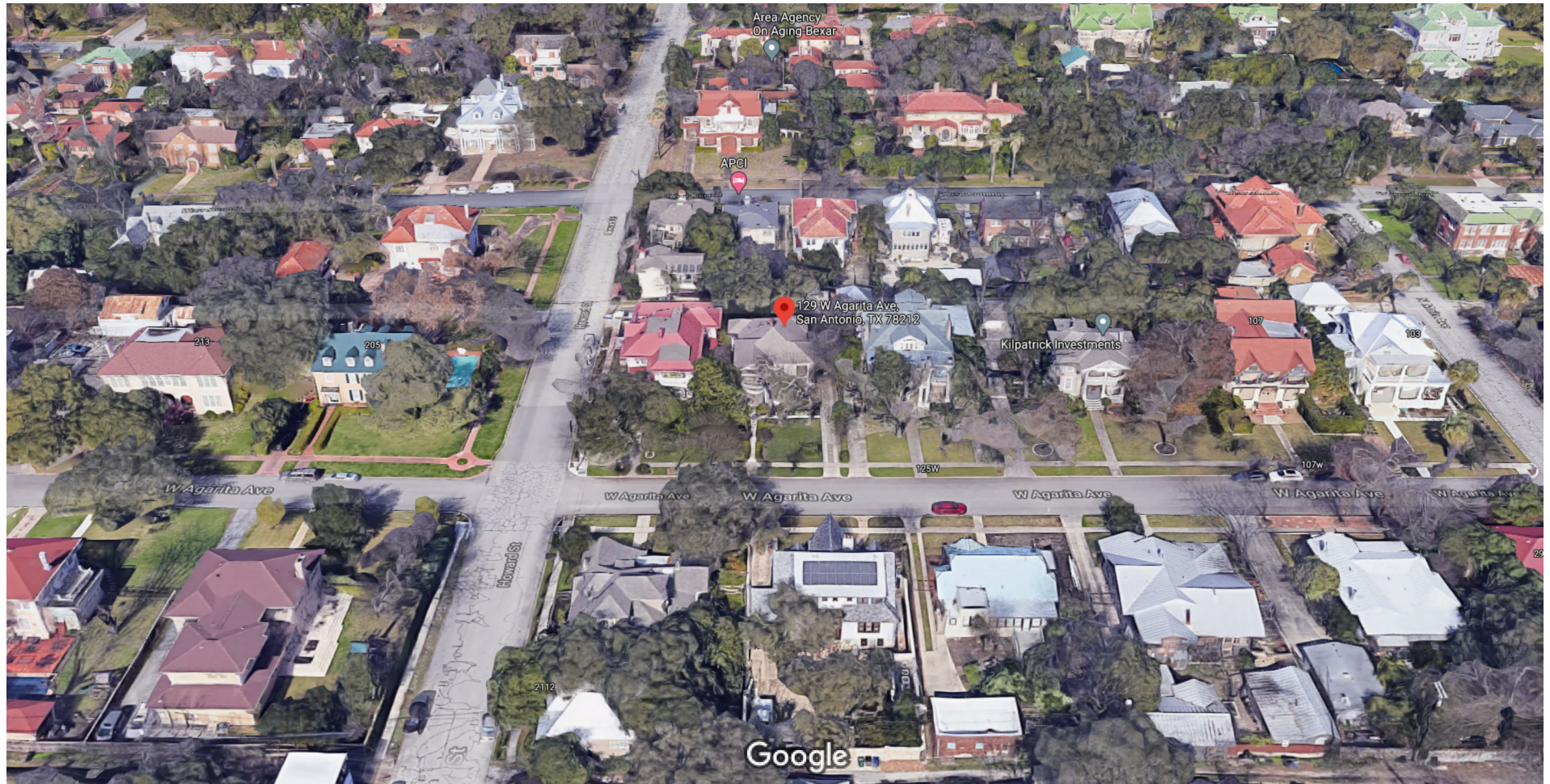


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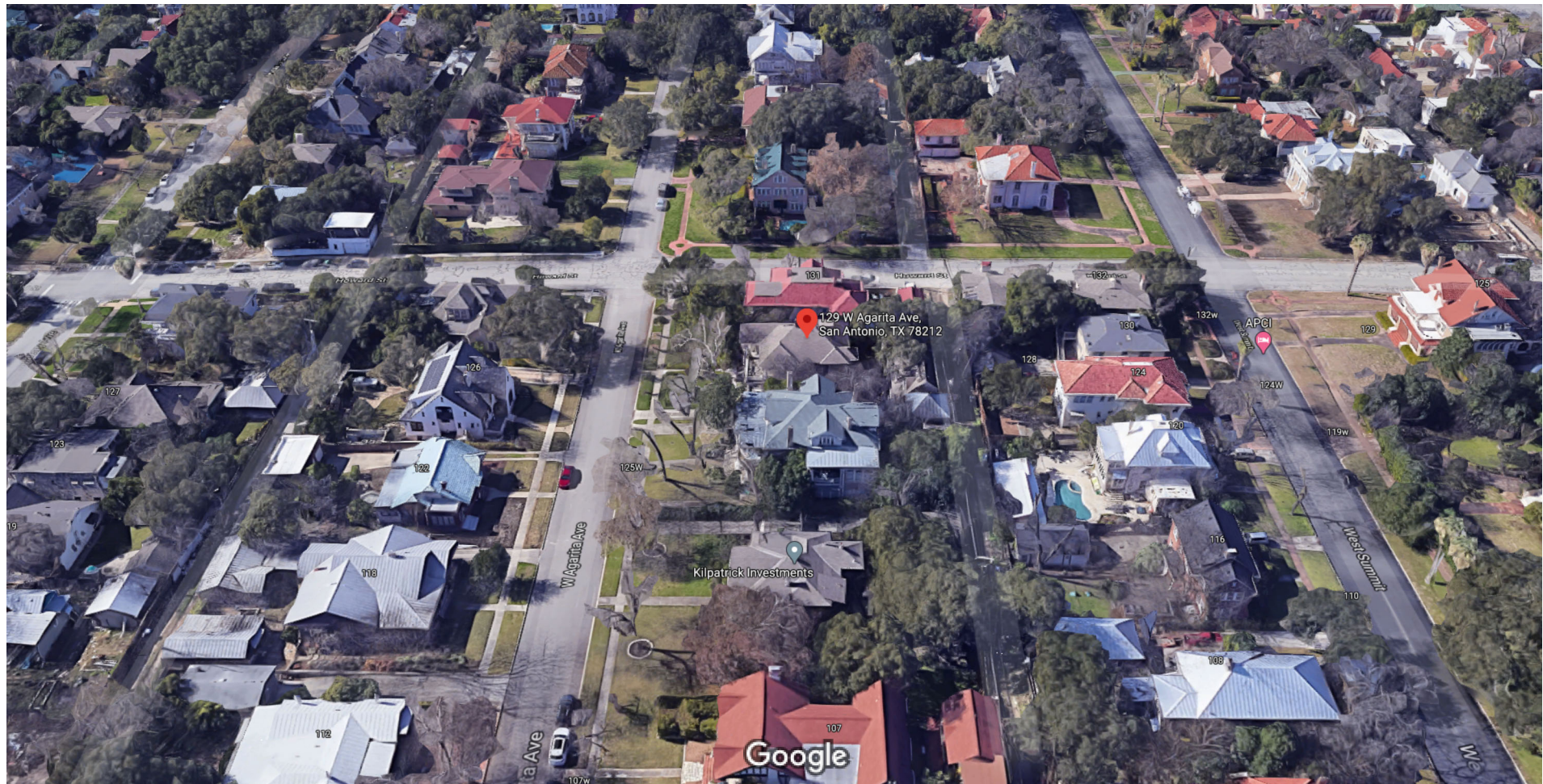
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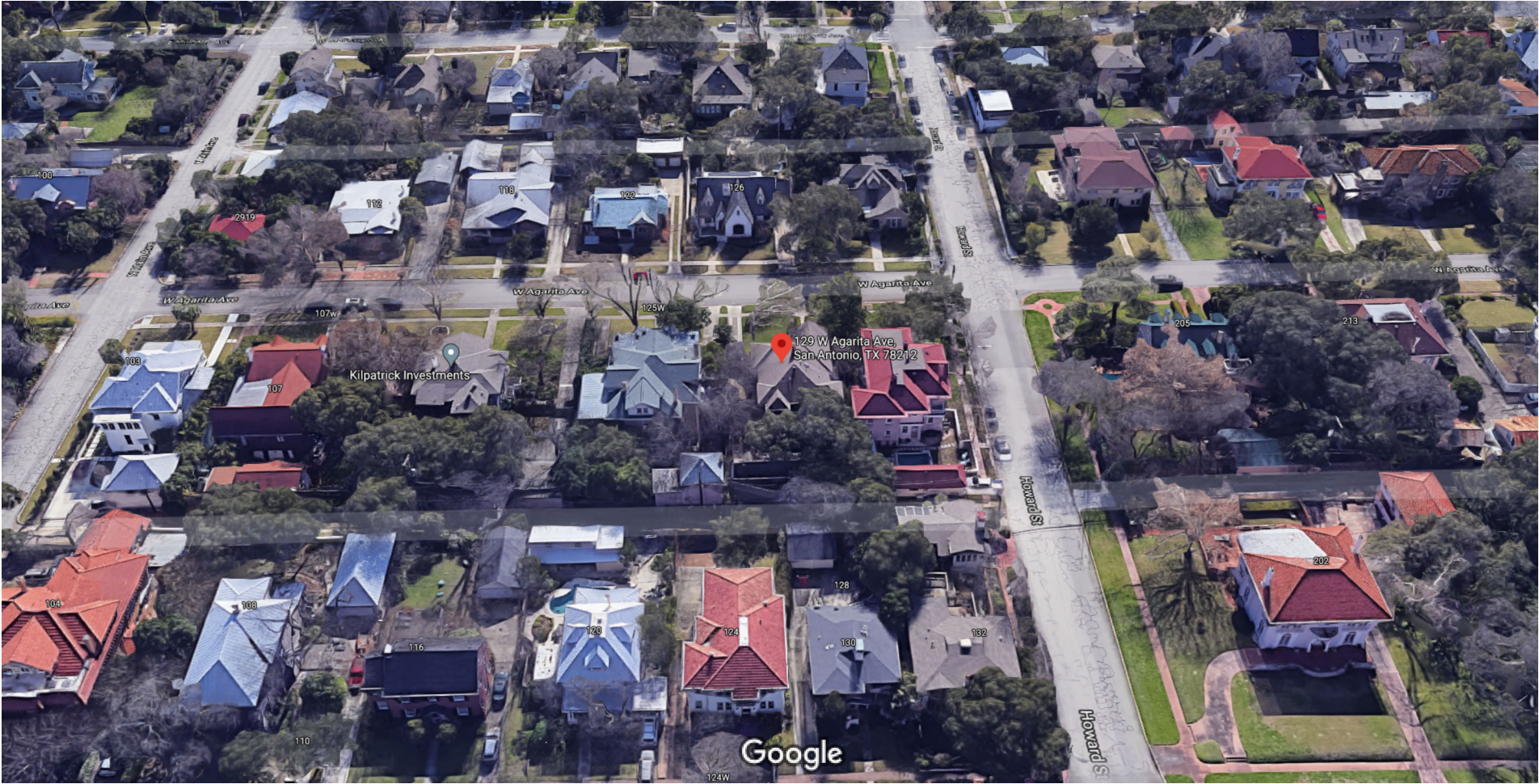
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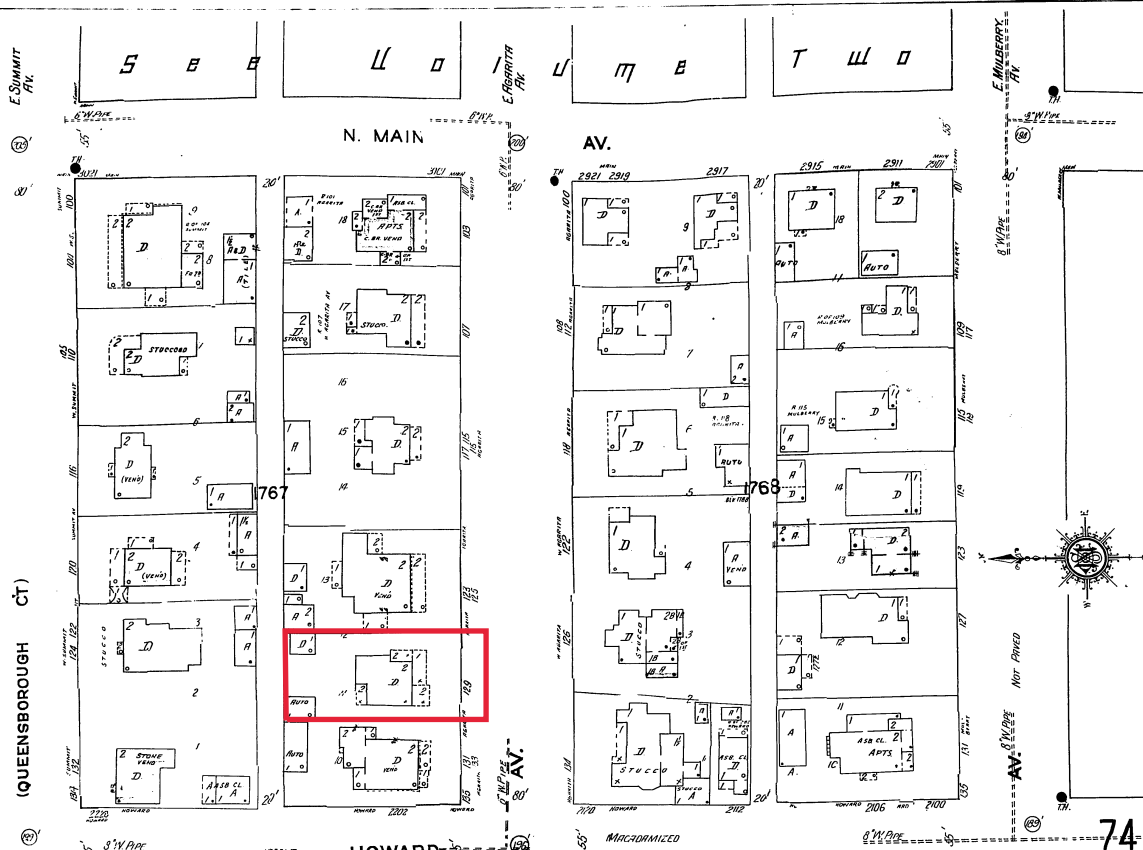
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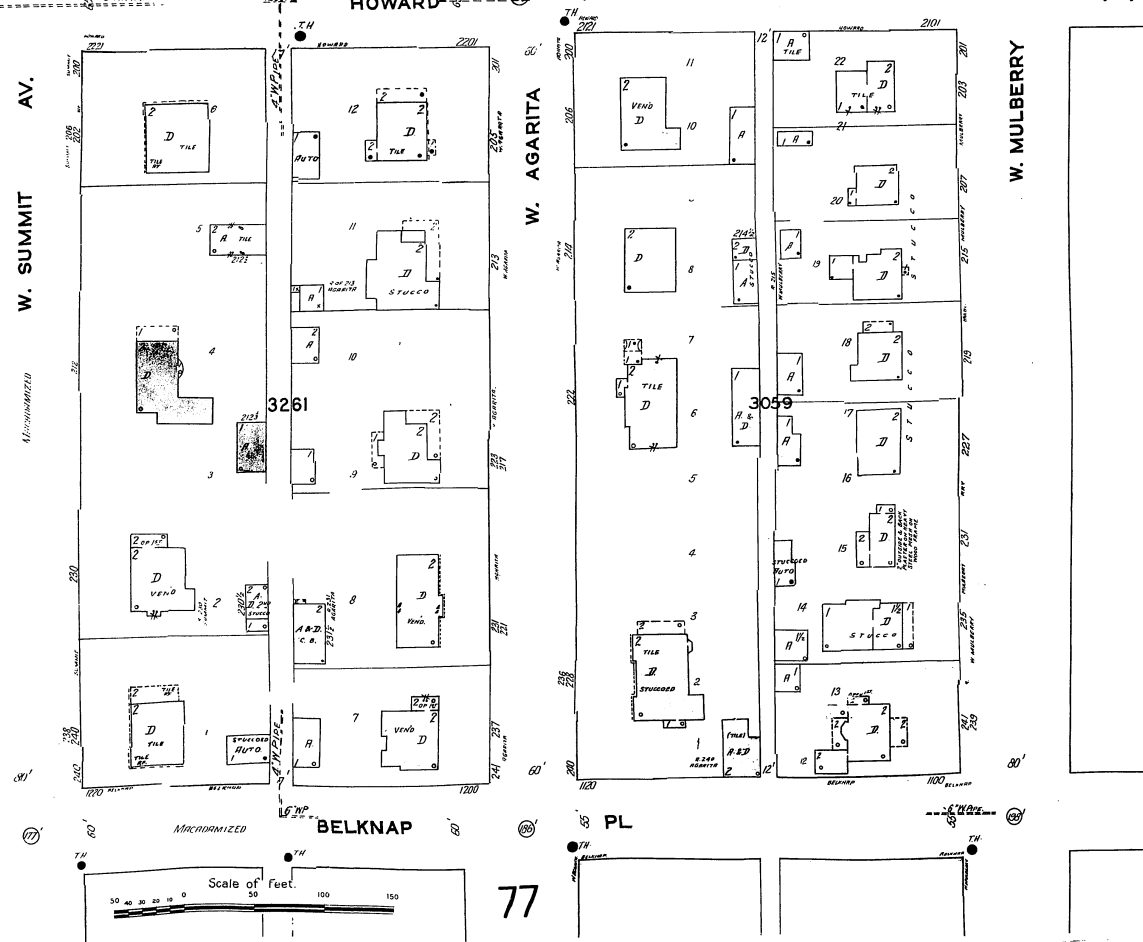
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EXISTING STRUCTURE: FRONT ELEVATION



View from drive



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EXISTING STRUCTURE: SIDE ELEVATION

View from southeast



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EXISTING STRUCTURE: NORTH ELEVATION



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PROPOSED ELEVATION
 $3/32" = 1'-0"$
window change



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EXISTING STRUCTURE: EAST ELEVATION



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3/32" = 1'-0"
Fix Gate



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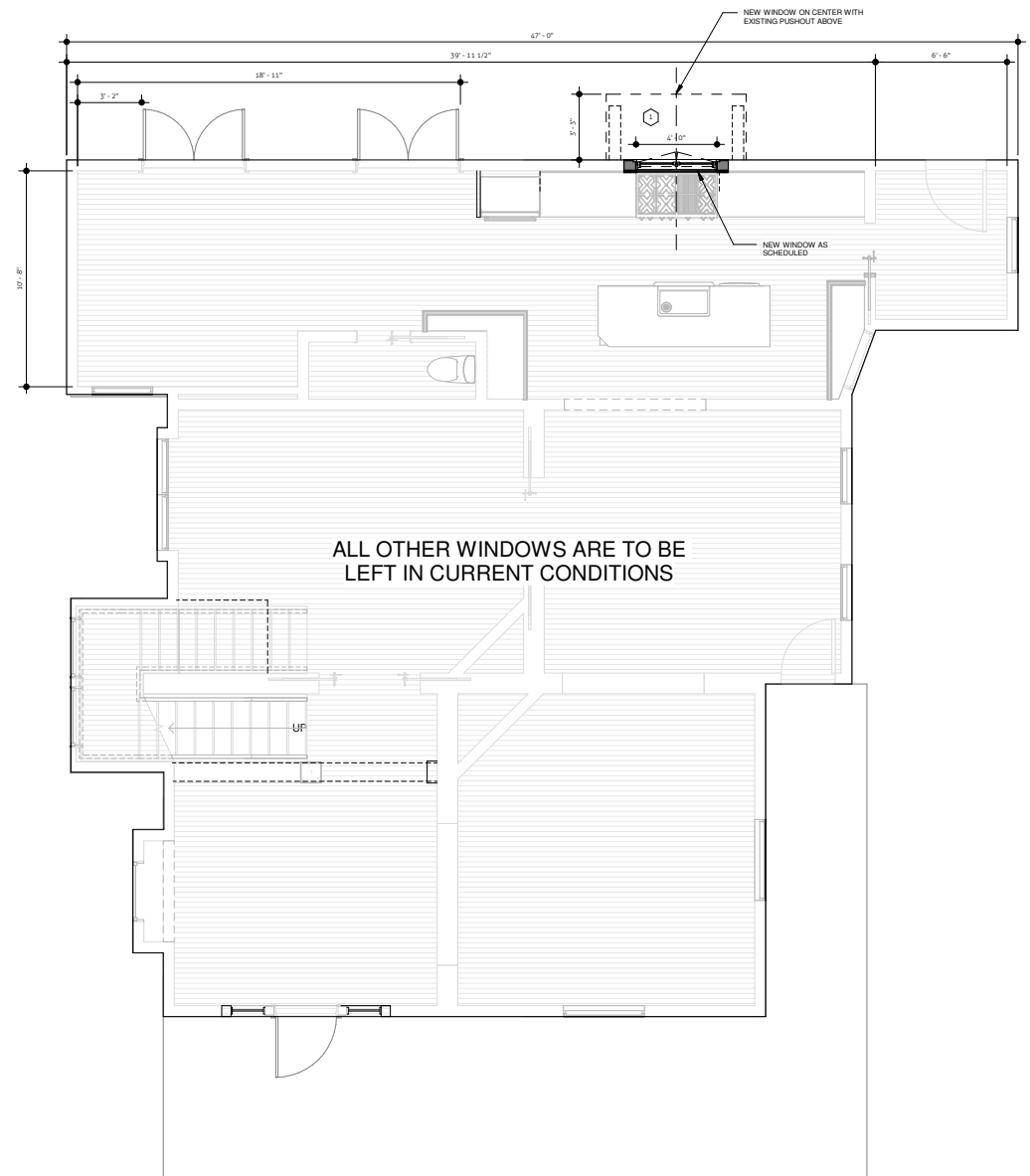
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existing rear
windows



window without
screen



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PROPOSED WINDOW CHANGE DETAIL

Exterior Finish

Clad Color Options

Stone White

Wood Options

Pine

Simulated Divided Lite with Spacer Bar (SDLS)

Paired with SDL bars on the exterior of the glass, a spacer bar is installed between the glass, creating an even closer match to the Authentic Divided Lite look.

MARVIN 

DXF/DWG Library 10/10 Warroad, Minnesota

ULTIMATE WOOD FRENCH CASEMENT

6 9/16"

HEAD

SILL

JAMB

NOT TO SCALE

WINDOW 1

MULLED
TRANSOM FIXED

ELEVATION

PLAN VIEW

WINDOW SCHEDULE

$$\frac{3/4''}{1' - 0''}$$

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MATERIALS

proposed paint colors



existing conditions
to be repaired

Trim & Columns

SW 7005
Pure White

Interior / Exterior
Location Number: 255-C1

Siding

SW 7004
Snowbound

Interior / Exterior
Location Number: 256-C2

Win. Sash Accent

SW 2802
Rookwood Red

Interior / Exterior



Proposed colors render



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