550 Heights Blvd.,No. C Houston Heights South

#### CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Application Date: November 7, 2024

Applicant:, Yi Liang, agent for the owner

Property: 550 Heights Blvd., Block 290, Lot Res A, Houston Heights South Neighborhood

Subdivision. The property includes a non-historic 8,032 square foot, single-story concrete block building, with a stone veneer with painted stucco façade panels, it is a retail multi-occupancy building situated on a 20,382 square foot lot ( $100' \times 100'$ ) x

160) corner lot.

Significance: Non-contributing contemporary style retail building, constructed circa 2003, located

in the Houston Heights South Historic District.

Proposal: Alteration - installation of 2 signs over 25 SF

332 ½ sq. ft. total area of 2 signs, which area non-illuminated

Meets Heights Design Guidelines

• Sign constructed of aluminum, mounted acrylic cutout letters, applied vinyl graphics on aluminum, sign mounted with hardware on to stucco wall.

**NON-ILLUMINATED** 

See attached drawings for details

Public Comment: No public comment received.

Civic Association: No comment received.

**Recommendation: Approval** 

HAHC Action: -

Note: All materials in exterior walls, including windows, siding, framing lumber, and interior shiplap (if originally present) must be retained except where removal or replacement has been explicitly approved per this Certificate. Shiplap is an integral structural component of the exterior wall assembly in balloon framed structures and removal can cause torquing, twisting and collapse of exterior walls. Shiplap may be carefully shored and removed in small portions to insulate, run wire or plumbing, and should be replaced when the work is complete. Maintenance and minor in-kind repairs of exterior materials may be undertaken without HAHC approval, but if extensive damage of any exterior wall element is encountered during construction, contact staff before removing or replacing the materials. A revised COA may be required.

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COA valid for two years from effective date. COA is in addition to any other permits or approvals required by municipal, state and federal law. Permit plans must be stamped by Planning & Development Department for COA compliance prior to submitting for building or sign permits. Any revisions to the approved project scope may require a new COA.

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#### **APPROVAL CRITERIA**

### ALTERATIONS TO NONCONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES

Sec. 33-241.1(b): Director shall issue a certificate of appropriateness for the alteration, rehabilitation, or restoration of a non-contributing structure or an addition to a **noncontributing structure in an historic district** upon finding that the application satisfies the following criteria, as applicable:

S	D	NA		S - satisfies D - does not satisfy NA - not applicable
			(1)	For an alteration, rehabilitation, or restoration that does not require the removal or replacement of the structural elements, not including the foundation, within 67 percent of the structure:
				(a) The proposed activity must recognize the building, structure, object or site as a product of its own time and avoid alterations that seek to create an earlier or later appearance; and
				(b) The proposed activity must match the architectural features, materials, and character of either the existing noncontributing structure or the contributing structures within the context area.
			(2)	For an alteration, rehabilitation, or restoration that requires the removal or replacement of the structural elements, not including the foundation, within 67 percent or more of the structure, the director shall refer the application to the HAHC, which shall approve a certificate of appropriateness if the result of the project conforms to the requirements for new construction in a historic district in section 33-242 of this Code.
			(3)	For an addition to a noncontributing structure:
				(a) The distance from the property line to the front and side walls, porches, and exterior features of any proposed addition or alteration must be compatible with the distance from the property line of similar elements of existing contributing structures in the context area; and
				(b) The noncontributing structure with the constructed addition is compatible with the typical proportions and scale of existing contributing structures in the context area.

## **PROPERTY LOCATION**

## HOUSTON HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT SOUTH

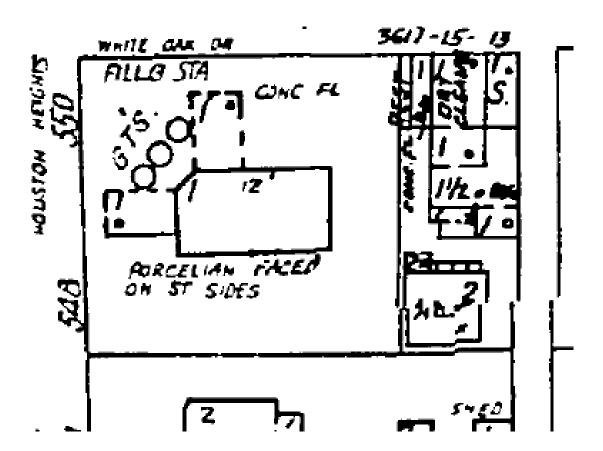


Contributing

Non-Contributing

Park

## **SANBORN MAP**



## **CONTEXT AREA**





## **INVENTORY PHOTO**



### **SITE - EXISTING & PROPOSED**



#### SIGN DETAILS

