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Historic and Design Review Commission  
1901 S Alamo St  
San Antonio, Texas 78204

Re: Case #2016-2966: 204 Wickes St. – *King William District*  
Certificate of Appropriateness – Front Porch Addition

Dear HDRC Commissioners,

The King William Association Architectural Advisory Committee met to review the project and does not concur with the OHP staff recommendation for approval for the following reasons:

1. This modest duplex is an intact example of Minimal Traditional structures developed during the Depression Era of the 1930's.
2. Per the attached Sanborn map, this house has had a stoop of the same size as the current stoop. A new expanded porch configuration should not be allowed based on styles of porches built prior to this house such as provided in the application.
3. The Secretary of Interiors Standards of Preservation #2 applies to non-period additions such as this proposed porch. "The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The replacement of intact or repairable historic materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided."
4. Secretary of Interior Standards for Restoration #7. Replacement of missing features from the restoration period will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence. A false sense of history will not be created by adding conjectural features, features from other properties, or by combining features that never existed together historically.
5. Historic Preservation should be about protecting the stylistic integrity of a building be it modest or grand. Minimal Traditional Style is very simple.
6. Infill development houses whether added in 1930, 1970, or 2000 should reflect their time frame, not be changed to "fit in better" or "meet the expectation" of buyers.

Best Regards,

Mickey Conrad  
Chair, Architectural Advisory Committee

Harry Shafer  
President, KWA Board of Directors