

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 24, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0394
1313 KENWOOD AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Completely remodel the façade of a ca. 1930 house and add an addition to the rear.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan Tudor Revival-styled frame house with a prominent cat-slide gable composing the right side of the front façade, and a front-gabled entryway with a round-arched opening, composing the left side; a massive, brick, battered exterior chimney separates the two components of the façade. Fenestration consists of single and paired 1:1 wood-frame, wood-sash windows with 9:1 wooden screens, and pair of diamond-paned casement windows to the right of the brick chimney in the “cat-slide” section of the gable.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1930. The first occupants were Carl and Lois Raschke, who lived here until around 1936. He was the office manager at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. From that time forward, the house has been a rental property, occupied by a series of tenants with remarkably heavy turnover for the style, size, and location of this house. The tenants included the manager of the Walgreen Drug Company on Congress Avenue, a salesman, a farmer, the cashier at the Night Hawk Restaurant, and a janitor at the Austin State Hospital.

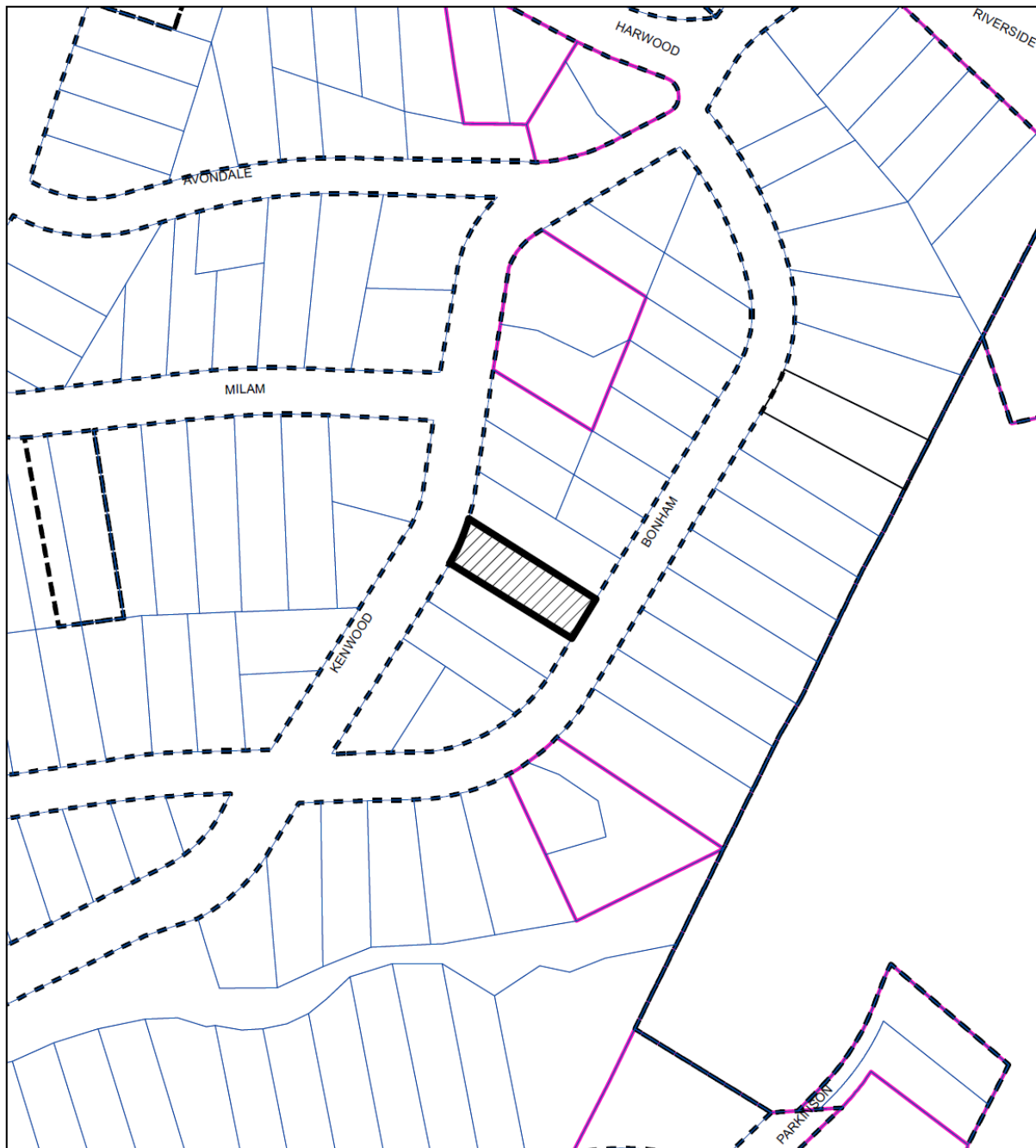
STAFF COMMENTS

The house appears in the 1984 Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey, but without a priority for research.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage the applicant to re-consider the plans to transform the style and appearance of this house. While staff does not believe that the house has sufficient historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, it is a truly excellent example of the Tudor Revival style, which typifies residential construction in Travis Heights, a potential historic district. Further, this house is a wooden Tudor Revival house, which is relatively rare; most Tudor Revival houses in Austin were clad in brick. However, the Commission may release the permit, as this house is neither a historic landmark nor within a historic district. If the demolition permit is approved, then staff recommends the completion of a City of Austin documentation package prior to release of the permit.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



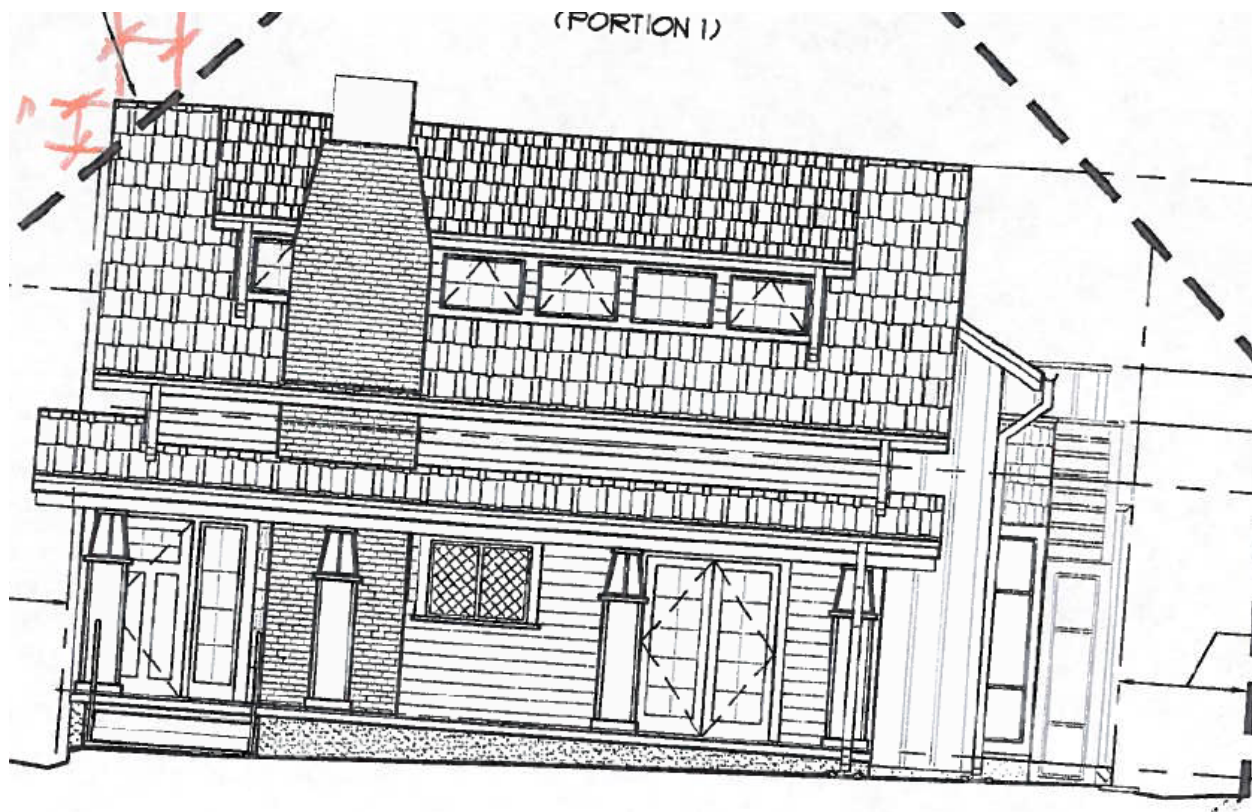
ZONING BOUNDARY

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Proposed new front elevation for the house.

1313 Kenwood Avenue
ca. 1930



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1313 Kenwood Avenue

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

1992	Sarah A. Robertson, renter Volunteer coordinator, Austin Independent School District
1985-86	Susan Howe, renter No occupation listed
1981	Vacant
1977	David L. and Leslie J. Brooks, renters Janitor, Austin State Hospital
1973	David L. and Leslie J. Brooks, renters Employed by Austin State Hospital
1968	Paul F. and Beth C. Davis, renters Student
1962	Drudell Smith, renter Cashier, Night Hawk Restaurant (several locations)
1959	Andrew and Thelma Johnson, Jr., renters Farmer
1954	Vacant
1949	Bernard and Virginia Pearson, renters U.S. Air Force
1947	Jewel Hillum, renter No occupation listed
1944-45	Vacant
1941	Adrian H. and Constance Cahn, renters Salesman
1939	Clyde D. and Lucille Fretwell, renters Manager, Walgreen Drug Company, 721-23 Congress Avenue.
1937	Vacant NOTE: The address is listed as 1401 Kenwood Avenue.
1935	Eugene T. and Mabel Daniels, renters No occupation listed

- 1932-33 Carl W. and Lois Raschke, owners
No occupation listed
- 1930-31 Carl W. and Lois Raschke (not listed as owners)
Manager, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, 304-08 Colorado Street.
- 1929 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Carl and Lois Raschke are listed as living at 915 E. 44th Street; he was the office manager at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, 304-08 Colorado Street.

There is a record of a water service permit dating from 1938, but the actual permit no longer exists.

