

be made available to the property owners of historic landmarks or within historic districts.

- (1) Every reasonable effort shall be made to adapt the property in a manner which requires minimal alteration of the building, structure, object, or site and its environment.
- (2) The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, object, or site and its environment shall not be destroyed when possible. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible.
- (3) All buildings, structures, objects, and sites shall be recognized as products of their own time. Alterations that have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance shall be discouraged.
- (4) Changes which may have taken place in the course of time are evidence of the history and development of a building, structure, object, or site and its environment. These changes may have acquired significance in their own right, and this significance shall be recognized and respected.
- (5) Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a building, structure, object, or site shall be kept where possible.
- (6) Deteriorated architectural features shall be repaired rather than replaced, wherever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material shall reflect the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. Repair or replacement of missing architectural features should be based on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historical, physical, or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.
- (7) The surface cleaning of structures shall be undertaken with the gentlest means possible. Sandblasting and other cleaning methods that will damage the historic building materials shall not be undertaken.
- (8) Every reasonable effort shall be made to protect and preserve archeological resources affected by, or adjacent to, any project.
- (9) Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties shall not be discouraged when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historical, architectural, or cultural material, and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.
- (10) Wherever possible, new additions or alterations to buildings, structures, objects, or sites shall be done in such a manner that if such additions or alterations were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the building, structure, object, or site would be unimpaired.

FINDINGS:

a. The building located at 214 W San Antonio is a one-story commercial structure with a traditional storefront system at the street level. The HLC previously approved several modifications to the front façade of the building including a new awning and signage. The building is in the Downtown Historic District.

b. **EXTERIOR ALTERATION** - The applicant is requesting to remove the decorative banding that runs

parallel on the brick façade due to structural issues. Based on the photographs and an in-person site visit, the banding appears to be made of concrete and it is unclear at what time this was added to the building. Per **Criteria 2**, the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building shall not be destroyed when possible and the removal of historic material should be avoided when possible.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Although it is unclear when the banding was added to the building, to be consistent with the current criteria for approval staff finds that the banding should remain in place where possible.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. GIS Location Map
2. Pictures