



## PHAP26-00025

**Date:** June 11, 2026  
**Application Type:** Certificate of Appropriateness  
**Property Owner:** Ernest and Alicia Armstrong  
**Representative:** Ernest and Alicia Armstrong  
**Legal Description:** 18 Sunset Heights E 1/2 Of 1 To 5 (9535 Sq Ft), City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas  
**Historic District:** Sunset Heights  
**Location:** 901 W. Yandell Drive  
**Representative District:** #8  
**Existing Zoning:** R-4/H (Residential/Historic)  
**Year Built:** 1900  
**Historic Status:** Contributing  
**Request:** Certificate of Appropriateness for covering rock walls with stucco  
**Application Filed:** 5/7/2026  
**45 Day Expiration:** 6/21/2026



### ITEM #2

#### GENERAL INFORMATION:

The applicant seeks approval for:

Certificate of Appropriateness for covering rock walls with stucco

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Historic Preservation Office recommends APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS of the proposed scope of work based on the following recommendations:

*The Design Guidelines for El Paso's Historic Districts, Sites, and Properties* recommend the following:

- *Construction of new fences, stairs, or sidewalk rails and replacement of older existing fences is allowed on historic properties provided that the proposed site feature is of a compatible material and scale. Rock, brick, wood and wrought iron are acceptable materials but each case is decided individually. Cinder block and chain link fencing are relatively recent developments and are therefore not appropriate fencing materials.*
- *The height of the proposed fence should complement the structure (primarily as viewed from the street) and should not obstruct the public's view of the building. For instance, a large structure set back far from the street may be a more appropriate site for the construction of a tall fence than a small house with a 25-foot front yard setback.*
- *Solid walls are appropriate for the side property lines while an open fencing material is more appropriate for the front portion of the property.*
- *Retain fences and walls that contribute to the historic character of the property and the district where possible. If replacement is necessary, replace only the deteriorated element to match the original in dimension, proportion, material, texture, and detail.*
- *Introduce new retaining walls constructed of brick, stone, or stucco covered concrete in a design consistent with the property and the neighborhood.*
- *Introduce new fences and walls compatible in material, design, scale, location, and size with original fences and walls in the historic district.*
- *The height of the proposed fence should complement the structure and should not obstruct the public's view of the building. Any proposed fence higher than 32" solid or 48" open, measured from ground level, at front property line or a side yard property line on a corner lot, shall be reviewed by the HLC. Any proposed fence higher than 6 ft., between buildings on an interior property line or across the rear property line, shall be reviewed by the HLC.*

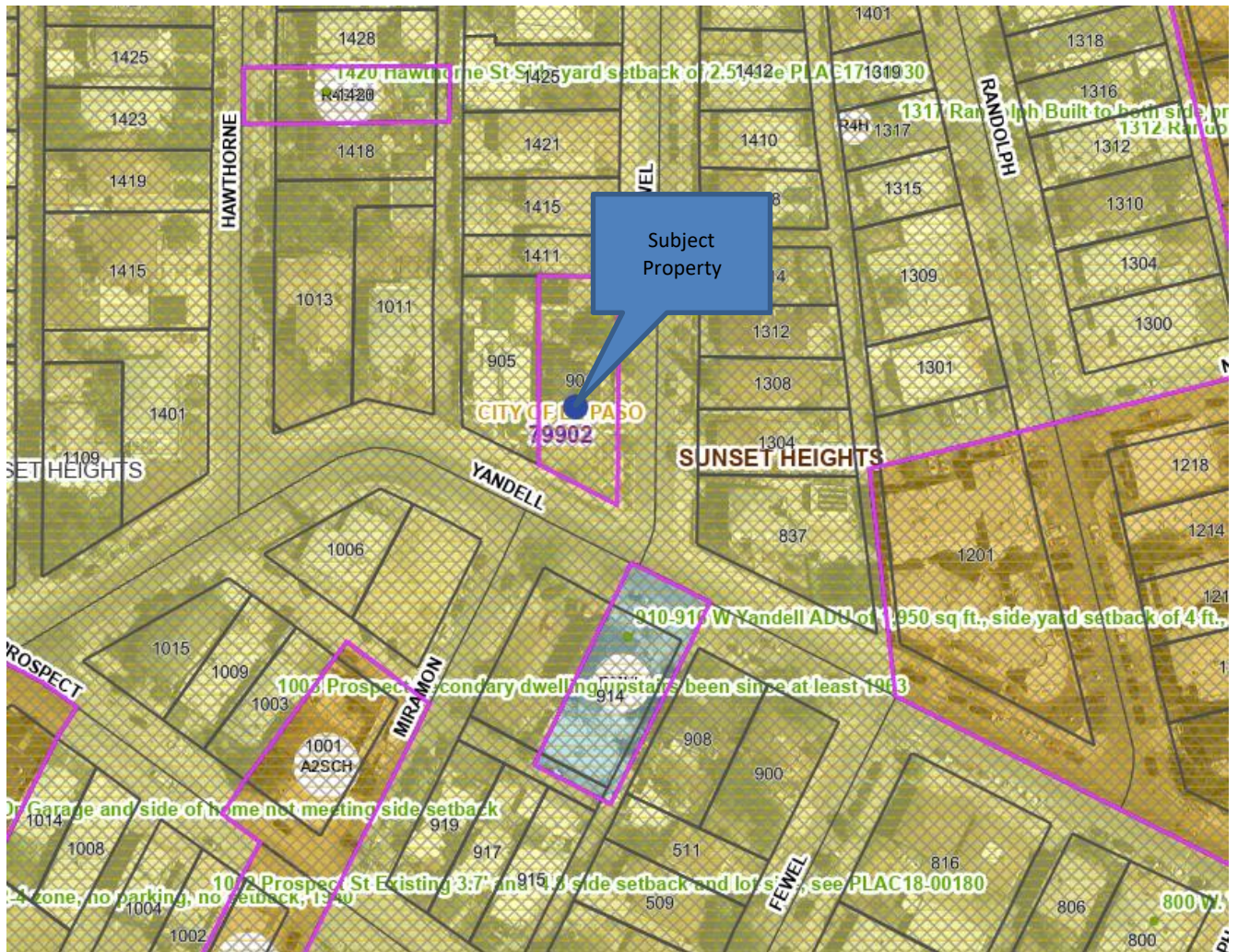
*The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* recommend the following:

- *The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.*

*The modifications are that the rock wall constructed in the front yard be replaced with a metal picket fence and that the rock wall remain uncovered..*

**AERIAL MAP**





**ROCK WALL IN YARD**

