SECTION 5

Transcript of the
October 3, 2022
Landmark Commission
Hearing
4512-4518 Sycamore Street
CA212-354(RD)

IN RE: 10-3-22 CASE: CS212-574(RD) 4512-4518

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2	EVELYN MONTGOMERY: All right.
3	Dr. Dunn, if you'll go ahead and
4	read it into the record.
5	DR. DUNN: Okay. I'm currently
6	addressing Discussion Item 3, also known
7	as D3. The subject property is located
8	at 4512 through 4518 Sycamore Street in
9	Peak Suburban Edition Neighborhood
10	Historic District. The case number is
11	CA-212-574-RD.
12	The requests are as follows: A
13	certificate of appropriateness to paint
14	exterior, body blue, trim white; was
15	done without a certificate of
16	appropriateness. Request number 2, a
17	certificate of appropriateness to
18	replace chain link fence around rear and
19	side yards with an 8-foot high pinewood
20	fence; work done without a certificate
21	of appropriateness. Request number 3, a
22	certificate of appropriateness to
23	install grass in the front and rear of
24	property. Request number 4, a
25	certificate of appropriateness to





Street, Dallas, Texas 75204.

affirm to say the truth.

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2	heard by the Landmark Commission on
3	December 7, 2020.
4	In the description, the project
5	included painting the lower half of the
6	front and front side elevations a blue
7	tone that contrasted with the brown
8	painted-wood siding. In the analysis,
9	it was determined that the multicolored
10	brick appears more modern and is
11	unlikely that the brick itself was
12	historic. In this instance, an
13	important consideration is that the
14	proposed work to non-historic materials
15	is more of a visual impact on the
16	character and appearance of the
17	district.
18	The recommendation was to deny
19	without prejudice. There was no
20	mention, nor reason to remove paint from
21	non-historic brick. But if a
22	non-contributor is painted, then the
23	color needs to be compatible. I just
24	wanted to put that out from
25	COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: What was



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2	the Landmark Commission's action on that
3	item?
4	MR. MILLER: The Landmark
5	Commission's action was to deny without
6	prejudice. In the minutes it says that
7	the request for a certificate of
8	appropriateness to continue painting the
9	brick that has been initiated be denied
10	without prejudice because painted brick
11	would have an adverse effect on the
12	historic overlay district and does not
13	meet the standard in city code section
14	518451.
15	COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Thank you.
16	UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Madam Chair, if
17	I may, I just want to remind this
18	commission that this commission is
19	quasi-judicial, so therefore, it should
20	be everything that's presented at the
21	public hearing and staff report, you
22	should draw your conclusions from the
23	evidence presented today at this
24	hearing. We shouldn't consider past
25	decisions from this commission because



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2	that could be (inaudible), and the
3	applicant really has the burden of proof
4	to prove up his case in a favorable
5	manner.
6	In this instance, because this is
7	the non-contributing structure, we have
8	to follow this, the non-contributing
9	standard, and whether or not the
10	proposed work presented today is
11	compatible with the historic district.
12	So we should just be looking at the
13	request today. And although there may
14	have been a request to deny a steel door
15	in the past, because it's not in this
16	agenda today, we cannot speak about it.
17	That would be a violation of the Texas
18	Open Meetings Act.
19	EVELYN MONTGOMERY: Do I have any
20	questions from any other commissioners
21	in person?
22	Do we have any questions from any
23	commissioners online? We can't see
24	everyone, so if you have something to
25	say, please just give us your name and



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        begin.
               COMMISSIONER HOSA:
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                   This is Commissioner Hannah
        comment.
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        Hosa (phonetic)
               EVELYN MONTGOMERY: Yes.
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        you, Commissioner Hannah Hosa.
               COMMISSIONER HOSA:
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        think it was Mr. Anderson that was
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        talking about the painting of the brick
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        that needs to be stripped and go back to
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        the original brick. But in my reading
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        of the staff recommendations, I read
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        that it's either that or painting it --
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        the bottom part of the brick an earth
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        tone color. Am I correct in
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        understanding?
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               COMMISSIONER SHERMAN:
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        Commissioner. You are correct. Those
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        were my suggestions.
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               COMMISSIONER HOSA:
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               EVELYN MONTGOMERY:
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        other commissioners online?
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               All right. Hearing none, I'll --
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               You do have one? Okay.
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2	blend. What that does is just prevents
3	the wood window from rotting, so that
4	way you don't have a rotten window in
5	two years. The window is going to last
6	an extended period of time. It's got a
7	20-year warranty that prevents it
8	that says it won't rot. Is there
9	something I'm not hitting or some
10	specific information looking for?
11	COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Well, the
12	concern I have is in historic districts,
13	we're very concerned about materials.
14	And I know we don't use Hardie Board or
15	cement fibers board because it's not
16	real wood, and I see this as sort of
17	akin to that. And I have a concern of
18	bringing that forth on this building,
19	even though it may be non-contributing,
20	because it will then be something that
21	will be considered in the rest of the
22	district. And I don't think it's
23	appropriate to not have real wood
24	windows in historic districts.
25	THOMAS DIVERS: The windows are



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2	indiscernible from a wood window, and I
3	supplied photos of two windows. One was
4	installed the next day. And those are
5	the windows that are showing in this
6	photo right there.
7	EVELYN MONTGOMERY: They're just
8	not coming up.
9	THOMAS DIVERS: Yeah, I'm sorry.
10	But there's no difference. When you
11	look at the window, you can't tell if
12	the a wood composite windows finish
13	is pretty much looks like smoothly
14	fine wood that's painted. There's no
15	difference at all. Both are based on
16	wood. It's just one rots and one
17	doesn't. So if you don't go back and
18	paint and stain your windows on a
19	regular basis every year, you're going
20	to have a lot of rot in your historic
21	district.
22	EVELYN MONTGOMERY: Commissioner
23	Cummings.
24	COMMISIONER CUMMINGS: I have a
25	question with the windows. I don't see



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2	a selection made on the sill conditions.
3	I don't see, also, any dimensions on the
4	details, such as the sashes. This being
5	a historic and a period, whether it's
6	non-contributor or not, it's still
7	period to the building itself. I'm
8	looking for dimensions, and I'm looking
9	for the thickness that we're going to be
10	needing to be seeing on (inaudible) rows
11	and some of the dimensions on the sash.
12	Where are those dimensions located on
13	what's been submitted?
14	THOMAS DIVERS: The dimensions for
15	the window we did were, like-for-like,
16	are the existing windows that they had
17	in there.
18	COMMISIONER CUMMINGS:
19	Like-for-like?
20	THOMAS DIVERS: Yes, sir.
21	COMMISIONER CUMMINGS: Well, to
22	ascertain what like-for-like really is,
23	we need to see what the dimensions are
24	so we can actually compare those
25	dimensions to somebody else. Because I



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2	don't see on the detail that's provided
3	that it looks like the meeting sash
4	is the same dimension as the side rail
5	sashes and the top rail sashes. I don't
6	see a difference between your meeting
7	rail sash. That's a very prominent
8	feature on historical windows, interior
9	windows, and I don't see that.
10	THOMAS DIVERS: You're talking
11	about the middle sash, the one where the
12	two windows meet, the up sash and the
13	bottom sash
14	COMMISIONER CUMMINGS: No, I'm
15	talking about the bottom sash. There's
16	also indications of differences on the
17	thickness of the meeting sash, but let's
18	just talk about the bottom sash. What's
19	your dimension on your bottom sash? And
20	I also don't see a sill detail that was
21	called out, and you had three choices on
22	the windowsills.
23	THOMAS DIVERS: So the windowsills
24	are actually going to be the same as a
25	wood window. They're going to be sloped



this width and the width here.

COMMISIONER CUMMINGS: What's the difference between those two?

THOMAS DIVERS: It's pretty indiscernible, but I have a measuring

THOMAS DIVERS: I'm so confused.

You're talking about the dimensions of

25 COMMISIONER CUMMINGS: Wood

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2	express a mullion size, like
3	configuration, and material to match
4	original doors and windows.
5	We don't determine what the
6	original material would have been, and
7	I'm sure we would rather a wood-look
8	material as opposed to the continuation
9	of these aluminum windows. And so,
10	therefore, I would not support this
11	motion as stated.
12	EVELYN MONTGOMERY: All right.
13	With that, Commissioner Sherman?
14	COMMISSIONER SHERMAN: Yes, I will
15	support the motion. And I disagree that
16	these windows are not discernible from
17	wood. I could tell from this distance
18	that they are definitely not wood and
19	they have a distinct different
20	appearance from wood. And I think when
21	it comes to whether or not a building is
22	contributing or not, I think that the
23	strategies that are employed as it gets
24	to move forward should make it less
25	non-contributing. And the use of these





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2	I was asking the question well,
3	for two reasons. First of all, the
4	staff recommendation seems to be okay
5	with the fence, it says, "as submitted."
6	I presume that means as built. But it
7	also seems that it's not unreasonable
8	since this is in the interior of the
9	block and not a corner side yard
10	condition to go with task force, which
11	seems to be okay with the fence as is,
12	and not required that they be turned to
13	face out.
14	EVELYN MONTGOMERY: Are you
15	intending to make an amendment?
16	COMMISSIONER SWAN: Yes. I'm
17	asking if the maker the motion would
18	entertain an amendment. I'm asking if
19	the maker of the motion would entertain
20	an amendment to permit Item 2 to be an
21	approval without condition.
22	COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: That's
23	fine.
24	COMMISSIONER SWAN: Okay.
25	EVELYN MONTGOMERY: Is that okay



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2	with Commissioner Cummings?
3	COMMISIONER CUMMINGS: Yes.
4	EVELYN MONTGOMERY: Thank you.
5	All right. If there's no one else
6	that has anything. Let's go ahead and
7	take a vote.
8	All those in favor go ahead and
9	raise your hand so that she can get a
10	count.
11	Okay. It looks like did you
12	count nine? Where's Elaine?
13	Can we do a record vote?
14	District 1?
15	DISTRICT 1: Aye.
16	EVELYN MONTGOMERY: District
17	she is recused.
18	District 4?
19	DISTRICT 4: Aye.
20	EVELYN MONTGOMERY: District 5?
21	DISTRICT 5: No.
22	EVELYN MONTGOMERY: District 6?
23	DISTRICT 6: Nay.
24	EVELYN MONTGOMERY: District 7?
25	DISTRICT 7: Aye.



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2	EVELYN MONTGOMERY:	District	8?
3	DISTRICT 8: Nay.		
4	EVELYN MONTGOMERY:	District	9?
5	DISTRICT 9: Aye.		
6	EVELYN MONTGOMERY:	District	10?
7	DISTRICT 10: Aye.		
8	EVELYN MONTGOMERY:	District	12?
9	DISTRICT 12: Nay.		
10	EVELYN MONTGOMERY:	District	13?
11	DISTRICT 13: Aye.		
12	EVELYN MONTGOMERY:	District	14?
13	DISTRICT 14: Aye.		
14	EVELYN MONTGOMERY:	District	15?
15	DISTRICT 15: Aye.		
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    do hereby certify the within is a
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               I further certify that I am
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