

HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

July 19, 2023

HDRC CASE NO: 2023-246
ADDRESS: 2507 FREDERICKSBURG RD
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 6707 BLK 17 LOT 18 THRU 23 & E 40 FT OF 17
ZONING: R-6 S, H
CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 7
DISTRICT: Monticello Park Historic District
APPLICANT: Cynthia P Garcia | Four Brothers Fences
OWNER: Ronald Ottinger | Redeemer Evan Lutheran Church
TYPE OF WORK: Fence and gate installation
APPLICATION RECEIVED: June 20, 2023
60-DAY REVIEW: August 19, 2023
CASE MANAGER: Bryan Morales

REQUEST:

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

1. Install ten, six feet tall wrought iron gates.
2. Install two, six feet tall chain link gates on the south side of the parking lot.
3. Install a six feet tall wrought iron fence along the property line.
4. Install a six feet tall chain link fence on the south side of the parking lot.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

Historic Design Guidelines, Chapter 5, Guidelines for Site Elements

2. Fences and Walls

A. HISTORIC FENCES AND WALLS

- i. *Preserve*—Retain historic fences and walls.
- ii. *Repair and replacement*—Replace only deteriorated sections that are beyond repair. Match replacement materials (including mortar) to the color, texture, size, profile, and finish of the original.
- iii. *Application of paint and cementitious coatings*—Do not paint historic masonry walls or cover them with stone facing or stucco or other cementitious coatings.

B. NEW FENCES AND WALLS

- i. *Design*—New fences and walls should appear similar to those used historically within the district in terms of their scale, transparency, and character. Design of fence should respond to the design and materials of the house or main structure.
- ii. *Location*—Avoid installing a fence or wall in a location where one did not historically exist, particularly within the front yard. The appropriateness of a front yard fence or wall is dependent on conditions within a specific historic district. New front yard fences or wall should not be introduced within historic districts that have not historically had them.
- iii. *Height*—Limit the height of new fences and walls within the front yard to a maximum of four feet. The appropriateness of a front yard fence is dependent on conditions within a specific historic district. New front yard fences should not be introduced within historic districts that have not historically had them. If a taller fence or wall existed historically, additional height may be considered. The height of a new retaining wall should not exceed the height of the slope it retains.
- iv. *Prohibited materials*—Do not use exposed concrete masonry units (CMU), Keystone or similar interlocking retaining wall systems, concrete block, vinyl fencing, or chain link fencing.
- v. *Appropriate materials*—Construct new fences or walls of materials similar to fence materials historically used in the district. Select materials that are similar in scale, texture, color, and form as those historically used in the district, and that are compatible with the main structure. Screening incompatible uses—Review alternative fence heights and materials for appropriateness where residential properties are adjacent to commercial or other potentially incompatible uses.

C. PRIVACY FENCES AND WALLS

- i. *Relationship to front facade*—Set privacy fences back from the front façade of the building, rather than aligning them with the front façade of the structure to reduce their visual prominence.

- ii. *Location* – Do not use privacy fences in front yards.

FINDINGS:

- a. The property located at 2507 Fredericksburg Rd is a stone-clad church constructed in 1942 and first appears on the 1951 Sanborn map. The primary structure features a cross-gabled composition shingle roof, stained glass windows, a tall cross, and a bell tower. This property contributes to the Monticello Park Historic District.
- b. **FENCE INSTALLATION (LOCATION)** – The applicant is requesting to install a six feet tall wrought iron and chain link fence around the perimeter of the property. The Historic Design Guidelines for Site Elements 2.B.iii. states the appropriateness of a front yard fence is dependent on the conditions within a specific historic district. Guidelines for Site Elements 2.B.ii. states fence installation should be avoided where one did not historically exist, particularly within the front yard. Additionally, new fences and walls should appear similar to those used historically within the district in terms of their scale, transparency, and character. The design of the fence should respond to the design and materials of the house or main structure. The property is on the northeastern-most portion of Monticello Park along Fredericksburg Road, and the front façade features a setback from the public right-of-way. Staff finds the fencing location generally appropriate.
- c. **FENCE AND GATE INSTALLATION (HEIGHT)** – The applicant is requesting to install a six feet tall wrought iron and chain link fence around the perimeter of the property along with twelve, six feet tall gates. Guidelines for Site Elements 2.B.iii. states the height of new fences within the front yard should be limited to four feet. The appropriateness of a front yard fence is dependent on the conditions within a specific historic district. In this case, Monticello Park historically does not feature front yard fences. If a taller fence or wall existed historically, additional height may be considered. Since the building has a commercial context along Fredericksburg Road, staff finds that the green space along Fredericksburg and San Francisco provides a buffer zone between the public right-of-way and the structure. In addition, an open six feet tall fence will not obscure or detract from the structure or its architectural features due to the scale of the historic structure. Staff finds the height generally appropriate.
- d. **FENCE AND GATE INSTALLATION (MATERIALS)** – The applicant is requesting to install a six feet tall wrought iron and chain link fence around the perimeter of the property along with twelve, six feet tall gates. Guidelines for Site Elements 2.B.iv. states to not use exposed concrete masonry units (CMU), Keystone or similar interlocking retaining wall systems, concrete block, vinyl fencing, or chain link fencing. Staff finds the installation of chain link fencing and gates at this property does not conform to guidelines.
- e. **GATE INSTALLATION** – The applicant is requesting to install four pedestrian and one vehicle gates at the northside of the property, one pedestrian gate at the east, and three pedestrian and three vehicle gates at the south. Guidelines for Site Elements 2.B.i. states new fences and walls should appear similar to those used historically within the district in terms of their scale, transparency, and character. Design of the fence should respond to the design and materials of the house or main structure. Staff finds the locations of the proposed gates to be generally appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of items 1 through 4, based on findings a through e, with the following stipulations:

- i. That the fence and gates not exceed six feet in height.
- ii. That the applicant install a wrought iron fence and gates instead of the proposed chain link material.

City of San Antonio One Stop



July 12, 2023



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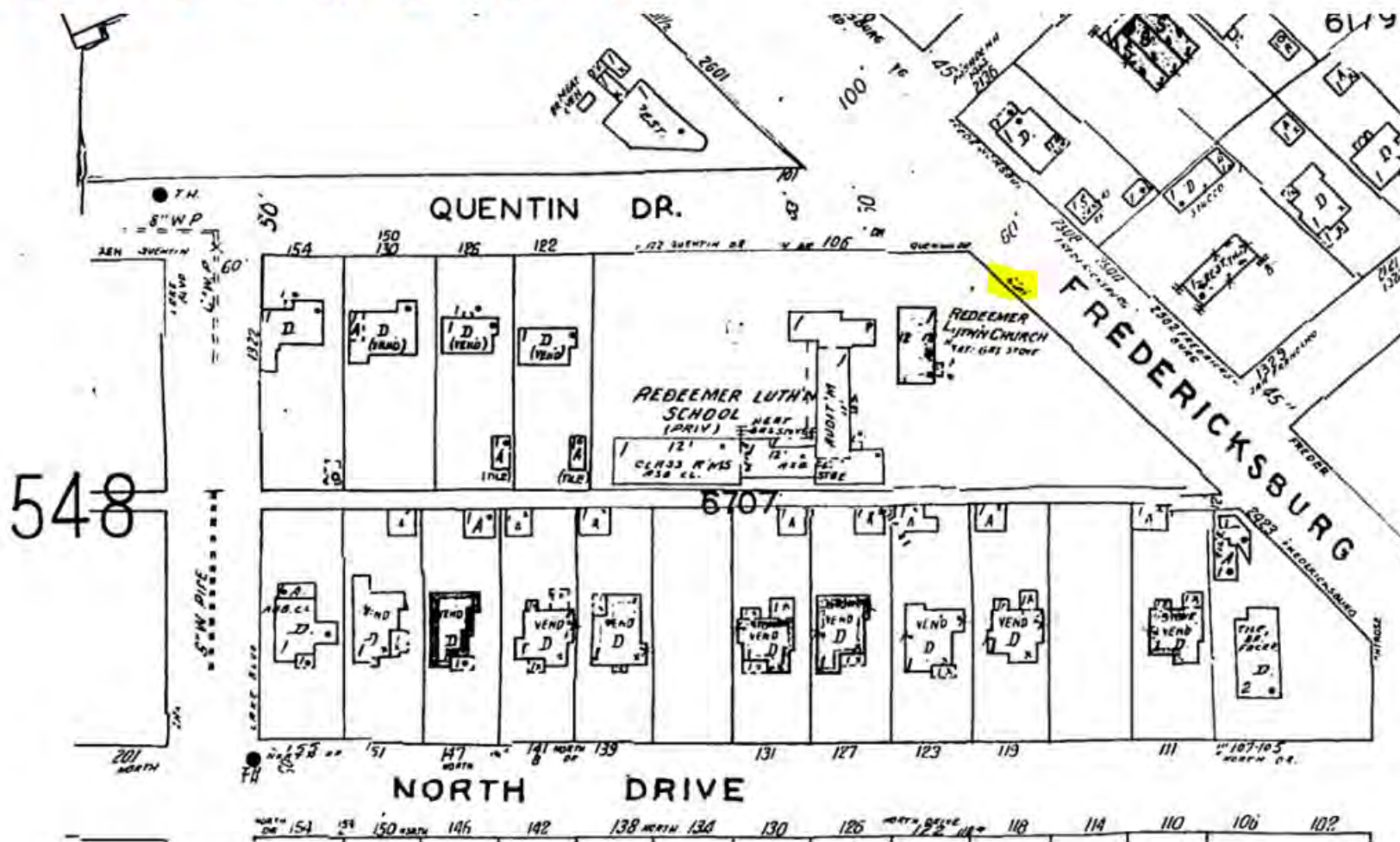
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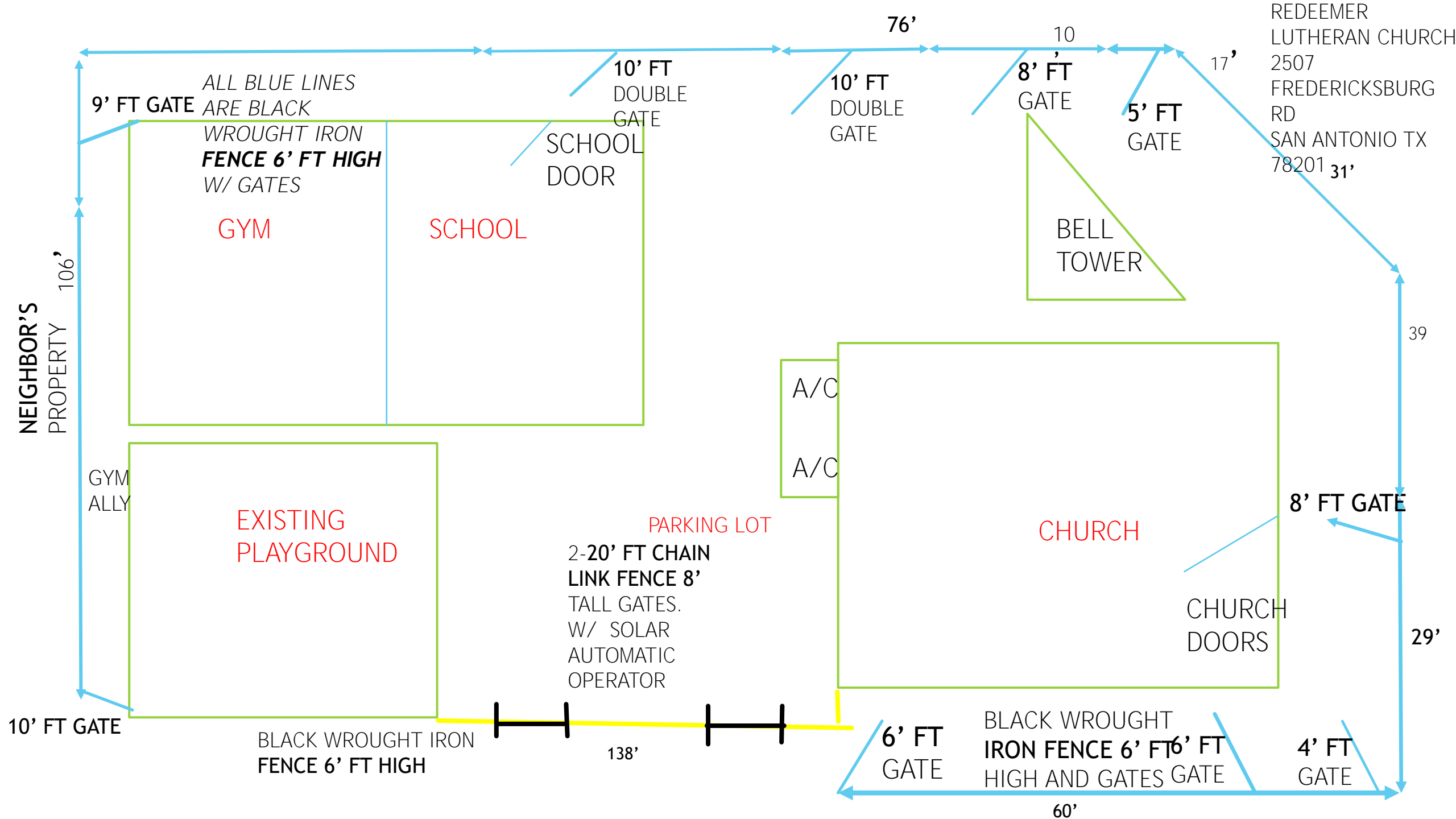
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Work of scope:

Wrought Iron fencing



- ▶ **2'x2'x8' square tubing set every 8' ft in concrete**
- ▶ 6x8 powder coated panels attached to each post welded/bolted
- ▶ Gates fabbed to size to fit desired location
- ▶ Prime/paint welds

Chain link fencing

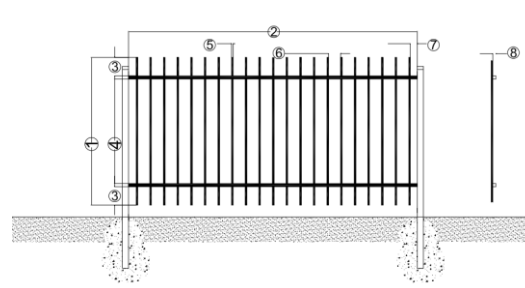
- **2 3/8"x10' black tubing set every 10' ft in concrete**
- **Using 1 7/8" black round pipe for railings for post to post**
- **3 1/2 x10 black round tubing for the gate roller mounts**
- **Stretch vinyl black chain link mesh**
- **Gates fabbed to size to fit desired location**
- **Install solar powered gate operators**
- **Prime/paint welds**



Example of chain link fence/gates. Color coded yellow for chain link

① 70"	⑧ 3-15/16"	<i>Strength</i> ISAIAH 40:29-31		 I NTERNATIONAL A RCHITECTURAL M ETALS		
② 7'-10"	⑥ 1/2" X 18Ga					
③ 6"	⑦ 2-11/16"					
④ 4'-10"	⑨ 1" X 16Ga					
PRODUCT: PICKET STYLE PANEL		<i>Ornamental Fencing</i>				
PRODUCT NUMBER: PIC 6X8-12						
DRAWING REVISION DATE:						
MISC NOTES:		206 East Hwy 80 Phone: (972)564-3388 Forney Texas, 75126 Fax: (972)564-3001 WWW.IAM-METALS.COM				

Wrought
Iron Fence/
color coded
blue





6' FT WROUGHT IRON FENCE

8' FT
SINGLE
GATE



6' ft high 4 ft
wide black
wrought iron
gate



6x8 black wrought iron fence



6' ft gate





