

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 25, 2012
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-2001-0007
Oakwood Cemetery
1601 Navasota Street

PROPOSAL

Erect an obelisk to the memory of the Confederate veterans buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes the erection of an obelisk in a fenced plot to honor Confederate veterans buried in Oakwood Cemetery. The plot is privately-owned. The proposed monument will be a polished white granite obelisk, 10 feet tall, located in a 25 x 20 cemetery plot. The applicant proposes to construct fencing around the obelisk consisting of 2-foot tall white-pigmented cast-concrete obelisk points with galvanized steel poles running between them. The bedding of the plot will be crushed granite. An iron bench will be located at one corner of the plot.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness include:

- Do not destroy the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Avoid the removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features.
- Treat with sensitivity distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a building, structure, or site.
- Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee that the applicant not pursue their plan for a kiosk on the plot with information regarding the buried Confederate veterans, but to wait until there is a master plan for the cemetery and then design the kiosk in accordance with the master plan. The applicant agrees to the Committee's recommendations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented without the proposal for the kiosk.