

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 23, 2017
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-2001-0015
Oakwood Cemetery
1601 Navasota Street

PROPOSAL

Replace chain link fencing with iron fence and restore cemetery gates.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to remove the chain link fencing at Oakwood Cemetery and the Oakwood Cemetery Annex and replace it with a 6-foot tall iron fence that was identified in the approved cemetery master plan. The fence comes in 8-foot sections and will have a powder-coated black finish and spear-point tops. The applicant further proposes to restore the iron gates at the three main entrances to the cemeteries to their 1980 configuration, when they were widened to accommodate vehicles. The iron gates will be professionally restored by a local blacksmith to address damaged and deteriorated elements, and will be repainted black when complete. The masonry walls and columns will be repaired and repointed, then cleaned.

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

The Committee recommends approval of the proposal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed. The proposal meets all applicable standards for review.