

October 2, 2019

STATEMENT:

Historic and Design Review Commission, City of San Antonio TO:

RE: Agenda Item B-22: 415 N Mesquite Street / 105-113 Brown

HDRC Case No. 2019-480

While the Society is not opposed to appropriate infill in Dignowity Hill, we continue to have serious concerns about this project.

The scale of these units is not compatible with the surrounding residential structures. This is especially evident at Brown and Mesquite, where two proposed multi-story units seem to surround and dominate the existing historic single-story house.

We also question the use of flat roofed, modernistic architecture that is illustrated in one of the units. This type of design is not compatible with the historic neighborhood residential design vocabulary and is inconsistent, in design, with the other proposed units presented in this project.

We concur with the staff recommendations that the applicant has not yet addressed all stipulations of the conceptual approval as they relate to scale and character. We do not recommend approval of this project as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

THE CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO

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