

HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

April 02, 2025

HDRC CASE NO: 2025-071
ADDRESS: 110 TULETA
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB A52 BLK LOT 37 (ALAMO STADIUM SUBD)
ZONING: R-5, H
CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 1
APPLICANT: Sharon Merced/First Choice Signs & Service, LLC
OWNER: SAN ANTONIO ISD/SAN ANTONIO ISD
TYPE OF WORK: Signage
APPLICATION RECEIVED: March 17, 2025
60-DAY REVIEW: May 16, 2025
CASE MANAGER: Edward Hall
REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to:

1. Install one (1), reverse-lit wall mounted aluminum sign. The proposed signage will feature an overall width of 77” and height of 54”. The total size of the sign will be approximately 29 square feet.
2. Install one (1), banner wall mounted sign. The proposed signage will feature an overall width of 375” and an overall height of 190”. The total size of the sign will be approximately 501 square feet.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

Historic Design Guidelines, Chapter 6, Guidelines for Signage

1. General

A. GENERAL

- i. *Number and size*—Each building will be allowed one major and two minor signs. Total requested signage should not exceed 50 square feet.
- ii. *New signs*—Select the type of sign to be used based on evidence of historic signs or sign attachment parts along the building storefront where possible. Design signs to respect and respond to the character and/or period of the area in which they are being placed. Signs should identify the tenant without creating visual clutter or distracting from building features and historic districts.
- iii. *Scale*—Design signage to be in proportion to the facade, respecting the building’s size, scale and mass, height, and rhythms and sizes of window and door openings. Scale signage (in terms of its height and width) to be subordinate to the overall building composition.

B. HISTORIC SIGNS

- i. *Preservation*—Preserve historic signs, such as ghost signs or other signs characteristic of the building’s or district’s period of significance, whenever possible.
- ii. *Maintenance*—Repair historic signs and replace historic parts in-kind when deteriorated beyond repair.

C. PLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION

- i. *Location*—Place signs where historically located and reuse sign attachment parts where they exist. Do not erect signs above the cornice line or uppermost portion of a facade wall, or where they will disfigure or conceal architectural details, window openings, doors, or other significant details.
- ii. *Obstruction of historic features*—Avoid obscuring historic building features such as cornices, gables, porches, balconies, or other decorative elements with new signs.
- iii. *Damage*—Avoid irreversible damage caused by installing a sign. For example, mount a sign to the mortar rather than the historic masonry.
- iv. *Pedestrian orientation*—Orient signs toward the sidewalk to maintain the pedestrian oriented nature of the historic districts.

D. DESIGN

- i. *Inappropriate materials*—Do not use plastic, fiberglass, highly reflective materials that will be difficult to read, or other synthetic materials not historically used in the district.
- ii. *Appropriate materials*—Construct signs of durable materials used for signs during the period of the building's

construction, such as wood, wrought iron, steel, aluminum, and metal grill work.

iii. *Color*—Limit the number of colors used on a sign to three. Select a dark background with light lettering to make signs more legible.

iv. *Typefaces*—Select letter styles and sizes that complement the overall character of the building façade. Avoid hard-to-read or overly intricate styles.

E. LIGHTING

i. *Lighting sources*—Use only indirect or bare-bulb sources that do not produce glare to illuminate signs. All illumination shall be steady and stationary. Internal illumination should not be used.

ii. *Neon lighting*—Incorporate neon lighting as an integral architectural element or artwork appropriate to the site, if used.

F. PROHIBITED SIGNS

i. An abbreviated list of the types of signs prohibited within San Antonio's historic districts and on historic landmarks is provided below. Refer to UDC Section 35-612(j) and Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code for more detailed information on prohibited signs.

- Billboards, junior billboards, portable signs, and advertising benches.
- Pole signs.
- Revolving signs or signs with a kinetic component.
- Roof mounted signs, except in the case of a contributing sign.
- Digital and/or LED lighted signs, not to include LED light sources that do not meet the definition of a sign.
- Moored balloons or other floating signs that are tethered to the ground or to a structure.
- a. Any sign which does not identify a business or service within the historic district or historic landmark.
- Any non-contributing sign which is abandoned or damaged beyond 50 percent of its replacement value, including parts of old or unused signs.

Notwithstanding the above, signs designated as a contributing sign or structure by the historic preservation officer shall not be prohibited unless or until such designation is revoked.

G. MULTI-TENANT PROPERTIES

i. *Signage Plan*—Develop a master signage plan or signage guidelines for the total building or property.

ii. *Directory signs*—Group required signage in a single directory sign to minimize visual color and promote a unified appearance.

3. Projecting and Wall-Mounted Signs

A. GENERAL

i. *Mounting devices*—Construct sign frames and panels that will be used to be attach signs to the wall of a building of wood, metal, or other durable materials appropriate to the building's period of construction.

ii. *Structural supports*—Utilize sign hooks, expansion bolts, or through bolts with washers on the inside of the wall depending upon the weight and area of the sign, and the condition of the wall to which it is to be attached.

iii. *Appropriate usage*—Limit the use of projecting and wall-mounted signs to building forms that historically used these types of signs, most typically commercial storefronts. To a lesser degree, these signage types may also be appropriate in areas where residential building forms have been adapted for office or retail uses, if sized accordingly.

B. PROJECTING SIGNS

i. *Placement*—Mount projecting signs perpendicularly to a building or column while allowing eight feet of overhead clearance above public walkways.

ii. *Public right-of-way*—Limit the extension of projecting signs from the building facade into the public right-of-way for a maximum distance of eight feet or a distance equal to two-thirds the width of the abutting sidewalk, whichever distance is greater.

iii. *Area*—Projecting signs should be scaled appropriately in response to the building façade and number of tenants.

C. WALL-MOUNTED SIGNS

i. *Area*—Limit the aggregate area of all wall-mounted signs to twenty-five percent of a building facade.

ii. *Projection*—Limit the projection of wall-mounted signs to less than twelve inches from the building wall.

iii. *Placement*—Locate wall signs on existing signboards—the area above the storefront windows and below the second

story windows—when available. Mount wall signs to align with others on the block if an existing signboard is not available.

iv. *Channel letters*—Avoid using internally-illuminated, wall-mounted channel letters for new signs unless historic precedent exists. Reverse channel letters may be permitted.

FINDINGS:

- a. The property located at 110 Tuleta features the Alamo Stadium constructed c. 1940 and Gymnasium constructed c. 1949 and are part of an Art Moderne sports complex within the San Antonio Independent School District. The facility is located at a former limestone quarry west of Brackenridge Park and the stadium is integrated into the site. Alamo Stadium and Gymnasium were listed within the National Register of Historic Places in 2011.
- b. **ALUMINUM SIGNAGE** – The applicant is requesting approval to install one (1), reverse-lit wall mounted aluminum sign on the existing convocation center located at 110 Tuleta. The proposed signage will feature an overall width of 77” and height of 54”. The total size of the sign will be approximately 29 square feet. The Historic Design Guidelines for Signage 1.A.i. states total requested signage should not exceed 50 square feet. Signage 1.D.ii. states to construct signs of durable materials used for signs during the period of the building’s construction, such as wood, wrought iron, steel, aluminum, and metal grill work. Signage 1.E.i. states to use only indirect or bare-bulb sources that do not produce glare to illuminate signs and internal illumination should not be used. Staff finds the proposed signage conforms to Guidelines.
- c. **BANNER SIGNAGE** – The applicant is requesting approval to install one (1), banner wall mounted sign on the existing convocation center located at 110 Tuleta. The proposed signage will feature an overall width of 375” and an overall height of 190”. The total size of the sign will be approximately 501 square feet and will not feature lighting. Staff finds the banner signage generally appropriate.

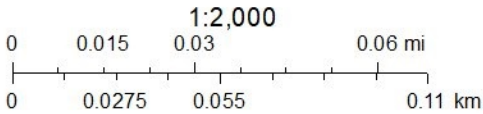
RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the request, based on the findings, as submitted.

City of San Antonio One Stop



March 27, 2025



SAISD BANNER & ILLUMINATED LOGO

MOCKUP



MEASUREMENTS



TYPE 1

BANNER

QUANTITY: 1
380" W X 190 H
DISTANCE FROM GROUND:
243.25"

APPROX. 501.39 SQ FT

MANUFACTURE AND INSTALL

- 1 - DIGITALLY-PRINTED BANNER, SINGLE-SIDED.
- 2 - 2.5" BLACK FRAME



BEFORE



LOCATION:



Client: JIM ZAVALA - SAISD
Address: ALAMO CONVOCATION CENTER, 110 TULETA DR, 78212
Location: SAN ANTONIO, TX
Sales: MIKE Designer: TSP

CLIENT SIGNATURE:

- X
- ☒ PROPOSAL DRAWING
☐ FINAL DRAWING

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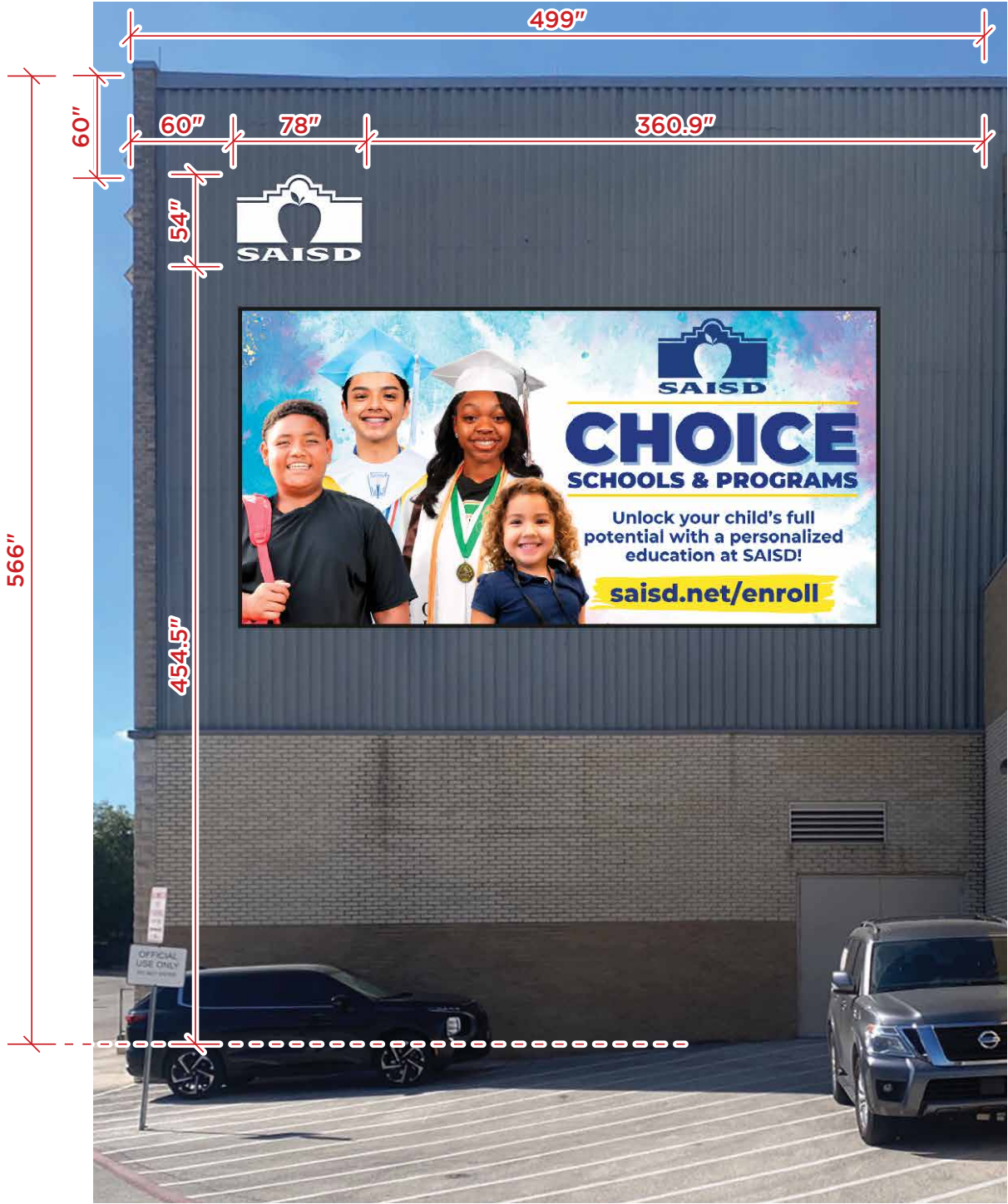
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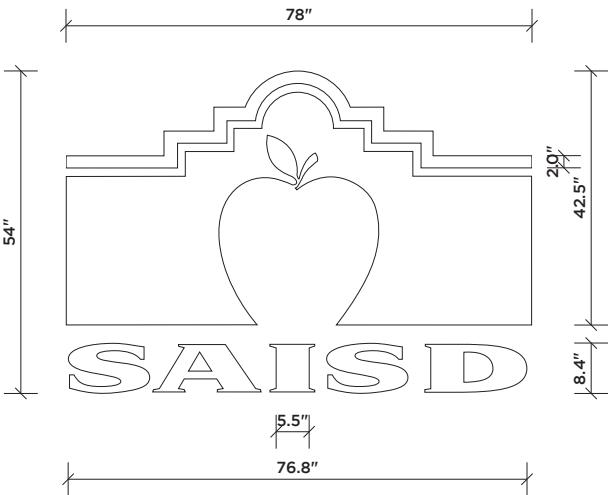
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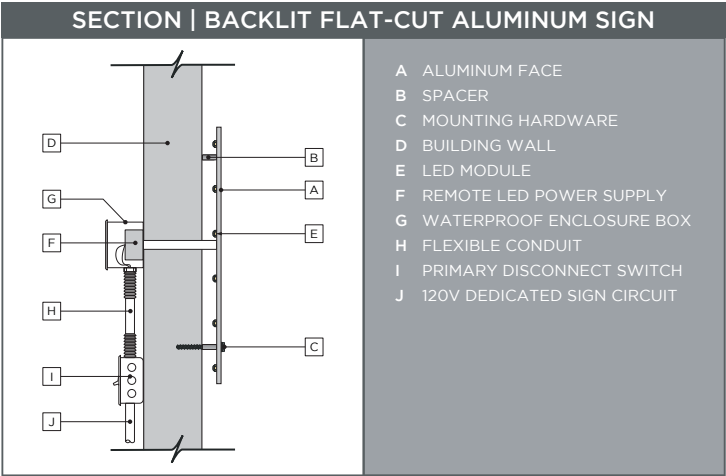
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MEASUREMENTS



SECTION



TYPE 2

QUANTITY: 1
78" W X 54 H
DISTANCE FROM GROUND:
454.5"

BACKLIT FLAT-CUT
ALUMINUM LETTERS
APPROX. 29.2 SQ FT

MANUFACTURE AND INSTALL

- 1 - BACKLIT FLAT-CUT ALUMINUM/PAINTED/RAISED OFF OF THE WALL



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