

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MAY 20, 2013
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-1978-0038
Paramount Theater
713 Congress Avenue

PROPOSAL

Restore the brick façade of the theater.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant has been recommended for the award of an ACVB grant for façade restoration. There will be no removal of brick for this project, and the applicant will provide more specifications for removing and repairing deteriorated mortar at the time of the hearing.

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.
- Repair, rather than replace deteriorated architectural features wherever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. Base the repair or replacement of missing architectural features on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historical, physical, or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee asked for further specifics at the time of the HLC hearing. Besides asking specifically about the mortar, the Committee recommends the project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the application as proposed, if the specifics for the brick and mortar restoration are appropriate.