

Historic Landmark Commission
May 21, 2012
Demolition and Relocation Permits
HDP-2012-0113
4505 Red River Street

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1932 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story rectangular-plan clipped cross-gabled frame bungalow with a partial-width clipped front-gabled independent porch on capped brick piers and short battered posts; single and paired 1:1 windows.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1932 by Walter Bremond, a local businessman who dabbled in Austin real estate. The first known residents were Paul J. and Ila M. Gresham, who appear in the 1932-33 city directory. Gresham was born in Oklahoma and grew up in Lockhart, Texas, the step-son of an insurance agent. In 1930, according to the U.S. Census report, Gresham was unmarried and living in Lockhart in his parents' house. He was a book-keeper for a grocery store. He married between 1930 and 1932, and was working as an insurance agent in Austin when he and Ila bought this house. They only lived here a short time; by 1935, city directories reveal that the house was owned and occupied by Edgar F. Nauert. Nauert was the son of a tenant farmer in the Dessau area of Travis County, and while living in this house, worked as a lineman for the City Electric Department. Edgar and Marie Nauert lived here until the mid- to late-1940s. The house was then purchased by Scott and Gay McGinnis; McGinnis was a partner in a real estate firm in the Littlefield Building; they lived here from the late 1940s through the early 1950s. Beulah M. Shepherd is listed as the owner and occupant of the house through the rest of the 1950s. The house was then rented by at least two families in the 1960s, then purchased by Lena Hagman, the widow of a hardware salesman from Elgin and Taylor, Texas. Mrs. Hagman lived here until her death in 1983. Since that time, the house has been a rental property.

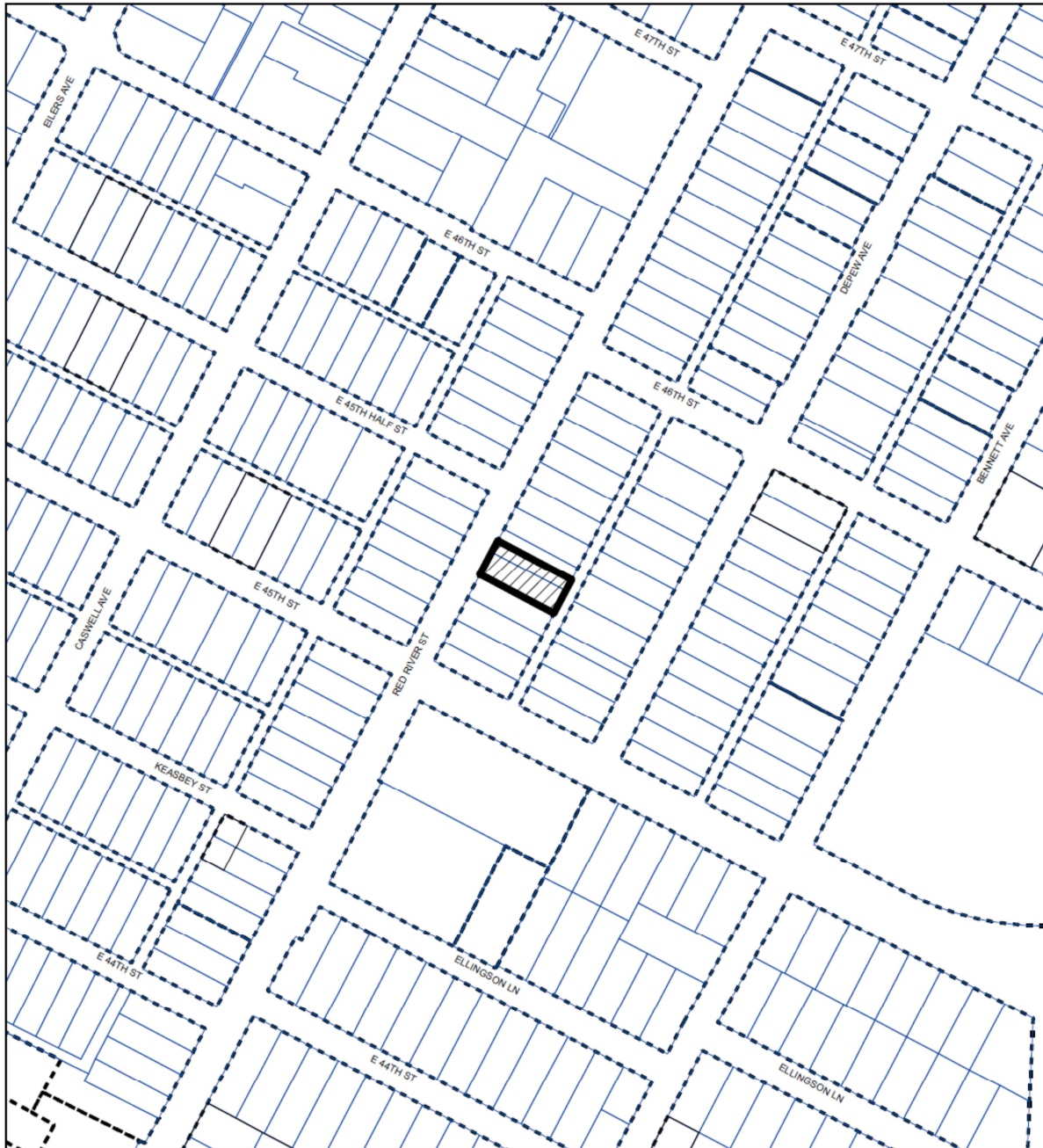
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Although staff cannot justify this house for landmark designation due to its lack of historical significance, staff strongly urges the applicant to consider rehabilitation and addition, or at the least, relocation of the house over demolition.

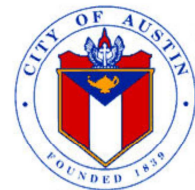
LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT

ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE #: HDP-2012-0113
LOCATION: 4505 RED RIVER ST



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4505 Red River Street
ca. 1932



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4505 Red River Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
May, 2012

1992	Mario S. and Ann H. DePillis, renters No occupation listed
1985-86	K.A. Saffell, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that K.A. Saffell was a new resident at this address.
1981	Lena Hagman, renter Retired
1977	Lena Hagman, owner Widow, Carl A. Hagman Retired
1973	Lena Hagman (not listed as owner) Retired
1969	Robert W. and Carol Pevehouse, renters Service manager, Modern Method, copiers, 825 E. 53 ½ Street.
1964	George E. and Beth A. Zimpelman, renters George: Clerk, Post Office Beth: Dental assistant
1958	Beulah M. Shepherd, owner No occupation listed
1953	Beulah M. Shepherd, owner Saleswoman (no place of employment listed)
1949	Scott W. and Gay H. McGinnis, owners Proprietor (with Thomas L. Clemons), McGinnis-Clemons Company, real estate, city, farm and business properties, 211 Littlefield Building.
1944-45	Edgar F. and Marie Nauert, owners Instructor
1941	Edgar F. and Marie Nauert, owners Serviceman, City Electrical Department

- 1939 Edgar F. and Marie Nauert, owners
Electrician
- 1935 Edgar F. and Marie Nauert, (not listed as owners)
Lineman, City Electrical Department
- 1932-33 Paul J. and Ila M. Gresham, owners
Salesman, National Life and Accident Insurance Company, 1201-02 Norwood
Building.
- 1930-31 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Paul and Ila Gresham are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Paul and Ila Gresham (ca. 1932 – ca. 1934)

The 1930 U.S. Census report shows Paul Gresham as the 23-year old son (step-son?) of Walter and Virginia Parker, who rented a house in Lockhart, Texas. Walter Parker was an insurance salesman; Paul, who was not yet married, was a book-keeper at a grocery store. He had been born in Oklahoma, and is believed to have died in 1969 in Oklahoma City.

Edgar and Marie Nauert (ca. 1934 – ca. 1947)

Edgar and Marie Nauert appear in the 1930 U.S. Census report living at 2307 Lafayette Avenue, a house they rented. They had two young children and a 22-year old female lodger from Minnesota. Both Edgar and Marie had been born in Texas. Edgar was then 25; Marie was then 23 years old. He is listed as a lineman for the City. The 1920 U.S. Census shows that Edgar was living with his parents in the Dessau area of northern Travis County. His father, C.F. was a tenant farmer; 15-year old Edgar had no occupation listed. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Edgar as a 5-year old on his parents' farm on the Manor-Jollyville Road in Travis County. Edgar Nauert died October 11, 1973 in Williamson County, Texas, but no obituary seems to have been printed in the Austin newspapers.

Lena Hagman (ca. 1971 – ca. 1983)

Around 1971, when Lena Hagman moved into this house, her husband, Carl Alex Hagman, had recently died (July, 1971). The 1930 U.S. Census shows Alex and Lena Hagman living in a rented house in Taylor, Texas with their son, Leonard, and daughter, Vera. Carl Hagman was a 46-year old Swedish-born hardware salesman. Lena Hagman was then 39 years old and had been born in Texas to Danish-born parents. She had no occupation listed. Daughter Vera was then 19 and worked as a saleslady in a dry goods store. Son Leonard was then 19 and worked in a tailor shop. They had a 40-year old lodger, who worked for an oil driller. The 1920 U.S. Census shows C. Alex and Lena Hagman living in Taylor, Texas, but Leonard is listed as Leonard Brown, her son; Vera is listed as Vera Hagman. Carl Hagman worked as a hardware salesman.

Lena Hagman

Lena Hagman, 93, of Austin, died Monday.

Formerly of Elgin, she had been a resident of Austin for the past 15 years. She was a member of the Memorial United Methodist Church.

Survivors include daughter Vera Hagman of Austin; son, Leonard Hagman, of Austin; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday in the Colonial Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home, with Reverend John Berkley and Reverend Bobbi K. Cloninger officiating. Interment will be in Taylor City Cemetery.

Obituary of Lena Hagman
Austin American-Statesman, April 27, 1983

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Nº 1075A

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M. Walter Bremond

Address ..

Plumber Dunham

Size of Tap

Date 3-15-32

Date of Connection. 3/17/33.

Size of Tap Made..... 1/4

Size Service: Made.....

Size Main Tapped..... 2 1/2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock.....18"

From **N** Prop. Line to Curb Cock 21'6"

Location of Meter in alley

Type of Box: Box

Depth of Main in ~~S~~ red clay 161"

Depth of Service Line 14"

Depth of Service Line.....

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main.....

Checked by Engr. Dept. 4-19-32 JCH

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Foreman's Report

25.

No. Fittings

Foreman's Signature

Benson

Water service permit to Walter Bremond for this address (1932)