



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** January 7, 2025

**In Control:** Zoning Commission Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Amin Tohmaz, Interim Director

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** District 1

**SUBJECT:**

ZONING CASE Z-2024-10700309 HL

**SUMMARY:**

**Current Zoning:** "R-4 MLOD-2 MLR-2 AHOD" Residential Single-Family Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District

**Requested Zoning:** "R-4 HL MLOD-2 MLR-2 AHOD" Residential Single-Family Historic Landmark Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Zoning Commission Hearing Date:** January 7, 2025

**Case Manager:** Alexa Retana, Zoning Planner

**Property Owner:** Maria L. Cortez

**Applicant:** Office of Historic Preservation

**Representative:** Charles E. Gentry

**Location:** 2602 West Travis Street

**Legal Description:** Lot 1, Block 31, NCB 2280

**Total Acreage:** 0.1435 acres

### **Notices Mailed**

**Owners of Property within 200 feet:** 31

**Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet:** Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association

**City-Wide Community Organizations:** T.H.U.G.G.I.N for Christ, Women in Film & Television San Antonio, NES Foundation, and Lifeline Overeaters Anonymous Community Organizations

**Applicable Agencies:** Office of Historic Preservation, Lackland Air Force Base, Planning Department

### **Property Details**

**Property History:** The subject property was part of the original 36 square miles of the City of San Antonio and was originally zoned "B" Residence District. Under the 2001 Unified Development Code, established by Ordinance 93881, dated May 03, 2001, the property zoned "B" Residence District converted to the current "R-4" Residential Single-Family District.

### **Code & Permitting Details:**

There is no code enforcement or permitting history for the subject property.

**Topography:** The property does not include any abnormal physical features such as slope or inclusion in a floodplain.

### **Adjacent Base Zoning and Land Uses**

**Direction:** North

**Current Base Zoning:** R-4

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family Dwellings, School

**Direction:** South

**Current Base Zoning:** R-4, IDZ-2, C-2

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family Dwellings, Food Service Establishments, Spa

**Direction:** East

**Current Base Zoning:** R-4

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family Dwellings

**Direction:** West

**Current Base Zoning:** R-4, R-2

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family Dwellings

### **Overlay District Information:**

The "AHOD" Airport Hazard Overlay District, due to the location of the property and its proximity to an airport or approach path, does not restrict permitted uses, but can require additional review of construction plans by both the Development Services Department and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The "MLOD-2" Lackland Military Lighting Overlay District does not restrict permitted uses, but does regulate outdoor lighting in an effort to minimize night-time light pollution and its effects on operations at the military installation.

The "HL" Historic Landmark, "HS" Historic Significant or "HE" Historic Exceptional overlay district designation signifies the historic architectural character or cultural significance of the structure or location. Historic Landmark designations do not affect the possible uses of the property but do regulate the exterior aesthetic of the structure. Building plans and permit applications will be subject to review by the Office of Historic Preservation and the Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC) prior to any permits being issued.

**Special District Information:**

None.

**Transportation**

**Thoroughfare:** West Travis Street

**Existing Character:** Local

**Proposed Changes:** None known.

**Thoroughfare:** North Chupaderas Street

**Existing Character:** Local

**Proposed Changes:** None known.

**Public Transit:** There is public transit within walking distance of the subject property.

**Routes Served:** 77, 277, 75, 76, 275, 276

**Traffic Impact:** A Traffic Impact Worksheet was submitted. Any additional traffic requirements will be reviewed at the build permit phase of the project.

**Parking Information:** The current use is residential single family and no proposed uses. Any further traffic requirements will be evaluated at the Building Permit phase.

**ISSUE:**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

**Current Zoning:** "R-4" Residential Single-Family District allows for single-family dwelling (detached) with a minimum lot size of 4,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 35 feet, foster family home, public and private schools.

**Proposed Zoning:** "R-4 HL" Residential Single-Family District allows for single-family dwelling (detached) with a minimum lot size of 4,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 35 feet, foster family home, public and private schools.

This request for "HL" adds a Historic Overlay.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**PROXIMITY TO REGIONAL CENTER/PREMIUM TRANSIT CORRIDOR:**

Subject property is not located within a Regional Center but is located within ½ a mile from the Commerce – Houston Metro Premium Plus Corridor and the Zarzamora Metro Premium Plus Corridor.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Staff Analysis and Recommendation:** Staff recommends Approval.

**Criteria for Review: According to Section 35-421, zoning amendments shall be based on approval criteria below.**

1. **Consistency:** The subject property is not located within a Neighborhood, Community, or Sector Plan therefore a finding of consistency is based on existing and surrounding zoning and uses. The requested addition of “HL” Historic Landmark to the base zoning district would be consistent with the surrounding area.
2. **Adverse Impacts on Neighboring Lands:** Staff does not find evidence of likely adverse impacts on neighboring lands in relation to this zoning change request. The proposed rezoning is for the application of historic designation and does not change the current use or base zoning designation.
3. **Suitability as Presently Zoned:** The proposed rezoning is for the application of “HL” Historic Landmark Overlay designation and does not change the current base zoning designation.
4. **Health, Safety and Welfare:** Staff has not found indication of likely adverse effects on the public health, safety, or welfare.
5. **Public Policy:** The request does not appear to conflict with any public policy. Relevant Goals and Policies of the Comprehensive Master Plan:
  - GCF Goal 5: Growth and city form support improved livability in existing and future neighborhoods.
  - GCF Goal 6: Growth and city form support community health and wellness.
  - GCF: Develop a plan to preserve and maintain affordable housing within revitalizing neighborhoods and along transit corridors.
6. **Size of Tract:** The 0.1435 acre site is of sufficient size to accommodate the existing residential development and historic designation.
7. **Other Factors:** The request for landmark designation was initiated by the owner. The application is for an “HL” Historic Landmark designation for the “R-4” Residential Single-Family District.

On November 6, 2024, the Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC) approved a Finding of Historic Significance, identifying the property as historically significant based on

criteria listed in Section 35-607 (b) of the Unified Development Code. The criteria identified as being applicable to the subject property are specified below. HDRC concurred with the applicant that 2602 West Travis Street met UDC criterion [35-607(b)3], [35-607(b)5], [35-607(b)8], and [35-607(b)13] for a finding of historic significance in the process of seeking designation as a local historic landmark. In order to be eligible for landmark designation, a property must meet at least three of the criteria; 2602 West Travis Street meets three.

3. Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state, or nation; for its association with the Tarbutton family.

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 bungalow with a low-pitched, hipped roof with overhanging eaves, vented dormers, and L-shaped front porch supported by round columns.

8. Its historical, architectural, or cultural integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship; as an example of a Craftsman bungalow in the Prospect Hill 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 on a corner property in the Prospect Hill Neighborhood.

The subject property is located within the Lackland AFB Awareness Zone/Military Influence Area. In accordance with the signed Memorandum of Understanding, JB SA was notified of the proposed request. The Military has indicated that there are no objections to this request.