HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION COMMISSION ACTION

This is not a Certificate of Appropriateness and cannot be used to acquire permits

January 20, 2021

HDRC CASE NO: 2020-568

ADDRESS: 118 LOTUS ST

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 3097 BLK 2 LOT 7

APPLICANT: OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION - 839966 PO BOX

OWNER: Bryan Sory/Alamo City Housebuyer Inc - 13423 Blanco Rd #193

REQUEST:

The Office of Historic Preservation is requesting a recommendation from the Historic and Design Review Commission regarding designation of the property at 118 Lotus.

FINDINGS:

- a. On November 4, 2020, the Historic and Design Review Commission approved a Finding of Historic Significance for the property at 118 Lotus. On December 17, 2020, City Council approved Resolution 2020-12-17-0058R initiating a change in zoning for the property to include a historic landmark overlay. As a step in the zoning process, a recommendation regarding the proposed designation is required from the HDRC.
- b. The City offers a tax incentive for the substantial rehabilitation of historic properties because historic landmarks possess cultural and historical value and contribute to the overall quality and character of the City and its neighborhoods. If historic designation is approved, rehabilitation and restoration work may be eligible for this incentive. State and Federal tax incentives are also available for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places and provide substantial relief for rehabilitation projects.
- c. City Council has the ultimate authority to approve the historic designation zoning overlay. A recommendation from HDRC will be forwarded to City Council.
- d. Per UDC Sec. 35-453, once the commission makes a recommendation for designation, property owners must receive a written approval (a Certificate of Appropriateness) for any exterior work until the City Council makes their final decision.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Historic and Design Review Commission recommend approval of historic landmark designation of 118 Lotus based on finding a.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Approved as submitted.

Shanon Shea Miller Historic Preservation Officer