

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 14, 2014
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-1992-0002
Armstrong-Odom House
614 Blanco Street

PROPOSAL

Construct a new housing complex on an empty lot.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes the construction of 6 free-standing duplex condominium buildings. Each building will be two stories, and will be clad with brick, with metal-clad divided-light windows, hardi-plank accent siding, and with sawn limestone lintels and sills. The architectural style of the proposed buildings is neo-traditional, and was designed to complement the historic character of the surrounding historic districts. The applicant proposes the removal of a small portion of the existing historic stone wall for drive way access to the new construction.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness do not specifically address new construction on the site of a vacant historic landmark property, but the site is within the Castle Hill Local Historic District, and the applicant has complied with all applicable design standards for that district. The site is also adjacent to the Harthan Street Local Historic District, and the applicant has met with representatives from Harthan Street to ensure a design compatible with the historic character of that district as well, especially in terms of visibility from Harthan Street and the elimination of vehicular access points from Harthan Street to help ensure that district's character as a dead-end, quiet street.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee has recommended approval of all facets of the current plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed. After many proposals from different parties, this one is very compatible with the residential character of the surrounding historic districts, and engenders a complementary presence on the street.

