

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**  
**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**  
**C14H-1978-0030**  
**Risher-Nicholas Building**  
**422 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street**

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**PROPOSAL**

Construct a new roof deck from the building to the top of the one-story adjacent building, facing Neches Street.

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**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

The applicant proposes to construct a new roof deck on top of the one-story building at 604 Neches Street; it will be accessed from the second story of the landmarked building. The deck will be built approximately 24" above the roof of the one-story building, and will be set back from the parapet wall overlooking Neches Street. The deck will have a standard metal railing around the perimeter of the deck.

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**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness include:

- Do not destroy the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Avoid the removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features.
- Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.
- Construct new additions or alterations to structures in such a manner that if such addition or alteration were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure will be unimpaired.
- Conceal the installation of protective or code-required mechanical systems whenever possible so as not to intrude upon or detract from the aesthetic and historical qualities of the property, except where concealment would result in the alteration or destruction of historically-significant materials or spaces.

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Set the deck and railing back from the parapet.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the application as proposed with the request to set the railing and use as far back from the street façade as possible. The applicant has revised his plans for the deck in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee to move the railing back from the building parapet.