



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

June 6, 2018

STATEMENT:

TO: Michael Guarino, Chair, and Members
Historic and Design Review Commission, City of San Antonio

RE: Agenda Item 23 – 819 Augusta, 726 McCullough Avenue, 723 Brooklyn Avenue, 516
Dallas Street, 727 Brooklyn Avenue/Augusta at McCullough
HDRC Case No. 2018-265

The San Antonio Conservation Society is pleased with the care taken in planning to move the historic Claudius King House from 819 Augusta Street. However, we are profoundly disappointed with the proposed design for the multi-family structure that will face this landmark.

The Claudius King House, designed by noted local architect Alfred Giles, is a stone building of simple distinction in form, material, and ornamentation. The proposed structure does not have such distinction, but resembles other generic, multi-family complexes on the edges of downtown. By not relating the new construction to the King House in any way, we believe the developers are missing an opportunity to create a sense of continuity between the historic building and its new neighbor. More effort would result in a more pleasing and cohesive streetscape.

Respectfully,

SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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