



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

COMMISSION ACTION

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November 6, 2024

HDRC CASE NO: 2024-358
ADDRESS: 429 HARRIMAN PLACE
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 3487 BLK 4 LOT 14, 15,16,AND 17
APPLICANT: Scott Allen - 2610 SADDLEHORN
OWNER: Scott Allen - 2610 SADDLEHORN

REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting Historic Landmark Designation for the property at 429 Harriman Place.

FINDINGS:

a. The request for landmark designation was initiated by the property owner.

b. **HISTORIC CONTEXT:** The structure at 429 Harriman Place is a one-story dwelling, built circa 1916. Scott Allen currently owns the property. Located on the near south side of San Antonio, Collins Gardens is bounded primarily by Oriental Avenue on the north, Roslyn Avenue on the south, Nogalitos on the east, and Frio City Road on the West. The neighborhood is named for Captain F.F. Collins, a Texas pioneer who bought the farmland between Nogalitos and the Missouri-Pacific Railroad and built a house, which was later destroyed by fire. After Captain Collins' death the land was purchased by developer B.G. Irish and Company and platted in 1928. The Collins Garden neighborhood is comprised of three original plats: Collins Courts and Southolme, platted by Moore and Irish in 1913, and Collins Garden. 429 Harriman Place first appears in the 1918 City Directory as the home of Gussie and Albert J. Loehman, who worked as an operator for the Southwest Telephone Company. After retiring from the telephone company, Loehman served as president of the San Fernando Water Company for the last 20 years of his life, and owned the home until his death in 1974. He is interred in Sunset Memorial Park.

c. **SITE CONTEXT:** The subject property is located in the Collins Gardens neighborhood, just north of U.S. Highway 90, and one block east of the Frio City Road commercial corridor. It is situated midblock on Harriman Place, between Marian Street and Frio City Road, just east of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad tracks, and two blocks south of the west end of Collins Gardens Park. The area is characterized by a mixture of Craftsman Bungalows and Folk Victorian homes. According to the 1924 Sanborn maps, this is one of the first six homes on this block of Harriman Place, which is in the area that became known as the San Fernando Addition. The original Collins Estate was situated nearby, between the railroad tracks and the parks (where the San Antonio Police Department station is now located).

d. **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** The subject property is a single-story Craftsman cottage built circa 1916, with a hipped, standing-seam metal roof with overhanging eaves, and a half-width front entry porch on the right side. There is a vented dormer on the front section of the roof, and the concrete front porch is supported by decorative wrought iron posts. There are two concrete steps leading up to the front porch, and two concrete steps into the front door on the left edge of the porch. A wooden wheelchair ramp has been added on the right edge of the porch, leading up from the concrete ribbon driveway. The left side of the front façade features a square single-sash window, and there is a paired set of single-sash windows above the porch. The left façade features a set of casement windows near the front façade, two sets of paired single-sash wood windows to the right of a wooden porch with wood railing and four steps, and a one-over-one wood window to the left of the porch. The canopy over the porch is supported by wooden triangle brackets. The right façade has three sets of paired single-sash windows, and a smaller one-over-one bathroom window. There is a rear addition on the northeast corner of the original plan, and there is a set of three single-sash windows on the rear façade of the extension. The walls of each façade are covered with wooden clapboard siding. The back yard is enclosed by chain-link fencing, and the left side of the property is enclosed by vertical wooden fencing, creating a dog run.

e. **EVALUATION:** In order to be eligible for historic landmark designation, properties shall meet at least three (3) of the 16 criteria

listed. The applicant submitted that the property meets the following criteria, consistent with UDC sec. 35-607(b):

5. Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials; as an example of a 1910s Craftsman cottage.

8. Its historical, architectural, or cultural integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship; as an early example of a Craftsman cottage that is representative of the Collins Gardens neighborhood.

13. It bears an important and significant relationship to other distinctive structures, sites, or areas, either as an important collection of properties or architectural style or craftsmanship with few intrusions, or by contributing to the overall character of the area according to the plan based on architectural, historic, or cultural motif; based on its location in the Collins Gardens neighborhood, which has been determined as a district eligible for National Register designation.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Approved as submitted.

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Shanon Shea Miller
Historic Preservation Officer