



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

September 19, 2018

STATEMENT:

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

RE: Agenda Item 5 – 213 Sweet (Nathan Historic District)
HDRC Case No. 2018-442

The house at 213 Sweet is a fine example of a modest Texas vernacular style structure. While the San Antonio Conservation Society is not opposed to the concept of an addition to 213 Sweet, we are concerned about this particular design proposal. The proposed addition is completely out of scale with the original house. The addition becomes the dominant mass and dwarfs the original historic home.

The comparison of the proposed addition to the height of neighboring homes is irrelevant in this case as the existing structure at 213 Sweet is much smaller than those homes. New additions should always be subordinate in scale to the existing historic structure.

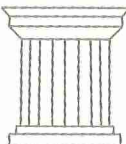
We believe that this proposal needs further design development that will better respect the scale of the existing historic house.

Respectfully submitted,

SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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