# ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2009-0039 HLC DATE: November 9, 2009

PC DATE: November 10, 2009

APPLICANTS: Jennifer Hinrich, owner

HISTORIC NAME: Lolla Peterson House

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 2410 Jarratt Avenue

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

<u>SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION</u>: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from family residence (SF-3) district to family residence — Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from family residence (SF-3) district to family residence — Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 6-0 (Myers absent).

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION</u>: Recommended the proposed zoning change from family residence (SF-3) district to family residence — Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 8-0.

<u>DEPARTMENT COMMENTS</u>: The house is beyond the bounds of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

CITY COUNCIL DATE: December 10, 2009 ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD ORDINANCE NUMBER:

<u>CASE MANAGER</u>: Steve Sadowsky <u>PHONE</u>: 974-6454

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION</u>: Pemberton Heights Neighborhood Association

#### BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The house is a good example of a Tudor Revival-style stone cottage and is associated with Lolla Peterson, who headed the Travis County Welfare Department for many years, and was known for her kindness and treatment of the needy.

#### Architecture:

One story wing and gable plan stone veneer Tudor Revival styled cottage with a prominent front gable to the left of the principal entry containing multi-light casement windows with a segmental arched fanlight above, and board and batten trim in the top of the tympanum. The principal entry is round arched with decorative stonework forming the arch; it is contained in an ornamental gable

which extends to the ground to the right of the door; a prominent chimney also figures into the front façade with two offset square brick chimney pots; to the right of the principal entry's gable is a triple set of diamond paned casement windows. The remainder of the windows on the house are 1:1 An addition was made to the back of the house in 1951, and the frame garage was relocated.

#### **Historical Associations**:

The house was built in 1938 for Pleaman and Jessie Neal, apparently on or near the site of an earlier house occupied by Maude Jamar and her family. Maude Jamar was a widow; she and her husband Walter had farmed in Caldwell County, Texas, and had lived at 1300 West Avenue in 1927, prior to moving to this site in 1928. Walter Jamar died in April, 1927, and Maude stayed here for another year or two. By the early 1930s, Maude was living at 1104 San Jacinto; the former house on this site became a rental, occupied by the proprietor of the O Henry Garage in the mid-1930s, and the chief engineer for the Railroad Commission and an oil operator in 1937. City building permit records indicate that the current house was built in 1938.

Pleaman S. and Jessie Neal had previously lived with her parents in bungalow on W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street just west of Guadalupe Street; he was a cleaner and dyer at a laundry. They purchased this property from the Austin Development Company in 1932, and this house was built 6 years later. By the mid-1940s, he was listed as the superintendent at Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, run by A.D. Bolm at 1514 Lavaca Street. They sold the house in 1945, and rented a house on E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, when he worked as a deliveryman for the Austin Tailor Supply Company. Norman Larson and his wife Berdie, purchased the house; he had been born in Wisconsin to Norwegian parents, and had started his adult life in San Antonio, where the family had moved, working as a house carpenter with his brother. By the time he moved to Austin, he was engaged as a concrete and bridge contractor. The Larsons lived here until the mid-1950s.

Lolla Peterson, with her sisters, Cecelia Ball and Alice P. Henderson, purchased the house in 1957. Lolla Peterson was born in Austin in 1888, attended Austin High School and went to work as an office secretary. During the Depression of the 1930s, she worked for the Travis County Relief Commission, and after the Social Security Act came into effect in 1936, she worked with old age pension applications. She went on to become the director of the Travis County Welfare Department, and retired from there in 1965. She was known for treating her recipients as members of her family, and often dipped into her own salary to help people out during tough times. She was selected Austin's Most Worthy Citizen in 1957, and was the first woman to be so honored. Prior to purchasing this house, Lolla had lived in her mother's house with her sister. She lived here until her death in 1978.

PARCEL NO.: 01150104080000

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**: Lot 6, Block 6, Pemberton Heights Section 1.

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$10,325 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$2,000 (capped).

APPRAISED VALUE: \$816,415

PRESENT USE: Single-family residence.

**CONDITION**: Excellent

# PRESENT OWNERS:

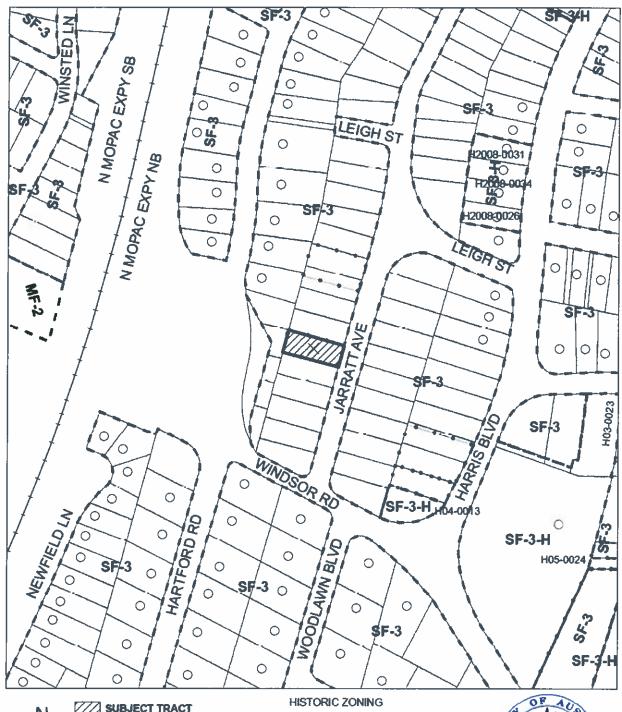
Jennifer Hinrichs 2410 Jarratt Avenue Austin, Texas 78703

DATE BUILT: ca. 1938

<u>ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS</u>: The original garage was relocated and an addition built in its place (1951). A one-story addition was built in 1984.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): Pleaman and Jessie Neal (1938)

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: None.





SUBJECT TRACT ZONING BOUNDARY

PENDING CASE

OPERATOR: S. MEEKS

1" = 200"



# 2410 Jarratt Avenue ca. 1938



# OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2410 Jarratt Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office October, 2009

1992	Conneil G. and Mary Curtis, Jr., owners Retired
1987	Conneil G. and Mary Curtis, Jr., owners Retired
1981	Cecelia P. Ball, renter Retired NOTE: Cecelia Ball was Lolla Peterson's sister, and co-owner of the house.
1976	Lolla E. Peterson, owner Retired
1972	Lolla E. Peterson, owner Retired
1969	Lolla E. Peterson, owner Retired
1965	Lolla E. Peterson, owner Retired
1961	Lolla E. Peterson, owner Director, County Welfare Department

1959 Lolla E. Peterson, owner Administrator, County Welfare Department 1958 Lolla E. Peterson, owner Administrator, County Welfare Department 1957 J.S. and Gunborg Gray, renters Teacher, University of Texas NOTE: Lolla E. Peterson is listed as living at 207 E. 14th Street; she was the administrator of the County Welfare Department. 1953 Norman and Berdie Larson, owners Concrete contractor, 305 Littlefield Building NOTE: Annie W. Hausmann is not listed in the directory. 1949 Norman and Berdie Larson, owners Concrete contractor, office at the house. 1947 Norman and Bea Larson, owners Contractor, office at the house. NOTE: Pleaman and Jessie Neal are listed as renting 4071/2 E. 32nd Street; he was listed as a deliveryman for Austin Tailor Supply Company (Austin P. Cleveland, proprietor), 1006 W. 6th Street. 1944-45 Pleaman S. and Jessie Neal, owners Superintendent, Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 1514 Lavaca Street. 1942 Pleasant S. and Jessie Inez Neal, owners No occupation listed 1940 Pleaman S. and Jessie I. Neal, owners Department manager, Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 1514 Layaca

NOTE: The current house was built in 1938 for Pleaman and Jessie Neal. There was apparently an earlier house on this site, built by Mrs. Maude Jamar around 1928. It is unclear whether Pleaman and Jessie Neal bought the house from the Jamars and used it as a rental until they built this house; the Neals purchased this property in 1932. Houses in Pemberton Heights are not shown on the 1935 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map.

1937 C. Badger and Zelda B. Reed, renters Oil operator

Street.

Frank S. and Ruth French, renters

Chief engineer, Railroad Commission of Texas

1935 Augustus M. and Alva Gribble, renters Proprietor, O Henry Garage, 108-12 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street

1932-33 Chester and Mildred Wright, renters

Superintendent, no place of employment listed.

NOTE: Maude Jamar, the widow of Walter E. Jamar, is listed as living t 1104 San Jacinto Boulevard; she had no occupation listed. James Jamar is not listed in the directory.

1930-31 James Jamar, owner

Farmer

1929 Mrs. Maude Jamar

Widow, Walter E. Jamar No occupation listed

Also listed are Ayleen Jamar, no occupation stated; Harrold Jamar, a salesman for Investors Syndicate, Brown McCallum, representative, 506-08 Ewell Nalle Building; Margaret Jamar, no occupation stated; Ruth Jamar, no occupation

stated; and Wallace Jamar, no occupation stated.

1927 Jarratt Avenue is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Walter and Maud Jamar are listed as living at 1300 West Avenue; he is

listed as a farmer.

#### NOTES:

The 1900 U.S. Census report shows Walter and Maud Jamar living in Caldwell County, Texas, where he was a farmer. He was then 28 and had been born in Alabama. Maud was then 20 and had been born in Texas. They had two sons, Walter, 3, and Joseph, 1, who had both been born in Texas.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Maud Jamar living on Jarratt Avenue with her son, Wallace. Neither had an occupation listed. There is no house number given for the Jamars' address on Jarratt.

The Jamars do not appear in the 1910 or 1920 census reports.

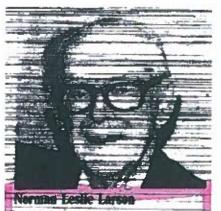
The 1930 U.S. Census report shows Pleaman and Jessie Neal living with her parents, Hilmar and Josephine Tegener, on W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Pleaman was then 30; Jessie was 28. Both had been born in Texas. Pleaman Neal was listed as a cleaner and dyer in a laundry; Jessie Neal was a stenographer.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Norman and Berda Larson living in San Antonio, Texas, where he worked as a house carpenter. Norman Larson was born in Wisconsin; Berda Larson was born in Oklahoma; both were 22. With them lived Norman's brother, Harold, and his wife, Bertha, both 20. Harold Larson was also a house carpenter. The 1920 U.S. Census shows 11-year old Norman Larson living with his parents in San Antonio. Norman's father Albert was listed as a traveling farm implements salesman.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Lolla Peterson living with her sister Alice and mother Hilda at 207 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Hilda Peterson was a 70-year old widow who had been born in Sweden, as had her husband. Lolla was then 42; she listed her occupation as a book-keeper. Her married sister, Alice Henderson, then 28, also lived in the house. Alice was a secretary at an insurance company office.

NEAL, Pleaman S., 78, 2103 Elton Ln., dled Moiday. Services 2 p.m. Wednesday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Survivors: wife, Jessie Neal of Austin; sister, Mrs. Gillis Brown of Lake Travis.

Obituary of Pleaman Neal Austin American-Statesman, March 1, 1977



Horman Lastic Larson, age 65, of Austin allet Saturday.

Mr. Larson was borg in Darlington, Wisconsin, on Murch 31, 1998, to A.T. and Physician Store Larson, he was the grandson of Norwegian immigrants. He had his family unnest in San Antonio, Lexas, in 1918, where he began his work career as a newsboy for the San Antonio Light, became a construction carpenter and findity a trickle contractor for the main higher as lightness without countles and cities.

The Larson had been an active member of the University Methodist. Church and was an especially ground member of the Hickman Fellowship Class. He was currently a member of Tarrytown United Methodist Church.

He was active in the Texas Highway Rawy Divings of the Associated General Contractors. Sevent served as a Director and Committee Chairman. He was a served of the membership to mix regentration. He and the susting two organized Larson-Pugh Inc. by the committee of the served in 1972 and the spent us retired years in Lake Travis, Rockport and Westinguister Manor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bea Larson, in May 1993, after 64 years of marriage.

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Memorial services will be bein in Harria Belid Hall at Westminster Manor, 4100 Jackson Ave. at 1:00 PM on Monday, January 10, 1994. Graveside services will-follow at Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Norman Lawson

PETERSON, Lolla, 90, 2410 Jarrall, died Sunday. Services 1t a.m. today at St. David's Episco-pel Church. Survivors: sisters. Mrs. Cecelia Ball, Mrs. Alice Henderson, both of Austin: (Cook-Walden)

OTIADS: Mrs. Minnie L., St. 5007 Aberdeen, died Funeral notice for Lolla Peterson Austin American-Statesman, January 31, 1978

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Pemberton Heights

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Building permit to Pleaman and Jessie Neal for the construction of this house (1938)

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Building permit to Norman Larson to relocate the frame garage and build an addition (1951)

# A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING



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Revised February 15, 2005

# D. SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

#### **SUBMITTAL VERICATION**

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.

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#### **INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION**

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

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Jennifer Hinrichs	Date
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# NO 1041939

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

OUNT NUMBER: 01-1501-0408-0000 PROPERTY OWNER: PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: HINRICHS JENNIFER R 2410 JARRATT AVE AUSTIN, TX 78703-2431 LOT 6 BLK 6 PEMBERTON HEIGHTS SEC ACRES 0.000 MIN% .00000 TYPE SITUS INFORMATION: 2410 JARRATT AVE 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): \*ALL PAID\*
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The above described property may be subject to special valuation based on its use, and additional follback 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 09/14/2009 Nelda Wells Spears Tax Assessor-Collector Fee Paid: \$10.00 Quma!

# The Lolla Peterson House

# Historical Documentation/Deed Chronology

Transaction/Date	Volume/Page
Austin Development Co. to P. S. Neal September 9, 1932	588/520
P. S. & Jessie Neal to Norman & Berdie V. Larson September 10, 1945	<i>771/17</i> <b>9</b>
Norman & Berdie Larson to O. H. & Emma Stugard May 30, 1954	1449/123
O. H. Stugard to Lolla Peterson, Cecelia Ball, and Alice P. Henderson July 29, 1957	1843/172

Mary & Corneil G. Curtis, Jr. to Alan N. Curtis December 27, 2000

# Chronological Listing of Owners/Occupants 2410 Jarratt

Year	Occupant Name	Source	
1935	A.M. Gribble	City Directory	
1937	C.B Reed & F.S. French	City Directory	
1939-45	P.S. Neal	City Directory	
1947-54	Norman Larson	City Directory	
1955	O.H. Stugard	City Directory	
1957 J.S. Gray		City Directory	
1958-77 Lolla Peterson		City Directory	
1978-83 Mrs. Cecelia P. Ball		City Directory	
1984-2000 Corneil G. Curtis, Jr.		City Directory	
2001-07 Steven & Ashley Crider		City Directory	
2008-present Jennifer R Hinrichs		City Directory	

# Biography of Miss Lolla Peterson

Some called her 'Godmother to the Poor', others said she was 'practically a welfare agency in herself', still others said she was a fairy princess to the needy of Travis County. For almost thirty years, Lolla Peterson was connected with the Travis County Welfare Department, serving as Director for many of those years.

Born in 1888 in Austin "in the shadow of the Capitol dome", Miss Peterson lived at 207 E.

14th Street with her parents. She graduated from Austin High and attended Griffith's

Business College in Austin for a year, preparing herself for a business career in order to put
her brother and sister through U.T.

Her first job was assistant office manager at Harrell's Clothing Store. Following that, she worked during the depression in the office of the Travis County Relief Commission, getting her first taste of welfare work. Miss Peterson left there in 1935 to help the County Attorney with some tax matters. In January of 1936, the Social Security Act became law and she was given the position of handling the applications of old age pensions. From this position, she went on to become the director of the Travis County Welfare Department where she remained until 1965.

Miss Peterson stilled lived with her mother in the house on 14th Street when a 1949 article about her in the Austin Statesman quoted her as saying, "It is my mother's home. Before I die, I hope to have a lovely home of my own." In 1957, her dream came true when she was

able to purchase a 1938 Tudor style home in Pemberton Heights. She lived in this home for 21 years.

Lolla Peterson served her community in many other areas. She was a board member of the Travis County Tuberculosis Association for 4 years, as well as on the board of the Save the Child Federation and the YWCA. Miss Peterson was president of the Austin Altrusa Club and governor of the 7th District of that organization. She was also a member of the Texas Fine Arts Association. Her two loves were St. David's Episcopal Church and opera music.

Miss Peterson said in an interview, "I never go to bed at night without thanking God for the privilege of making a living for myself and of serving somebody else." She lived to be 90 years old.

## Biography of Pleaman S. Neal

Pleaman Neal was a department manager, and later a superintendent for Austin Laundry & Dry Cleaning.

# Biography of Norman Larson

Norman Larson was a concrete contractor with Harold W. Larson and Son, General Contractors, in the 1940s. He and his son-in-law organized Larson-Pugh, Inc. in 1957. Larson was active in the Texas Highway Heavy Division of the Associated General Contractors, having served as a Director and Committee Chairman. He was awarded life membership to his organization.

## Biography of J.S. Gray

J.S. Gray was listed as a teacher at the University of Texas.

# Biography of Steve & Ashley Crider

The Criders co-own two companies, Crider Americas, which manufacturers commercial greenhouses, and Reliable Organics, which produces organic tomatoes.

## Biography of Jennifer Hinrichs

Jennifer is a birth doula working in and around the Austin area. When she's not attending births, she loves spending time with her two kids, Zoe and Zach, husband Hector and their pug Emmett. As new transplants to Austin from Southern California, they love discovering all the cool things that Austin has to offer.

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# Social Workers Honored

Miss Lola Peterson, left, and Mrs. Beulah T. Wild were honored this week at the Forty Acres Club. Approximately 80 persons attended the luncheon arranged by Mrs. Juanita Cole, Mrs. Ethel Saulson and Miss Lora Lee Peterson. Mrs. Wild is the former head of the Social Serv-

ice Department at Brackenridge, and Miss Peterson is the head of the Social Service Department of the Travis County Welfare office. They were honored for their social welfare work in Austin and Travis County.



MISS LOILA PEFERSON: Most Worthy Citizen
Welfare administrator heard the newseat work.

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Miss Lolle Peterson, voted Austin's Most Worthy Citizen, received the annual award Tuesday night at the annual dinner of the Austin Real Estate Board.
Miss Peterson is shown here with Bodney J. Kidd,
last years honored dinen.

# The dinner honoring Miss Peterson was the annual meeting of the Austin Real Estate Board, which last week named her Austin's newest honor citizen and Tuesday night presented her with a suitably engraved silver plaque to attest that honor. The plaque was presented to her by last year's Most Worthy Citizen, Rodney J. Kidd, director at the injury has extended a shelping hand to the poor, the needy and the distressed attained the highest award Tuesday night that a grateful citizenship can bestow—the accolade as Austin's Most Worthy Citizen for 1957. That honor was bestowed upon Miss Lolla Peterson, Travis County by velfare administrator, in the presence of several hundred men apd worten in a dinner in the Brazos Room of the Commodore equally appreciative audience as she responded to the tribute. Acaka American Miss Lolla

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# MISS LOLLA PETERSON: ALMOST A WELFARE AGENCY IN HERSELF

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Women of St. David's \* \* \* \* \* \* Miss Lolla Peterson \* \* \* \* \* \* \* Godmother of Austin's Poor \* \* \* \* \* \* There will never be an Easter at St. David's that the beauty of the Church does not remind us of Miss Lolla Peterson. What many do not realize is that the joy of these special flowers was but one contribution of an abundant ninety year life. An Austin native, Miss Lolla was office manager of Harrell's Clothing Store for twenty years, putting her younger brother and sister through school. For almost thirty years she was connected with the Travis County Welfare Department, Her efforts were described by County Judge Tom E. Johnson as "always just and kind with those who came for help. Her patience and efforts to help everyone was amazing." In 1957 Miss Eulalia Peterson received "Austin's Most Worthy Citizen Award" and was described as giving "her own money time and again for those who were hungry, poor and practically flaked."

The real wonder of Miss Lolla was her diversity of interests. A small sampling of her civic interests include Governor of the Seventh District of Altrusa, Board of the Austin Symphony, U.S.O., YWCA Board of Directors and the Children's Federation.

She described her two loves as her Church and her music. She saved her money to go to San Antonio for the opera. At St. David's she sang in the Choir for 33 years. Words on paper are too flat to tell of her vital contributions to St. David's. Perhaps it is symbolic to say that her last outing before she died at age ninety was to attend St. David's Staff Christmas Party in a wheelchair.