



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
**OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

**SAN ANTONIO HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION  
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES  
June 02, 2021**

The City of San Antonio Historic and Design Review Commission met via videoconference on Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chairman Fetzer called the emergency meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Fish, Gibbs, Velasquez, Zumarán, Carpenter, Grube, Fetzer, and Laffoon.

Absent: Fernandez, Arreola, and Bowman.

*\* Interpreter services are available during the meeting. The meeting is also being recorded in Spanish.*

**CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT:**

Chairman Fetzer provided a statement regarding meeting and appeal processes, time limits and decorum.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Scheduled Emergency Hearing about 821 W. Commerce to start 6:30 p.m. to address immediate concerns about the conditions of the structure and public safety.

**HDRC AGENDA NO. 21-4178**

ADDRESS: 821 W COMMERCE

APPLICANT: Patrick Christensen

**REQUEST:**

Discussion and recommendation regarding emergency demolition orders affecting the property at 821 W Commerce, Whitt Print Co. Building, and alternatives including but not limited to building stabilization.

**FINDINGS:**

- a. Removal of partially collapsed roof structure, debris inside, and concrete masonry infill walls. Preservation of full concrete structure (i.e. primary structural frame) and bracing the façade on Houston street. The two story rear portion of the structure may be removed. This plan for stabilization of the primary historic structure was recommended by the HDRC an emergency hearing on June 2, 2021.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Removal of partially collapsed roof structure, debris inside, and concrete masonry infill walls . Preservation of full concrete structure (i.e., primary structural frame) and bracing the façade on Houston street. Wood elements of historic facade to remain in place until a preservation plan is further developed. The two story rear portion of the structure may be removed. Contractor to work closely with OHP on progress and notify both OHP and DSD prior to executing any changes in scope.

# HDRC EMERGENCY HEARING 6/2/21

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Donna Guerra, Steven Bisty, The Conservation Society, Darrel Owenbush, Federica Kushner, Gwen, Rick Morales, Velma Peña, Paul Kinnoson, Gemma Kennedy, Tony Garcia, Richard Garcia, Antonia Castañeda, Susana Segura, Grace Rose Gonzalez, Henry Rodriguez, and Amalia Valdez representing David A Whit - oppose to demolition and seek preservation of the building as it is a vital part of the westside community.

Mark Schultz, Rafael Garza, Lizzy Tenorio, Eric Ortiz, Des Rodriguez, Greg Garcia, Thomas D Short, Maricela Garza, Cisneros Rodriguez, Jesus Garcia, Irma Garcia, and Walter Pang - support demolition due to public safety concerns.


**MOTION:** Commissioner Fish moved to support staff recommendations as presented - stabilize the one-story structure, keep the façade, columns, and beams to address the interior concerns; and inclusive of demolition of the rear two-story accessory structure.  
Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYE: Fish, Gibbs, Velasquez, Zumarán, Carpenter, Grube, Bowman, and Fetzer.  
NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Fernandez, Arreola, and Bowman.

**ACTION:** The MOTION PASSED with 8 AYE. 0 NAY. 3 ABSENT.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED



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Jeffrey Fetzer, Chair  
Historic Design Review Commission  
City of San Antonio

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

6/17/21