

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 28, 2013
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-1981-0011-B
Day Building
319 Congress Avenue

PROPOSAL

Construct a new covered roof deck

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to construct a new covered roof deck behind the parapet wall of the building. The proposed construction will be set 15 feet back from the parapet wall in accordance with the Downtown Austin Plan provisions. A brick stairwell at the corner of the building will be partially sheathed with a painted metal panel; the front guardrail will be 3formChroma; the partial deck covering will be structural steel with perforated aluminum panels to allow in sunlight; the deck surface will be made of composite materials. The walls of the interior of the deck will have cedar panels and cedar block panels alternating with corrugated aluminum panels. Metal planters and a mesh guardrail will go along the north side of the proposed roof deck. The deck structure itself will be 10 feet tall, and will be attached to the roof of the building, with tie-ins to the adjacent building, so that it appears to be cantilevered out over the structure. The colors chosen for the proposed deck and canopy will provide a backdrop for the parapet features of the Day Building.

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.
- Recognize all buildings, structures, and sites as products of their own time. Do not construct alterations which have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance.
- 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.
- Construct new additions or alterations to structures in such a manner that if such addition or alteration were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure will be unimpaired.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommended approval of the design and proposal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the application as proposed.