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Historic and Design Review Commission
1901 S Alamo St
San Antonio, Texas 78204

Re: HDRC Case #2017-257 - 219 Pereida St. – *King William District*
Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a front yard fence.

Dear HDRC Commissioners,

The King William Association Architectural Advisory Committee reviewed the project and do not concur with OHP staff recommendation for approval with stipulations. We recommend that the Certificate of Appropriateness be withheld until the drawings required by staff can be submitted to staff and allow for KWA review.

This property has had the porch columns removed and replaced with round steel pipe. Without further research, it is unclear if this work was done with a C of A or not, but in any case the result is inappropriate for this historic house.

We are concerned with the inappropriate fence design using steel post and livestock mesh panels. Livestock mesh panel fences occur in King William but they are not a historically appropriate characteristic feature. Historically, when front yard fences were installed in King William, as not every house has a fence, the fence styles included garden loop wire, vertical wood picket fences and wrought iron fences which are consistent with the City's design guideline examples. Historic fences have a vertical pattern with pointed tops above the top rail whereas livestock mesh has a square pattern and is topped with a flat, horizontal rail.

Staff's recommendation states "fencing is characteristic of the King William Historic District." Staff's reference emphasis the impact each HDRC decision has had upon the streetscape and overall characteristic of the King William Historic District and how precedent can become the "norm". We ask that the cattle mesh fence be replaced with a historically appropriate fence as noted in the City's historic design guidelines.

Best Regards,

Mickey Conrad
Chair, Architectural Advisory Committee

Chris Price
President, KWA Board of Directors