

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 24, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0373
2804 GREENLEE DRIVE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, irregular-plan, flat- to hipped-roof, stone-veneered Mid-century Modern house with metal-frame casement and multi-light picture windows, an exterior chimney clad in stone, and a partial-width independent porch.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1951 by the Brentwood Corporation, a local developer. The first owners and occupants were Gilbert and Maudine Schmitt for the rest of their lives. Gilbert Schmitt was an engineering graduate from the University of Texas, who worked in utilities for his entire career, starting at Central Power and Light, and coming to the Lower Colorado River Authority in 1938. He became the assistant general manager of the LCRA. After Gilbert's death in 1981, the house was sold to Richard and Ernestine Rainey.

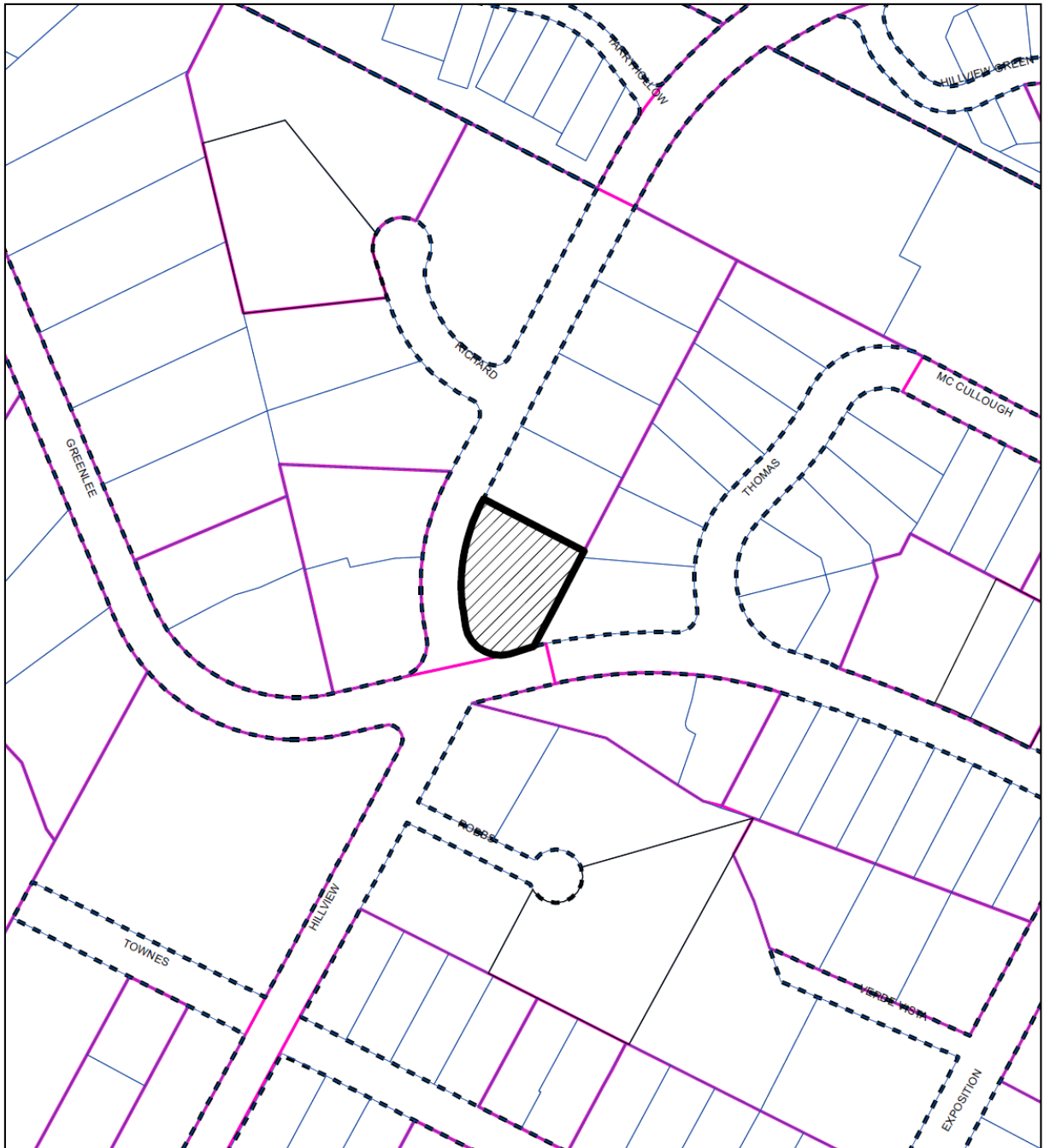
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is not listed in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and re-use of this house, which is a very good example of Mid-century Modern design, exemplified by the stone veneered walls, exterior chimney, and large banks of metal-framed casement and picture windows. If the demolition permit is released, staff recommends release only upon the completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0373
LOCATION: 2804 Greenlee Drive



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2804 Greenlee Drive
ca. 1951







OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2704 Greenlee Drive

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
April, 2013

1992	Ernestine S. Rainey, owner Retired
1985-86	Richard B. and Ernestine S. Rainey, owners Retired
1981	Gilbert E. Schmitt, owner Retired
1977	Gilbert E. Schmitt (not listed as the owner) Consultant
1973	Gilbert E. and Maudine H. Schmitt, owners Assistant general manager and chief engineer, Lower Colorado River Authority.
1968	Gilbert E. and Maudine H. Schmitt, owners Assistant general manager, Lower Colorado River Authority.
1962	Gilbert E. and Maudine H. Schmitt, owners Assistant general manager, Lower Colorado River Authority.
1957	Gilbert E. and Maudine Schmitt, owners Assistant general manager and chief engineer, Lower Colorado River Authority.
1953	Gilbert E. and Maudine H. Schmitt, owners Chief engineer, Lower Colorado River Authority
1949	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Gilbert and Maudine Schmitt are listed as living at 1701 W. 30 th Street; he was the assistant general manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Gilbert and Maudine Schmitt (ca. 1951 – ca. 1984)

Gilbert and Maudine Schmitt appear in the 1940 U.S. Census; they lived in a rented house at 605 E. 38th Street in Austin. Gilbert Schmitt was then 33, had been born in Texas, and was an electrical engineer for the Lower Colorado River Authority. Maudine Schmitt was also then 33 and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed in the census report. They had lived in San Antonio in 1935. With them lived Maudine's niece, Jo Belle Humphreys, 15. Jo Belle had been born in Texas, had lived in Kingsville in 1935, and had no occupation listed. Gilbert Schmitt appears as the 23-year old son of Lorenz and Mathilde Schmitt in the 1930 U.S. Census. The family lived in Seguin, Texas, where Gilbert was an electrical engineer for a power company. His father, who had been born in Texas, was a carpenter. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Gilbert living on the family's farm in Guadalupe County, Texas. Both Gilbert and his older brother, Monroe, were listed as farm laborers on the home farm.

Maudine Schmitt died March 5, 1976 in Travis County.

Ex - LCRA executive Schmitt dies Monday

Gilbert Eugene Schmitt, 2805 Greenlee, a former Assistant General Manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority, died Monday in Houston at age 75.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. today in the Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

A 1928 Engineering graduate of the University of Texas, Schmitt worked for Central Power and Light Co. before starting his career with LCRA in 1938. A member of several civic organizations, Schmitt also served as Vice-President of the Austin Chamber of Commerce.

Schmitt is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Henry A. (Pat) Bunting of Rockwall, four brothers, Walter, Hugo and Monroe of Seguin, and Ben Schmitt of Fort Worth; and two grandchildren.

Obituary of Gilbert Schmitt
Austin American-Statesman, September 24, 1981

Brentwood Corp.

2804 Greenlee Drive

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Brentwood Place

Stone veneer residence and gar. attach.

48094 4-18-51

\$16,000.00

A. S. Brient

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Building permit to the Brentwood Corporation for the construction of the house (1951)

W.O. 1866

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

C No 8911

Received of **BRENTWOOD CORP.** INDEXED Date **4-18-51**

Address **2804 GREENLEE A.**

Amount **THIRTY & NO 100**

Plumber **30** Size of Tap **1"**

Date of Connection **5-7-51**

Size of Tap Made **1"**

Size Service Made **1"**

Size Main Tapped **6"**

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock **7'5"**

From **N** Prop. Line to Curb Cock **6'4"**

Location of Meter **CURB**

Type of Box **h.o.c.k.**

Depth of Main in St. **3'**

Depth of Service Line **2'**

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main **3'4"**

Checked by Engr. Dept. **6-11-51 PS**

No. Fittings	Size	Material
1	Curb Cock 1"	
1	Elbow 1"	
1	St. Elbow 1" c.o.p.	
1	Pushing 1" sleeve	
	Reducer	
	36' Pipe 1" c.o.p.	
	Lead Comp.	
	Nipples	
	Union	
	Plug	
	Tee	
	Stop	
	Box	
	Lid	
	Valves	
	Job No. 11-23-50	
	P. No.	

Water service permit to the Brentwood Corporation for this address (1951)

Receipt No. **16865** Application for Sewer Connection No. **28393**

Austin, Texas, **4-25-1951**

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by **Brentwood Corp** at **2804 Greenlee Dr** Street, further described as Lot **3** Block **168** Outlot **1** Division **1** subdivision **Brentwood Place** Plat **168** which is to be used as a **res** In this place there are to be installed **5** fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. **43483** I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. **6-20-51**

Depth at Prop. Line **3'**

Sub-Conn Connected } in Hillview 49-5 of N.E. **7' at main** Respectfully, **VR Walling**

Date **6-27-51**

By **Phuong**

NOTE: Connection Instruction **Connection Required**
8' Main in Hillview Rd. #16865

Sewer connection application by the Brentwood Corporation for this address (1951)

<u>OWNER</u>	G.E. Schniett	<u>ADDRESS</u>	2804 Greenlee Drive
<u>PLAT</u>	168	<u>LOT</u>	5
		<u>BLK</u>	--
<u>SUBDIVISION</u>	Brentwood P1		
<u>OCCUPANCY</u>	Attached Carport		
<u>BLD PERMIT #</u>	110558	<u>DATE</u>	11-19-68
		<u>OWNERS ESTIMATE</u>	\$700.00
<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	Air Vent Awning Co.		<u>NO. OF FIXTURES</u>
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<u>WATER TAP REC #</u>	Exist	<u>SEWER TAP REC #</u>	Exist
Add C.P. and attach to exist garage			
462 Sq. Ft.			

Building permit to Gilbert E. Schmitt for the construction of a carport (1968)