Commercial Architecture Guide 6/6/2011 **Nacogdoches City Survey** 2 1 Two-Part Commercial Block **Enframed Window Wall** One-Part Commercial Block 5 4 6 7 Temple Front Stacked Vertical Block Two-Part Vertical Block Three-Part Vertical Block 8 9 10 11 Vault **Enframed Block** Central Block with Wings Arcaded Block 1. The one-part commercial block has a single story lower zone. With facades derived from the temples of Greek and Roman antiquity and treated as one compositional unit, temple- from buildings are generally two or three stories high. The two-part commercial block for small and moderate-sized commercial buildings throughout the country. Generally limited to structures of two to four stories, this type is characterized by a Generally two to three stories high, the vault has a facade horizontal division into two distinct zones. penetrated by a large, tall and comparatively narrow center opening and sometimes by much smaller ones on either side. The 3. The type is visually unified by enframing the large center section distinguishing motif is somewhat similar to the enframed window with a wide and often continuous border, which is treated as a single wall, yet the visual effect is quite different. compositional unit. For sur-rounds that enframe a facade of one, two or three stories, the width of a front is usually at least twice as great 9. The enframed block is generally two or three stories high with as most individual bays of the one and two-part commercial block. most of the facade punctuated suggestive classical elements. This main section is bracketed by much nar- rower end bays, more or less equal in height, to form a continuous wall plane. 4. Used for buildings with five or more stories, the type has at least three horizontal divisions. Each section is treated in a different The central block with wings is characterized by a facade manner, and none of them receives appreciably more emphasis than generally two to four stories high with a projecting center section and the others. subordinate flanking units that are at least half as wide and are often 5. The essential difference between the two zones is the size of the

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classical column: base, shaft and capital.

verticality.

upper zone and the emphasis it receives. The two-part vertical block

must be at least four stories high to possess a sufficient sense of

6. The three-part vertical block is identical to the two-part vertical

block except that it has a distinct upper zone of generally one to three

stories. Thus, the composition is analogous to the divisions of a

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above the wings.

stories high.

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much wider. All three parts may read as a single mass, with a

projecting centerpiece in the form of a classical portico, or as three

related masses with the central one extending both out from and

11. Characterized by a series of tall, evenly spaced, round- arched

openings extending across a wide facade with no separate bracketing

elements at the ends, the arcaded block is generally two or three