

**DEMOLITIONS WITHIN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association (DHNA) Board, based on the recommendations of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC), convey the following regarding the Dignowity Hill Historic District (DHHD) and the topic of demolitions in our historic district. In general:

- We are not in support of the demolition of viable, historic structures located within the boundaries of the DHHD. The DHHD is comprised of hundreds of historic structures built and modified over a 175 year period, and the resulting historic character is diverse and eclectic, yet distinct primarily as a collection of single family homes on spacious lots. Historic commercial, industrial and institutional structures exist in lesser numbers and are equally valued.
- We acknowledge that historic structures are those that are inventoried by the City of San Antonio's Office of Historic Preservation and are determined to be contributing at varying levels to the historic district.
- We acknowledge that the viability of an endangered structure can be determined by preservationist-minded professionals in the architectural and building trade who are experienced advocates for historic structures.
- We recognize that the demolition of historic resources is the least desirable outcome for our historic structures in Dignowity Hill. Once a structure is gone, it's gone forever and we lose the documented historic and urban fabric that characterizes our neighborhood.
- We are in support of CoSA OHP staff's and DHNA involvement in providing sustainable options to the current or future owners for the survival of our historic structures.
- We love our old structures and support all efforts to effectively rehabilitate, renovate and preserve them, and we also acknowledge that the "greenest" building is an existing one. Many DHNA members have resurrected or are in the process of resurrecting structures that with a brief look by others might've been considered demolition-ready. We see embodied value in these worn structures and know there are others who also see the value as we maintain the historic character of our neighborhood.

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