

# **ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET**

**CASE NUMBER:** C14H-2009-0012

**HLC DATE:**

July 27, 2009

**PC DATE:**

September 22, 2009

**APPLICANT:** Florence Wilkerson, owner

**HISTORIC NAME:** Baker-Allen House

**WATERSHED:** Shoal Creek

**ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE:** 2402 Harris Boulevard

**ZONING FROM:** SF-3 to SF-3-H

**SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning.

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION:** Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 5-0 (Rosato absent).

**PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:** Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 9-0.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The house is beyond the bounds of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** October 1, 2009

**ACTION:**

**ORDINANCE READINGS:** 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup>

**ORDINANCE NUMBER:**

**CASE MANAGER:** Steve Sadowsky

**PHONE:** 974-6454

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION:** Pemberton Heights Neighborhood Association

## **BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

This ca. 1937 house is an excellent example of Classically-inspired Colonial Revival architecture and is associated with Paul B. Baker, the former superintendent of schools in Belton, Texas, J.R. "Potsy" Allen, Jr., a prominent insurance man in Austin, and Dean and Angela McWilliams, Republican political consultants and fundraisers.

### **Architecture:**

Two-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled Colonial Revival-styled brick house with a central entry with a fanlight and portico with fluted columns, Corinthian capitals with a plain neck, a frieze containing dentils, and an ornamental iron railing above;

the cornice contains a line of dentils on the front facade; 6:6 windows; the windows on the ground floor of the front facade have an ornamental raised brick segmental-arched surround.

**Historical Associations:**

The house was built in 1937 by Paul B. Baker, who had moved here from Belton, Texas, having served as the superintendent of schools there. Baker had been a teacher in Belton in the 1920s, then promoted to superintendent of the school system. In 1936, he and his wife Lillie moved to Austin, where he became a publisher's representative and book salesman for the remainder of his career. He passed away in 1970; his estate sold the house to Joe Raymond "Potsy" Allen, Jr. in 1972. Potsy Allen was a native Austinite, and went into the insurance business in 1959 after graduating from the University of Texas and service in the U.S. Navy. IN 1965, he joined H.T. Hibler and George McCall to form the firm McCall, Hibler and Allen Insurance Agency with offices in the Perry-Books Building. He died in 1996 and is buried on his ranch in Luling. Potsy's widow Chris sold the house in 1998 to Dean and Angela McWilliams. Dean McWilliams is a lobbyist, Republican political consultant and fundraiser, who worked on President George W. Bush's campaign, and who with his wife, Andrea, owns McWilliams and Associates in Austin. The McWilliams sold the house in 2001 to Florence Wilkerson. Florence is the daughter of Walter Benson, a prominent automobile dealer in Austin; her late husband, Louis Scott Wilkerson was an attorney in Austin and served as assistant Secretary of State under Allen Shivers. After his death in 1997, Florence moved to this house, where she still resides.

**PARCEL NO.:** 01150105070000

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot 2, Block 1, Pemberton Heights, Section 1

**ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT:** \$13,414 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$2,221 (capped).

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$1,003,074

**PRESENT USE:** Single-family residence.

**CONDITION:** Excellent

**PRESENT OWNERS:**

Florence Benson Wilkerson  
2402 Harris Boulevard  
Austin, Texas 78703

**DATE BUILT:** ca. 1937

**ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:** None apparent.

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S):** Paul B. and Lillie Baker (1936)




**OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS:** None.



**Baker-Allen House  
2402 Harris Boulevard**

# LOCATION MAP



-  **SUBJECT TRACT**
-  **ZONING BOUNDARY**
-  **PENDING CASE**

OPERATOR: S. MEEKS

## HISTORIC ZONING

ZONING CASE#: C14H-2009-0012  
 ADDRESS: 2402 HARRIS BLVD  
 SUBJECT AREA: 0.000 ACRES  
 GRID: H24  
 MANAGER: S. SADOWSKY



1" = 200'

This map has been produced by G.I.S. Services for the sole purpose of geographic reference. No warranty is made by the City of Austin regarding specific accuracy or completeness.

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinance, do not turn on the water.

# PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS

No. 5117

157

M. P. B. Baker

Address 2402 Harris Blvd

Plumber Trisell

Size of Tap 2" 40°

Date 2-15-37

Date of Connection 2/16/37  
Size of Tap Made 7/8"  
Size Service Made 7/8"  
Size Main Tapped 8"  
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 16'  
From N. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 11'  
Location of Meter A.T. - CURB  
Type of Box Back  
Depth of Main in Str. CURB 2'  
Depth of Service Line 12"  
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 6"  
Checked by Engr. Dept. (204-93)

## Foreman's Report

No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	5/8"
1 Elbow	
2 St. Elbow	
2 Bushing	1/2"
1 Reducer	1/2"
1 Pipe	Comp. 3/4" x 1/2"
1 Nipple	
1 Union	
1 Plug	
1 Tee	
1 Stop Box	cover
1 Box	Back
1 Lid	2"
1 Valve	

Reg. No.

6541

Foreman's Signature

Benson

Water service permit issued to Paul B. Baker - 1937

OK'd  
5/5  
4-27-09

## A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

10272946

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY	
APPLICATION DATE: <u>4/30/09</u>	FILE NUMBER(S): <u>C14H-2007-0012</u>
TENTATIVE HLC DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE PC or ZAP DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE CC DATE: _____	CITY INITIATED: YES / <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
CASE MANAGER: <u>Steve S.</u>	ROLLBACK: YES / NO
APPLICATION ACCEPTED BY: <u>Carmen</u>	

### BASIC PROJECT DATA:

1. OWNER'S NAME:	<u>Florence Benson Wilkerson</u>
2. PROJECT NAME:	<u>The Allen House</u>
3. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (or Range):	<u>2402 Harris Blvd.</u>
ZIP: <u>78703</u>	COUNTY: <u>Travis</u>
IF PROJECT ADDRESS CANNOT BE DEFINED ABOVE:	
LOCATED _____ FRONTAGE FEET ALONG THE <u>N. S. E. W.</u> (CIRCLE ONE) SIDE OF _____ (ROAD NAME PROPERTY FRONTS ONTO), WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY _____ DISTANCE FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH _____ CROSS STREET.	

### AREA TO BE REZONED:

4. ACRES _____	(OR)	SQ. FT. _____			
5. ZONING AND LAND USE INFORMATION:					
EXISTING ZONING <u>SF-3</u>	EXISTING USE <u>Residence</u>	TRACT# (IF MORE THAN 1) _____	ACRES / SQ. FT. _____	PROPOSED USE <u>Residence</u>	PROPOSED ZONING <u>SF-3-H</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

### RELATED CURRENT CASES:

6. ACTIVE ZONING CASE?	(YES) <input checked="" type="radio"/> (NO) <input checked="" type="radio"/>	FILE NUMBER: _____
7. RESTRICTIVE COVENANT?	(YES) <input checked="" type="radio"/> (NO) <input checked="" type="radio"/>	FILE NUMBER: _____
8. SUBDIVISION?	(YES) <input checked="" type="radio"/> (NO) <input checked="" type="radio"/>	FILE NUMBER: _____
9. SITE PLAN?	(YES) <input checked="" type="radio"/> (NO) <input checked="" type="radio"/>	FILE NUMBER: _____



PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE: Name: Pemberton Heights Sec. 1  
Block(s) 1 Lot(s) 2 Outlot(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Plat Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
10b. METES AND BOUNDS (Attach two copies of certified field notes if subdivision reference is not available or zoning includes partial lots)

DEED REFERENCE CONVEYING PROPERTY TO PRESENT OWNER AND TAX PARCEL I.D.:

11. VOLUME: \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ TAX PARCEL I.D. NO. 01-1501-0507-0000

OTHER PROVISIONS:

12. IS PROPERTY IN A ZONING COMBINING DISTRICT / OVERLAY ZONE? YES ☒ NO ☐  
TYPE OF COMBINING DIST/OVERLAY ZONE (NCCD, NP, etc) \_\_\_\_\_  
13. LOCATED IN A LOCAL OR NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES ☒ NO ☐  
14. IS A TIA REQUIRED? YES ☒ NO ☐ (NOT REQUIRED IF BASE ZONING IS NOT CHANGING)  
TRIPS PER DAY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TRAFFIC SERIAL ZONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

OWNERSHIP TYPE:

15. ☒ SOLE ☐ COMMUNITY PROPERTY ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ CORPORATION ☐ TRUST  
If ownership is other than sole or community property, list individuals/partners/principals below or attach separate sheet.

OWNER INFORMATION:

16. OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION  
SIGNATURE: Florence Wilkerson NAME: Florence Wilkerson  
FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: 512-477-4237  
STREET ADDRESS: 2402 Harris Blvd.  
CITY: Austin STATE: Tx ZIP CODE: 78703  
EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

17. AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION  
SIGNATURE: Suzanne Deaderick NAME: Suzanne Deaderick  
FIRM NAME: Historic Research Representation TELEPHONE NUMBER: 512-477-2929  
STREET ADDRESS: 2502 Harris Blvd.  
CITY: Austin STATE: Tx ZIP CODE: 78703  
CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS: Suzanne@GrandeDam.net

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_

## D. SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

### SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION

My signature attests to the fact that the attached application package is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that proper City staff review of this application is dependent upon the accuracy of the information provided and that any inaccurate or inadequate information provided by me/my firm/etc., may delay the proper review of this application.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND  
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.

Florence Wilkerson 4/26/09  
Signature Date

Florence Wilkerson  
Name (Typed or Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm (If applicable)

### INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

As owner or authorized agent, my signature authorizes staff to visit and inspect the property for which this application is being submitted.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND  
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.

Florence Wilkerson 4/26/09  
Signature Date

Florence Wilkerson  
Name (Typed or Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm (If applicable)



## E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

concerning  
Subdivision Plat Notes, Deed Restrictions,  
Restrictive Covenants  
and / or  
Zoning Conditional Overlays

I, Florence Wilkerson have checked for subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions,  
(Print name of applicant)

restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays prohibiting certain uses and/or requiring certain development restrictions i.e; height, access, screening etc. on this property, located at

2402 Harris Blvd.  
(Address or Legal Description)  
Austin, Texas 78703

If a conflict should result with the request I am submitting to the City of Austin due to subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays it will be my responsibility to resolve it. I also acknowledge that I understand the implications of use and/or development restrictions that are a result of a subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays.

I understand that if requested, I must provide copies of any and all subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlay information which may apply to this property.

Florence Wilkerson  
(Applicant's signature)

4/26/09  
(Date)

TAX CERTIFICATE  
Nelda Wells Spears  
Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector  
P.O. Box 1748  
Austin, Texas 78767  
(512) 854-9473

NO 1040485

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 01-1501-0507-0000

PROPERTY OWNER:

WILKERSON FLORENCE BENSON  
2402 HARRIS BLVD  
AUSTIN, TX 78703-2406

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

LOT 2 BLK 1 PEMBERTON HEIGHTS SEC  
1

ACRES 0.000 MIN\* .00000 TYPE

SITUS INFORMATION: 2402 HARRIS BLVD

This is to certify that after a careful check of tax records of this office, the following taxes, delinquent taxes, penalties and interests are due on the described property of the following tax unit(s):

YEAR	ENTITY	TOTAL
2008	AUSTIN ISD	*ALL PAID*
	CITY OF AUSTIN (TRAV)	*ALL PAID*
	TRAVIS COUNTY	*ALL PAID*
	TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT	*ALL PAID*
	ACC (TRAVIS)	*ALL PAID*

TOTAL SEQUENCE 0

\*ALL PAID\*

TOTAL TAX:  
UNPAID FEES:  
INTEREST ON FEES:  
COMMISSION:  
TOTAL DUE ==>

\*ALL PAID\*  
\* NONE \*  
\* NONE \*  
\* NONE \*  
\*ALL PAID\*

ES PAID FOR YEAR 2008 \$7,453.52

ALL TAXES PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2008 EXCEPT FOR UNPAID YEARS LISTED ABOVE.

The above described property may be subject to special valuation based on its use, and additional rollback taxes may become due. (Section 23.55, State Property Tax Code).

Pursuant to Section 31.08 of the State Property Tax Code, there is a fee of \$10.00 for all Tax Certificates.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE ON THIS DATE OF 03/31/2009

Fee Paid: \$10.00

Nelda Wells Spears  
Tax Assessor-Collector

By:

*Sonia Herrera*

**The Allen House**  
**2402 Harris Boulevard**

**Historical Documentation/Deed Chronology**

<b><u>Transaction/Date</u></b>	<b><u>Volume/Page</u></b>
Austin Development Co. to L.B. Shaw June 1, 1929 \$1,400	473/520
Mrs. Adelaide L. Shaw to Harry D. Pruett November 2, 1936 \$1,300	551/120
Harry D. Pruett to Paul B. Baker December 2, 1936 \$1,700	550/522
Paul B. Baker estate to Joe Raymond & Tommye Allen, Jr. June 6, 1972 \$42,000	4360/2344
Joe R. & Chris M. Allen to The Allen Family Trust December 30, 1991	11,675/20

**The Allen Family Trust**

**13,209/1286**

**to**

**Dean R. & Andrea McWilliams**

**June 19, 1998**

**\$313,400**

**Dean R. & Andrea McWilliams**

**to**

**Florence Benson Wilkerson**

**March 2, 2001**

**Chronological Listing of Owners/Occupants**

**2402 Harris Boulevard**

**The Allen House**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Occupant Name</u></b>	<b><u>Source</u></b>
1932-33	No Listing	City Directory
1937	No Listing	City Directory
1939-72	Paul B. Baker	City Directory
1973-98	J.R. Allen, Jr.	City Directory
1998-2001	Dean R. McWilliams	City Directory
2001-present	Florence Wilkerson	City Directory

## **Biography of Paul B. Baker**

Paul Baker was listed in the 1940 Austin City Directory as a Book Representative for Peter's Publishing Company. In 1962, he's listed as a representative for Row Peterson Publishing. He continued to work in the publishing field until his retirement, around 1967.

## **Biography of J.R. "Potsy" Allen**

J. R. Allen, Jr., affectionately known to all as "Potsy", was a man of honor, strength, and integrity. Potsy was a native of Austin and graduated from the University of Texas in the 1950s with a degree in insurance. After graduation, Mr. Allen became a Naval officer and pilot on the U. S. Ranger (aircraft carrier). Upon his return to Austin in 1959, he entered the insurance business. Several years later, he joined H. T. Hibler and George McCall to form the firm McCall, Hibler, and Allen Insurance Agency. The firm had offices in the Perry-Brooks building for many years before moving to N. Lamar where it continues to operate.

Mr. Allen served as Property Committee Chairman of the Texas Association of Insurance Agents, and in 1972, was elected president of the Austin Association of Insurance Agents. Attending conferences all over the state and serving as liaison between between the Association and various insurance companies, Potsy gave many speeches on a wide range of insurance issues. He also served on the board of the Texas Association of Insurance Agents.

J. R. Allen, Jr. was also a cattle rancher, having his first ranch in Johnson City.

In 1985, he sold it and purchased a ranch in Luling where he continued his cattle operation until his death in 1996. Patsy is buried on this ranch.

In 2003, Mr. Allen posthumously received the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Independent Insurance Agents of Austin (IIAT).

### **Biography of Chris M. Allen**

Chris M. Allen came to the United States from France when she was 18 years old. She and Patsy have six children, and she has continued to work as a rancher and partner in McCall, Hibler and Allen Insurance Agents. Chris purchased the building on N. Lamar and moved the business to its current location.



## **Biography of Dean McWilliams**

Texas-born, Austin-based, and nationally recognized, governmental affairs specialist Dean McWilliams' lobbying, campaigning and fundraising skills are drawn from his twenty years experience working in the Texas Legislature.

In 2005 the *Dallas Morning News* ranked McWilliams one of Texas' top grossing lobbyists. *Capitol Inside*, the insiders' news source of the Texas Legislature, has listed McWilliams as one of the top ten Impact Players in the industry.

McWilliams came to the attention of national media during President George W. Bush's first presidential campaign. As a Bush Pioneer, McWilliams raised over \$100,000 for the campaign, garnering coverage of his fundraising efforts on *CNN*.

Honored to consistently serve leaders at all levels, McWilliams was a member of the Honorary Committee for the 54th Presidential Inauguration, and now serves as a member of the Bush National Finance Committee. In 2004, McWilliams first earned membership on Texas Governor Rick Perry's Lone Star Council and Texas Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst's Platinum Council. He has chaired fundraising events for U.S. Senator John Cornyn, Governor Perry, Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst, Attorney General Greg Abbott and Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, during her term as Agriculture Commissioner. At the strategic level, McWilliams has worked on federal issues with, among others, Karl Rove and former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez.

Dean and his wife Andrea, along with State Representative Phil King, served as Texas co-chairs for Republican Presidential Candidate Mike Huckabee during the 2007-08 presidential cycle. Both Dean and Andrea are members of the Waterloo President's Council.

Today McWilliams is the co-founder of McWilliams & Associates, a full-service firm which opened its doors when the husband and wife team of Dean and Andrea combined their talents and experience to form what has become a respected alliance, trusted at the local, state and national level.

### **Government Experience:**

Having worked in the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives, McWilliams is familiar with the inner workings of both sides of the Capitol rotunda.

From 1993 to 1995, McWilliams worked on legislative issues in the Senate for former Lieutenant Governor Bill Ratliff, the past chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee. In addition to handling natural resources and budget-related issues for Lieutenant Governor Ratliff, McWilliams also served on the Lieutenant Governor's Task Force on Prison Overcrowding and the Legislative Budget Board Task Force on Health Care Reform.

During the 74th and 75th Texas legislative sessions, McWilliams served as Chief of Staff for Senator Michael Galloway. McWilliams handled all major legislative initiatives for the Senator, including all legislation relating to the Senate Intergovernmental Relations, State Affairs and Health & Human Services Committees. He also oversaw the appointment and confirmation of all gubernatorial appointments from the Senator's Southeast Texas District.

Tirelessly traveling the state during the 1994 Texas Supreme Court, Senate and House of Representatives races, McWilliams gained key campaign experience. During that time he worked with the Texas Civil Justice League, the largest state tort reform organization, and the Texas Medical Association, the state's largest professional trade association, successfully gathering support for conservative candidates.

McWilliams served as Chief of Staff to Representative John Shields during the 73rd Texas legislative session, where his work included substantive rewrites of the Texas Insurance Code and major economic development initiatives. He first began working at the Capitol in 1991, employed by his hometown State Representative Barry Telford of DeKalb, who had held the coveted chairmanship of the House Calendars Committee. Prior to working at the Capitol, Dean worked in the litigation section of the Dallas-based law firm Hughes & Luce.

#### **Family and Community:**

A proud fifth generation Texan and graduate of Texas A&M University, McWilliams now resides in Austin's Old Enfield, where he and wife Andrea are raising their three children in an elegantly restored home.

McWilliams is the Travis County Republican Precinct Chair representing Old Enfield, an historic neighborhood listed on the National Historical Register by the U.S. Department of Interior.

The McWilliams' are generous philanthropists who were named to the 2005, 2006 and 2007 *Austin American Statesman Fortunate 500* lists.

## **Biography of Andrea McWilliams**

Lobbyist and political fundraiser Andrea McWilliams is a skilled strategist, combining grace with grit and patience with persuasion. Known for her meticulous attention to detail, McWilliams brings her unique expertise to every issue she engages, drawing on her time in both the private and the public sector.

In 2005 the Dallas Morning News ranked McWilliams as one of Texas' top grossing lobbyists, while Texans for Public Justice recognized her as the top female Texas lobbyist on their elite 'Million Dollar Lobbyists' list. Capitol Inside, the insiders' news source of the Texas Legislature, has listed McWilliams as one of the top ten Impact Players in the industry.

Always a tireless force for her clients, McWilliams has a noteworthy track record. Her ability to achieve legislative results in the face of extreme adversity has been likened to the resurrection of the biblical Lazarus. Indeed, in 2007, Capitol Inside reported on McWilliams' key outside-the-Chamber role in saving a \$3 billion cancer research package.

The national media, including Newsweek, USA Today, CNN and NPR, have reported on McWilliams' role as a leading fundraiser for President George W. Bush. Andrea and her husband Dean, along with State Representative Phil King, served as Texas co-chairs for Republican Presidential Candidate Mike Huckabee during the 2007-08 presidential cycle.

A Chief of Staff at 21, McWilliams went on to hone her private sector grassroots skills, working on major accounts including Southwestern Bell, at iconic public relations company Public Strategies, Inc. Today she is the co-founder of McWilliams & Associates, a full-service firm of governmental affairs consultants. McWilliams & Associates opened its doors when the husband and wife team of Andrea and Dean combined their talents and experience to form what has become a respected alliance, trusted at the local, state and national level.

### **Government Experience:**

During her tenure at the State Capitol, Andrea was fortunate enough to work for the current Vice-Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, State Representative Richard Raymond and the current Chairman of the powerful House Ways & Means Committee, State Representative Rene Oliveira. McWilliams also worked as a legislative aide for then Texas Senator Jim Turner during the 74th Texas legislative session, prior to his service in the U.S. Congress.

While Chief of Staff for State Rep. Mike Martin, McWilliams was responsible for the Representative's legislative program, including the complex insurance issues addressed during Rep. Martin's tenure as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Insurance. In 1994, also McWilliams worked jointly for Rep. Martin and Senator Frank Madla, former Chairman of the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Serving as Chief

Committee Clerk for the Joint Interim Committee on Health Insurance Access, she made recommendations to statewide leaders and the Texas Legislature on the future of health insurance in the state. McWilliams subsequently served on the Lieutenant Governor's Task Force on Health Care Reform.

During the 73rd Texas Legislative Session, McWilliams served as Chief of Staff for current Vice-Chairman Raymond, actively garnering legislative support for the North American Free Trade Agreement. In 1991, McWilliams played an integral part in federally mandated redistricting as Legislative Director for Representative Olivera, current Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and past Chairman of both the House Mexican-American Legislative Caucus. During this time, McWilliams also worked on initiatives including environmental and regulatory issues, state appropriations and higher education.

McWilliams began her career in the Texas legislature in 1989, during the 71st Session, working as Projects Coordinator for State Representative Steve Wolens, former Chairman of both the House State Affairs Committee and the Joint Committee on Electric Restructuring.

#### **Family and Community:**

Raised just steps from the Texas Capitol, McWilliams now resides in Austin's historic neighborhood of Old Enfield, where she and husband Dean are raising their three children in an elegantly restored home.

A past president of Inherit Austin, McWilliams is a well-known philanthropist and community volunteer, who was named to the 2005, 2006 and 2007 Austin American Statesman Fortunate 500 lists. In 2007, McWilliams began working with The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and KillCancer, two nonprofit groups committed to cancer prevention.

As an active supporter of the arts, McWilliams is an inaugural member of the Long Center's Notable Women; and a member of the board of directors of Ballet Austin and Arthouse. She is also a member of the Women's Symphony League, and a past board member and current member of the Heritage Society of Austin. McWilliams serves as a board member for many other nonprofit organizations, including Texas Lyceum, the Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Austin Children in Crisis, Pioneer Farms, Old Enfield Homeowner's Association, the Waterloo President's Council, and St. David's Toast of the Town Committee.

## **Biography of Florence Benson Wilkerson**

A native of Austin, Florence Benson Wilkerson was born in 1920 to Walter Benson, Sr., the owner of Benson Publishing Company and Benson Motor Company, and his wife, Florence Brownlee Benson. Florence's childhood homes were on Castle Hill Street and West Lynn Street. She is a graduate of Austin High School and the University of Texas.

In 1954, Florence married Louis Scott Wilkerson. Louis was born in Beaumont in 1915, but grew up in Austin. Louis was a graduated from Austin High School in 1932, from the University of Texas in 1936, and from Harvard Law School in 1939. During World War II, Louis served in the Army in Italy, and was in the JAG Corps. After the War, Louis returned to Austin to practice law. He was Assistant Secretary of State under Texas Governor Allen Shivers, and was a longtime partner in the law firm of Sneed, Vine, Wilkerson, Selman & Perry.

In 1956, Louis and Florence bought the house at 1710 Windsor Road, where they raised four daughters, Marianne, Louise, Cissy and Diane. Louise died in 1987, and in 2001, Florence moved to 2402 Harris Blvd.

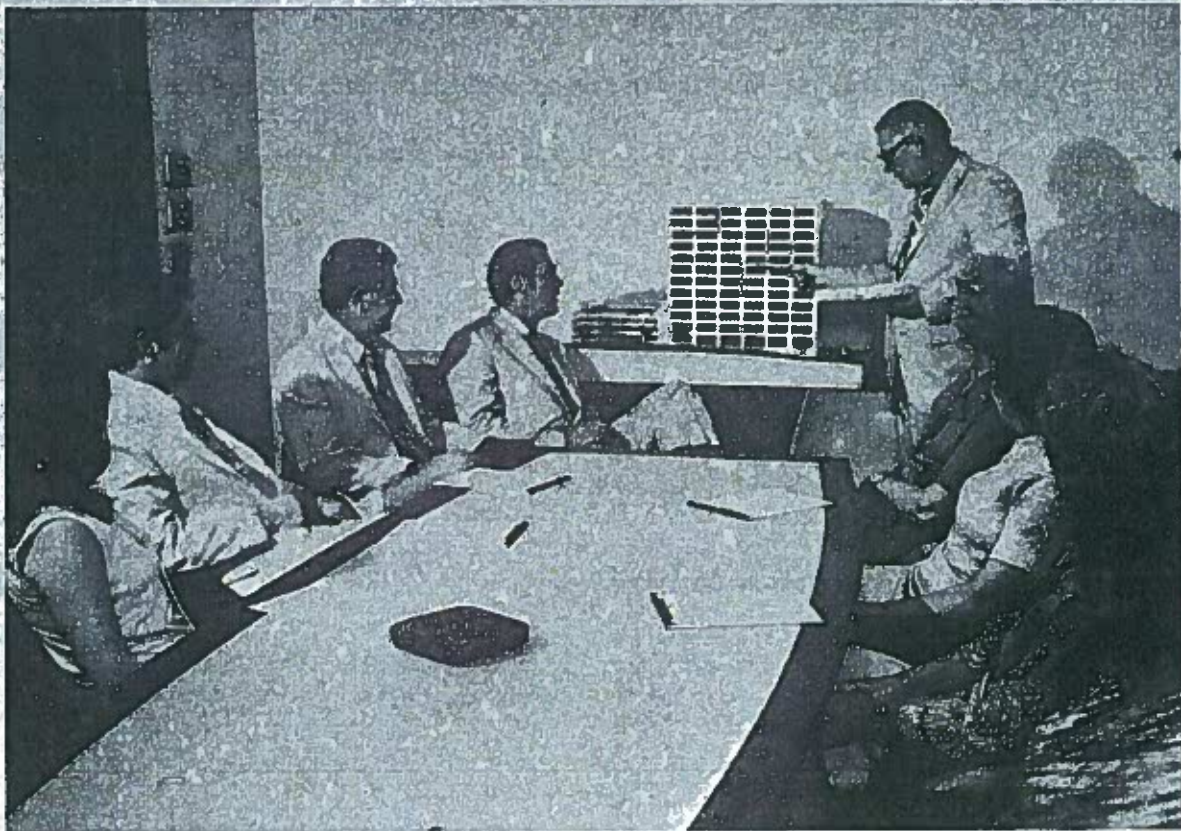


# McCall-Hibler-Allen

Partners, . . . H. T. Hibler, George McCall, and Patsy Allen review preliminary insurance planning for a commercial building project



Presentation to the staff



McCall-Hibler-Allen/Perry Brooks Bldg./512-476-5351/Austin, Texas 78701



# Insurance Agents Pick New Officers

New officers for 1972 for the Austin Association of Insurance Agents are J.R. "Potsy" Allen, president; Larry Lerche, first vice president; Travis A. Eckert, second vice president, and David N. Perdue, executive secretary.

Allen, a native of Austin, is a graduate of the University of Texas, with a degree in insurance. He entered the insurance business in 1959, and has been associated with the McCall, Hibler & Allen Insurance Agency since 1963. He has served as Property Committee Chairman of the Texas Association of Insurance Agents. He and his wife, Tommye, have two teenage boys, Potsy, 15, and Todd, 11.

Lerche, a native of Giddings, attended Southwest Texas State College, worked five years with the State Board of Insurance, spent four years with another company and since 1968 has been a partner in the insurance firm of Nieman, Hanks & Puryear. He is married and has two children.

Eckert, a graduate of Austin High, obtained his BBA degree from the University of Texas where he also was an All Southwest Conference and All American in baseball for two years. He entered the insurance industry after graduation and in 1966 he formed his own agency. He is married and has three children.

Perdue has served the association as its executive



**LARRY LERCHE**  
First Vice President



**DAVID N. PERDUE**  
Executive Secretary



**J. R. "POTSY" ALLEN**  
President



**TRAVIS A. ECKERT**  
Second Vice President







**Distinguished Service Award**  
presented by the  
**Independent Insurance Agents of Austin**

The purpose of this award is to honor an individual who has distinguished him/herself in service to the insurance industry. Any individual who has contributed to the betterment of the insurance industry, who is not an officer or director of the Independent Insurance Agents of Austin Association, nor a member of the Awards Committee at the time the award is presented and has a minimum of ten years service, is eligible. Consideration must be given to service, education, professionalism, public image and community involvement.

**Nominating Form**

I place in nomination for the *Distinguished Service Award* the following person:

Name J.R. "Patsy" ALLEN - DECEASED  
Agency/Company MC CALL, HIALER & ALLEN, INC.  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State Austin, Texas Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone 512-476-5351 Email \_\_\_\_\_

What service has this individual performed for the Independent Insurance Agents of Austin

President of IIAT IN 1972.

IMPACT MEMBER - IIAT

ATTENDED INSURANCE CONVENTIONS ALL OVER THE STATE

GAVE SPEECHES ON BEHALF OF IIAT ON INSURANCE ISSUES TMP. PERSONAL LINES, ETC.

LIAISON BETWEEN IIAT AND THE VARIOUS INSURANCE COMPANIES

HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE AGENTS.

What service/activity has this individual performed in the insurance industry (i.e. participation in seminars, education/training, producer/company councils, publications/articles, panels, etc.)

JOHNATHAN TRUMBULL - HARTFORD INSURANCE 1982/1984

CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANIES COUNCIL MEMBER

U.S. INSURANCE GROUP COUNCIL MEMBER

NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE - APPRECIATION AWARD

LECTURE AND SEMINAR HARTFORD TMP - PROPERTY - INTRODUCING TMP IN TEXAS 1980

*Thank you Note Sent to Larry Leche*

*2) IIAT on 1-8-03*

What service has this individual given to the community (i.e. volunteer programs, civic projects/campaigns, club memberships, sponsorships, etc.)

TARRY HOUSE CLUB MEMBER

HEADLINER CLUB MEMBER

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY CLASS 52

LECTURE/SEMINAR ON PROPERTY INSURANCE

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS EX ALUMNI

POTSY WAS A NAVAL OFFICER, A PILOT AND FLEW SN -6J LANDING ON CARRIER

In your own words state why you feel this individual is deserving of this award.

J.R. POTSY ALLEN DEPICTED THE LAST BREED OF AN INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENT OF TEXAS - HE REPRESENTED OUR INSURANCE INDUSTRY WITH HONOR, INTEGRITY. HE SUPPORTED IT WHOLEHEARTEDLY, PARTICIPATED IN CHANGING AND IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS INSURANCE ISSUES.

HE HAD THE RESPECT OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND HIS FELLOW AGENTS. HE WAS A SUCCESSFUL AGENT. HE TACKLED LIFE AND HIS WORK WITH ENTHUSIASM, DRIVE AND STRONG FAITH. HE WAS ALL ABOUT STRENGTH AND HONOR.

HE LOVED HIS RANCHING OPERATION. HE IS BURIED AT HIS RANCH IN LULING, TEXAS AMONG THE FIELDS. HE HAD A FLAIR FOR LIFE AND HE LIVED IT ALL WELL.

HIS CUSTOMERS LIKED HIM AND WERE LOYAL TO HIM.

Nominated By HE WAS LOVED AND ADMIRER BY HIS FAMILY. HE IS STILL IN OUR HEART.

Agency/Company LARRY A. LERCHE  
BALCONES-SOUTHWEST INSURANCE  
Address MEMBER OF COMBINED AGENTS OF AMERICA  
City/State 7200 N. MOPAC, SUITE 170  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78731-2560 Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Joseph Raymon "Potsy" Allen, Jr.**

J.R. Allen, known to his friends as "Potsy", died November 23, 1996, at the age of 62.

A respected and well known Insurance Agent and rancher, Potsy was a native of Austin. Born December 31, 1933, to J.R. "Potsy" Allen, Sr. and Marjorie Amason Allen. He moved with his family to Roswell, New Mexico, in 1944, at the age of eleven. He graduated from the High School Division of New Mexico Military Institute, in Roswell, in 1951. His love of Austin led him to return to the University of Texas, where he became a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, the Naval R.O.T.C. program, and from where he graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. Upon graduation, Potsy was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy, serving four years as a Naval Aviator, attaining the rank of Lieutenant, and flying many missions aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Ranger. He married Tommye Lou Brown, of El Paso, on February 4, 1956.

He left Military Service in 1959, returned to Roswell to become a partner at the Insurance Agency of Amason McGee & Allen. In 1965, he took his family to Austin to join George McCall and H.T. Hibler as a full partner at the Insurance Agency of McCall, Hibler & Allen. He had faithfully served there for thirty-one years.

A consummate insurance professional, Potsy was a board member of the Independent Agents of Austin, and in 1972 he served as its President. Later he served on the board of the Texas Association of Insurance Agents. Also active in Austin's social circles, he was a Rotary Club member, a former member of The Austin Country Club, and a longtime member of the Headliners Club and Tarry House.

Potsy's experiences on his family's farm as a child always stayed with him, and in 1971 he returned to those roots, buying his first ranch in the hill country near Johnson City, Texas. His love of the land, the cattle, good well water, and a hard day's work were evident to all who knew him and all who visited the ranch.

January 28, 1978 marks the date of his second marriage to the woman who was to be his loving and devoted wife and companion until his death, Christiane M. Evans.

In 1986 Potsy bought the Wilson family (his relatives) farm near Luling. Together, he and his wife Chris have built it into a beautiful and viable ranching operation. The Allen Cattle Co. Nothing pleased him more than seeing the hay out of the field and in the barn as the rain began to fall, or safely delivering a newborn calf, no matter that it was in the middle of the night.

Uncompromising integrity, fair play, a determined work ethic and love of a good joke were everpresent in Potsy's life. His enthusiasm, drive, and strong faith were inspirational to many, and never failed him. His smile was as infectious as it was genuine.

Potsy is survived by his wife Chris M. Allen; his mother, Marjorie Shulz of Roswell; a sister, Ann Ray of Lockhart; a brother, Howard A. Allen of San Diego; first wife, Tommye and two sons by that marriage, J.R. Allen, III of Austin and Todd Allen and wife Rosalind of Los Angeles; children of his second marriage, Elizabeth Moseley and Mark of Austin, Michael A. Evans and Joan of Dallas, Chantal D. Evans of Austin, Robb B. Evans of Austin; and a daughter-in-law, Jan Evans. Potsy was blessed with six grandchildren, Mackenzie, Austin, Cody, Marie, Jennifer and Justin. He leaves behind loving family and lifelong friends.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate Potsy's life on Tuesday, November 26, 1996, 11:00 a.m., at St. David's Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Charles Huffman officiating. Parking at St. David's Parking garage; entrance on Trinity between 7th and 8th Streets. A reception will be held at the church immediately following. Interment will be at the family ranch in Luling. It will be a private service. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

Potsy will lie in state at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., 452-8811, until 10:00 p.m., Monday, November 25, 1996.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, 452-8811.

Obituary of Potsy Allen  
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