



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** 12.

**Agenda Date:** 10/6/2015

**In Control:** Zoning Commission

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**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Roderick Sanchez

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** 5

**SUBJECT:**

Zoning Case Z2015287 HL

**SUMMARY:**

**Current Zoning:** "C-2 AHOD" Commercial Airport Hazard Overlay District

**Requested Zoning:** "C-2 HL AHOD" Commercial Historic Landmark Airport Hazard Overlay District

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Zoning Commission Hearing Date:** October 6, 2015

**Case Manager:** Mary Morales-Gonzales, Planner

**Property Owner:** Advocates Social SVC of SA

**Applicant:** City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation

**Representative:** City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation

**Location:** 1600 Buena Vista Street

**Legal Description:** Lot 1 & 2, Block 6, NCB 2339

**Total Acreage:** 0.3629

**Notices Mailed**

**Owners of Property within 200 feet:** 19

**Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet:** Avenida Guadalupe Neighborhood Association

**Planning Team:** Guadalupe Westside Planning Team- 22

**Applicable Agencies:** San Antonio Aviation Department, City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation

### **Property Details**

**Property History:** The subject property is located within the City Limits as they were recognized in 1938, and was originally zoned "F" Local Retail District. Upon adoption of the 1965 Unified Development Code, the previous base zoning district converted to the "B-2" Business District. Upon adoption of the 2001 Unified Development Code, the previous base zoning district converted to the current "C-2" Commercial District. The property includes a 1,656 square foot existing residential structure that was built in 1926 and a 1,360 square foot gymnasium built in 2013.

**Topography:** The property does not include any abnormal physical features such as slope or inclusion in a flood plain.

### **Adjacent Base Zoning and Land Uses**

**Direction:** North

**Current Base Zoning:** C-2, C-2 HS, C-3

**Current Land Uses:** Apartments, Multi-family Housing, Bank

**Direction:** East

**Current Base Zoning:** C-2

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family Residences

**Direction:** South

**Current Base Zoning:** R-4

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family Residences, Vacant Residential Lots

**Direction:** West

**Current Base Zoning:** R-4, R-4 HS

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family Residences

**Overlay and Special District Information:** All surrounding properties carry the "AHOD" Airport Hazard Overlay District, due to their proximity to an airport or approach path. The "AHOD" does not restrict permitted uses, but can require additional review of construction plans by both the Development Services Department and the Federal Aviation Administration.

### **Transportation**

**Thoroughfare:** Buena Vista Street

**Existing Character:** Local Street; 1 lane in each direction with some sidewalks

**Proposed Changes:** None known

**Thoroughfare:** South San Jacinto Street

**Existing Character:** Local Street; 1 lane in each direction with sidewalks

**Proposed Changes:** None known

**Public Transit:** VIA bus route 75 stops at the corner of Buena Vista Street and South San Jacinto Street.

**Traffic Impact:** A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) is not required.

**Parking Information:** There is no change of use proposed. The property is non-profit social service organization.

**ISSUE:**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

A denial of the request will result in the subject property retaining the current commercial zoning classification, restricting future land uses to those permissible in the "C-2" Commercial District. Additionally, the property will not be designated as "HL" Historic Landmark.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Staff Analysis and Recommendation:** Staff recommends Approval.

**Criteria for Review:** According to Section 35-421, zoning amendments shall be based on the approval criteria below.

**1. Consistency:**

The subject property is located within the Guadalupe Westside Community Plan and is currently designated as Low Density Mixed Use in the future land use component of the plan. Requests for Historic Landmark designations do not change either the existing base zoning district or uses permitted by-right; therefore, a finding of consistency is not required.

**2. Adverse Impacts on Neighboring Lands:**

Granting of the "HL" Historic Landmark designation will not have an adverse impact on the neighborhood. Historic designation does not affect the range of permitted uses, but does regulate the exterior aesthetic of the structure and any new construction. The purpose of the requested zoning change is to protect and preserve the structure and make the property eligible for tax incentives for rehabilitation.

**3. Suitability as Presently Zoned:**

The "C-2" Commercial base zoning district is consistent with the adopted land use designation and the surrounding zoning and uses. There is no change proposed for the base zoning district.

**4. Health, Safety and Welfare:**

Staff has found no indication of likely adverse effects on the public health, safety, or welfare.

**5. Public Policy:**

The request does not appear to conflict with any public policy objective.

**6. Size of Tract:**

The size of the subject property is not an issue for the consideration of historic landmark designation.

**7. Other Factors:**

On May 6, 2014, the Historic and Design Review Commission issued a Certificate of Appropriateness identifying the property as historically significant based on criteria listed in Section 35-607 of the Unified Development Code. The four criteria identified as being applicable to the subject property are specified in the attached Certificate of Appropriateness and Statement of Significance. This request for Historic Landmark designation is owner-initiated.