HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
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APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-1974-0037
Phillips-Knudsen House
706 Guadalupe Street

PROPOSAL

Erect an 8-foot wrought iron security fence around the property.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to install an 8-foot wrought-iron security fence around the property to protect the property from vandalism and trespassing by homeless individuals in the neighborhood. The applicant has stated that he is losing tenants in the building because of the intensity of the trespassing by homeless people harassing tenants and customers and using the property as a restroom, and leaving trash and other debris around the property.

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.

- 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.

- 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

Not reviewed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed with the recommendation that the gate have a simple design rather than the design shown in the photograph below. The proposed fence should be as

transparent as possible to allow for the continued view of the historic house, while still providing the necessary security against trespassers. The security fence will be built inside the existing wood picket fence and will provide greater protection from the property which is currently being vandalized on a regular basis. Although this seems like an extreme measure, it is a measure designed to promote the long-term protection and preservation of the property.





Example of the type of fencing proposed for the property.



Example of the type of gate proposed for the property.