

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 25, 2016
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
LHD-2016-0013
207 E. 44th Street
Hyde Park

PROPOSAL

Enclose an existing open covered patio.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to enclose an existing covered patio with glass separated by steel muntins and mullions to create additional conditioned living space for the house. The house, while non-contributing to the historic district because of its age, was the home (and designed by) Eugene George, noted professor of architecture at the University of Texas.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Hyde Park Historic District Design Standards state:

- Respect the historic style of existing structures and retain their historic features, including character-defining elements and building scale.
- Retain the historic facade of a house in terms of door and window placement and exterior wall materials. Preserve the original front and street-side porches. Do not enclose open front and street-side ground-floor porches with screening, glass, or other enclosure materials.

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

- 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 was split. One committee member was concerned with compromising the linear configuration of the house that is reminiscent of the architecture of old Roma and the Rio Grande Valley. The other committee members recommended approval of the proposal and noted that the permeability of the enclosure did not detract from the original architecture of the house.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed.



East and north facades of the house



South and east facades of the house