

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 38: 705 East Grayson

HDRC Case No. 2018-253

The San Antonio Conservation Society supports a finding of historic significance for the Dr. C.C. Cade house at 705 East Grayson. We concur that this 1922 Colonial Revival style house meets the three criteria for eligibility identified by the Office of Historic Preservation, with special emphasis on criterion (4): its identification as the work of a master builder, designer, or architect.

Architect Lou Harrington, who designed the Cade house, established the architectural and engineering firm of Harrington & Company in San Antonio in 1916. Other buildings of note designed by his firm and erected in the early 1920s include the Maverick Building at 400 E. Houston Street and the Woodlawn Ice Factory on Fredericksburg Road. Prior to striking out for himself, he served as the local manager for the noted Fort Worth firm of Sanguinet & Staats. Some of his early San Antonio projects included the Gibbs Building, the Wolff and Marx (now the Rand) Building, and the T.C. Frost residence.

The house is also a fine example of Colonial Revival styling with its side gable roof, central plan and symmetrical façade of multi-light windows with shutters. The classical entrance featuring paired columns, a Classical pediment, and entrance doors with sidelights and a lunette toplight make it a rarely detailed example of this style in San Antonio.

Landmark designation would help preserve this distinctive home near the Government Hill Historic District and allow the owner to qualify for tax incentives.

Respectfully,

SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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