

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 22, 2012  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2012-0334  
1512 ALTA VISTA AVENUE**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, wing-and-gable plan, stone-veneered house with a partial-width independent porch on ornamental metal posts; metal-framed casement-style windows; half-basement level to the left of the main entry of the house; one-story, rectangular-plan side-gabled stone-veneered addition to the right of the principal block of the house; attached garage to the back of the house.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1951 by John T. Parker, a wholesale grocery merchant, who went into real estate with an office on South Congress Avenue in the mid-to late 1950s. Parker had also served as a County Commissioner in the early 1940s. He died in March, 1966; his wife, Louella died in May, 1966. The house was then owned and occupied by Lee M. and Agnes Brewster. Lee Brewster was the sales manager for Austin Carbonic, a fire and safety equipment business, before retiring in the late 1960s. For the remainder of the time that Lee and Agnes Brewster lived here, they were retired. They moved to Amarillo in 1993; Lee Brewster died there in December, 1993; Agnes died there in May, 1995.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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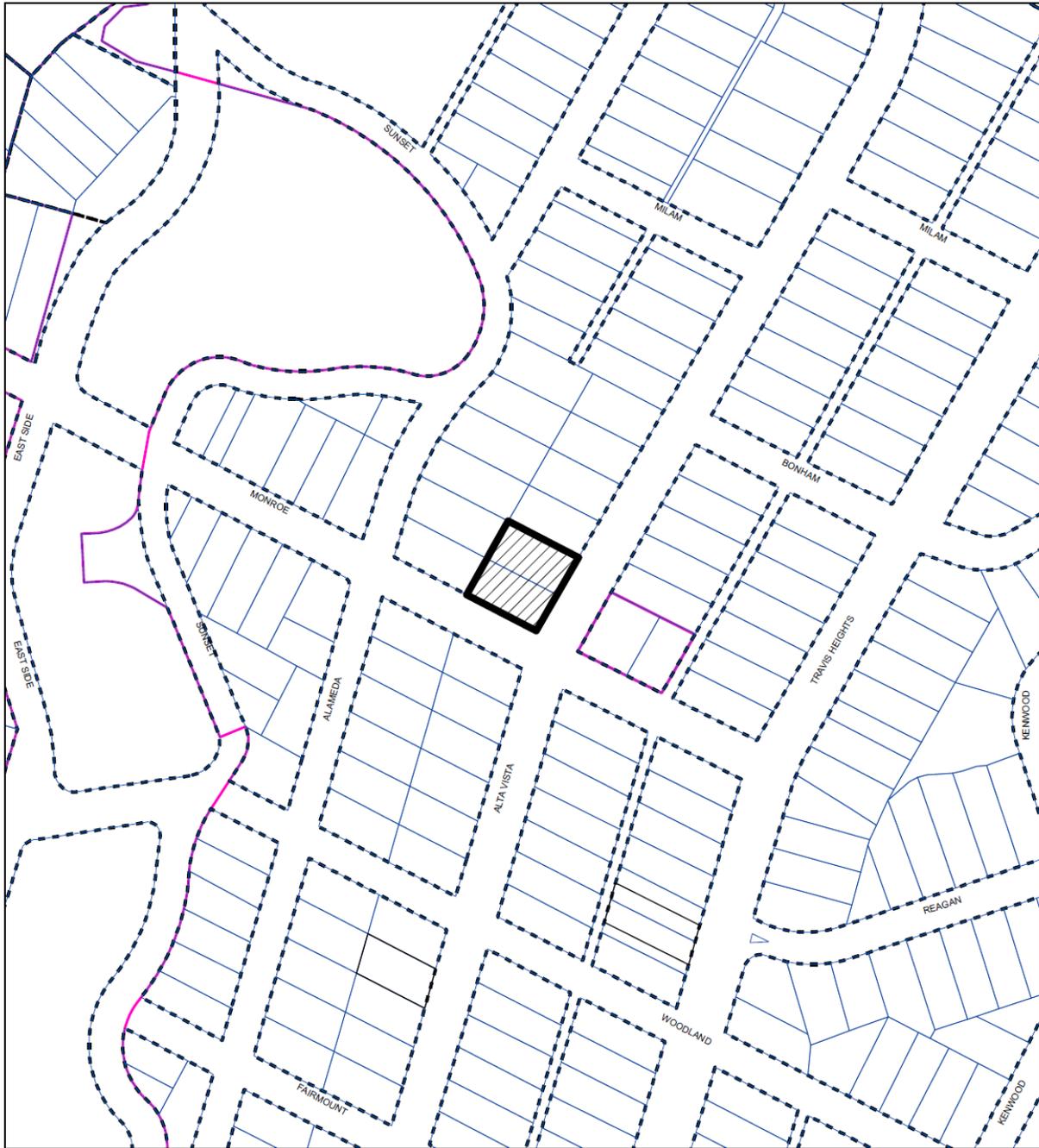
The house is beyond the bounds of any city survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all four elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history of the property, for archiving at the Austin History Center. While the house is a nice example of a 1950s ranch house executed in stone, it is a fairly common housing type, and this house does not have the historical significance to warrant individual landmark designation.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0334  
LOCATION: 1512 Alta Vista Ave



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1512 Alta Vista Avenue  
ca. 1951



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1512 Alta Vista Avenue

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

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| 1992    | Lee M. and Agnes Brewster, owners<br>Retired  |
| 1985-86 | Lee M. and Agnes Brewster, owners<br>Retired  |
| 1981    | Lee M. and Agnes Brewster, owners<br>Retired  |
| 1977    | Lee M. and Agnes Brewster, owners<br>Retired  |
| 1973    | Lee M. and Agnes Brewster, owners<br>Retired  |
| 1968    | Lee M. and Agnes Brewster, owners<br>Sales manager, Austin Carbonic, fire and safety equipment, 501 E. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street.  |
| 1962    | John T. and Luella Parker, owners<br>No occupation listed<br>NOTE: Lee M. and Agnes Brewster are not listed in the directory.   |
| 1957    | John T. and Luella Parker, owners<br>Real estate, 1518 South Congress Avenue.   |
| 1953    | John T. and Luella Parker, owners<br>Real estate, 1518 South Congress Avenue.   |
| 1952    | John T. and Luella Parker, owners<br>Real estate, 1518 South Congress Avenue.   |
| 1949    | The address is not listed in the directory.<br>NOTE: John T. and Luella Parker are listed as living at 808 East Riverside Drive;<br>he was a salesman for Austin Distributing Company, wholesale groceries, 204 E.<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Street. |

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

JOHN T. and LUELLE PARKER (ca. 1951 – ca. 1965)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows John T. and Luella Parker at 112 E. Monroe Street, a house they owned, and which was worth \$6,500. John T. Parker was then 62, had been born in Mississippi, and was a County Commissioner. Luella Parker was then 57 and had been born in Texas. They had no children living with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows John T. and Luella Parker living on E. Monroe Street; their house was valued at \$5,000. John T. Parker is listed as a real estate agent. The couple had a 16-year old son, John T. Parker, Jr., who had no occupation listed in the census report.

The 1920 U.S. Census report shows the family living on E. Monroe Street; in addition to John T. Parker, Jr., the family included daughters Gladys, then 15, and Dorothy, then 13, who are not shown in the 1930 census report. John T. Parker is listed as a retail grocery merchant. With John and Luella lived his mother, 69-year old widow Mary A. Parker, a native of Alabama.

REGISTRATION CARD		REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
SERIAL NUMBER 3316	ORDER NUMBER Q9049	42-1-3-C	
1. NAME <i>John Thomas Parker</i>		DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT	
2. PRESENT HOME ADDRESS <i>112 E. Milton, Austin, Travis, Texas</i>		HEIGHT	BUILD
3. AGE IN YEARS <i>41</i>		Tall Medium Short	Slender Medium Stout
4. DATE OF BIRTH <i>May 22, 1877</i>		21 22 23	24 25 26
5. RACE White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negro <input type="checkbox"/> Oriental <input type="checkbox"/> Latin <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/>		COLOR OF EYES <i>Brown</i>	
6. U. S. CITIZEN Native Born Naturalized <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citizen by Father's Naturalization <input type="checkbox"/> Declared <input type="checkbox"/> Alien <input type="checkbox"/>		COLOR OF HAIR <i>Black</i>	
7. PRESENT OCCUPATION <i>Grocer</i>		21. Has person best arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically handicapped? <i>No</i>	
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME <i>Self</i>		22. I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of the answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <i>1512 S. Congress, Austin, Travis, Texas</i>		<i>D. W. Archer</i> (Signature of Registrar)	
10. NAME OF NEAREST RELATIVE <i>Louella Parker, Wife</i>		Date of Registration <i>Sept 12, 1918.</i>	
11. ADDRESS OF NEAREST RELATIVE <i>112 E. Milton, Austin, Texas</i>		Board Austin City Austin, Texas	
12. I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (Self)		(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)	
13. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>John Thomas Parker</i>		(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)	

John T. Parker's World War I. draft registration card, showing that lived at 112 E. Milton Street, was married to Louella Parker, and was a self-employed grocer with a store at 1512 South Congress Avenue. John T. Parker had brown eyes and black hair, and was of medium height and build.

**JOHN T. PARKER, SR.**

John T. Parker, Sr., 88, died in a local hospital Friday. He was formerly County Commissioner of Precinct No. 4 for 16 years and a member of the First Baptist Church of Austin.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Louella M. Parker; two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Parker Boothe, Houston, and Mrs. Dorothy Parker Lewallen, Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Delia Boone, Dallas and Mrs. Lula Wezer, Brownfield, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be Sunday at 2 p.m. from Cook Funeral Home with Dr. William E. Denham, Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

**MRS. LOUELLA M. PARKER**

Mrs. Louella Mayne Parker, 84, of 1514 Ethridge, died in a local hospital Tuesday. She was the wife of the late John T. Parker, Sr. and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Parker Booth, Houston, and Mrs. Dorothy Parker Lewallen, Austin; two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Morley, Austin and Mrs. Willetta Warner, Hollywood, Calif.; brother, Clyde Mayne, Austin; four grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Funeral will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. J. Preston Bright and Rev. Mike Smith officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary of Louella Parker  
Austin American, May 25, 1966

## MRS. LOUELLA PARKER

Funeral for Mrs. Louella Mayne Parker, 1514 Ethridge, will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. J. Preston Bright and Rev. Mike Smith officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Harry Mayne, Boyd Moody, Lawson Boothe, Douglas Miles, Cloister Miles and Luther Leath.

Funeral notice for Louella Parker  
Austin American, May 26, 1966

John T. Parker 1512 Alta Vista Ave.

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Building permit to John T. Parker for the construction of the house (1951)

