

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0588
4710 SINCLAIR AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1938 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan, frame house with a partial-width, inset porch on plain, square, wood posts; single and paired 6:6 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1938-39; the first occupants were Elmer L. and Lucille Turner, who are listed as the renters of the house in the 1940 city directory, and the owners of the house in the 1941 city directory. Elmer L. Turner was the shop foreman and service manager for Swearingen-Armstrong, the Ford, Mercury, and Lincoln Zephyr dealer in Austin. The Turners lived her until the early 1940s, then moved to 606½ Harris Avenue. Roy M. Trumbull, an assistant manager for the Mountjoy Parts Company, an auto parts company, and his wife, Helen, rented the house in the mid-1940s, then a claims examiner, Wilbur Towns, and his wife Doris, are listed as the owners of the house in the city directories of the late 1940s. Delia Agnew, a widow, who worked as a rate analyst for the State Board of Insurance Commissioners, owned the house in the mid- to late 1950s. A widow who worked as an office secretary at the University of Texas owned the house in the early 1960s. The house has had a series of owners through the late 1970s, including a book-keeper and a retired woman.

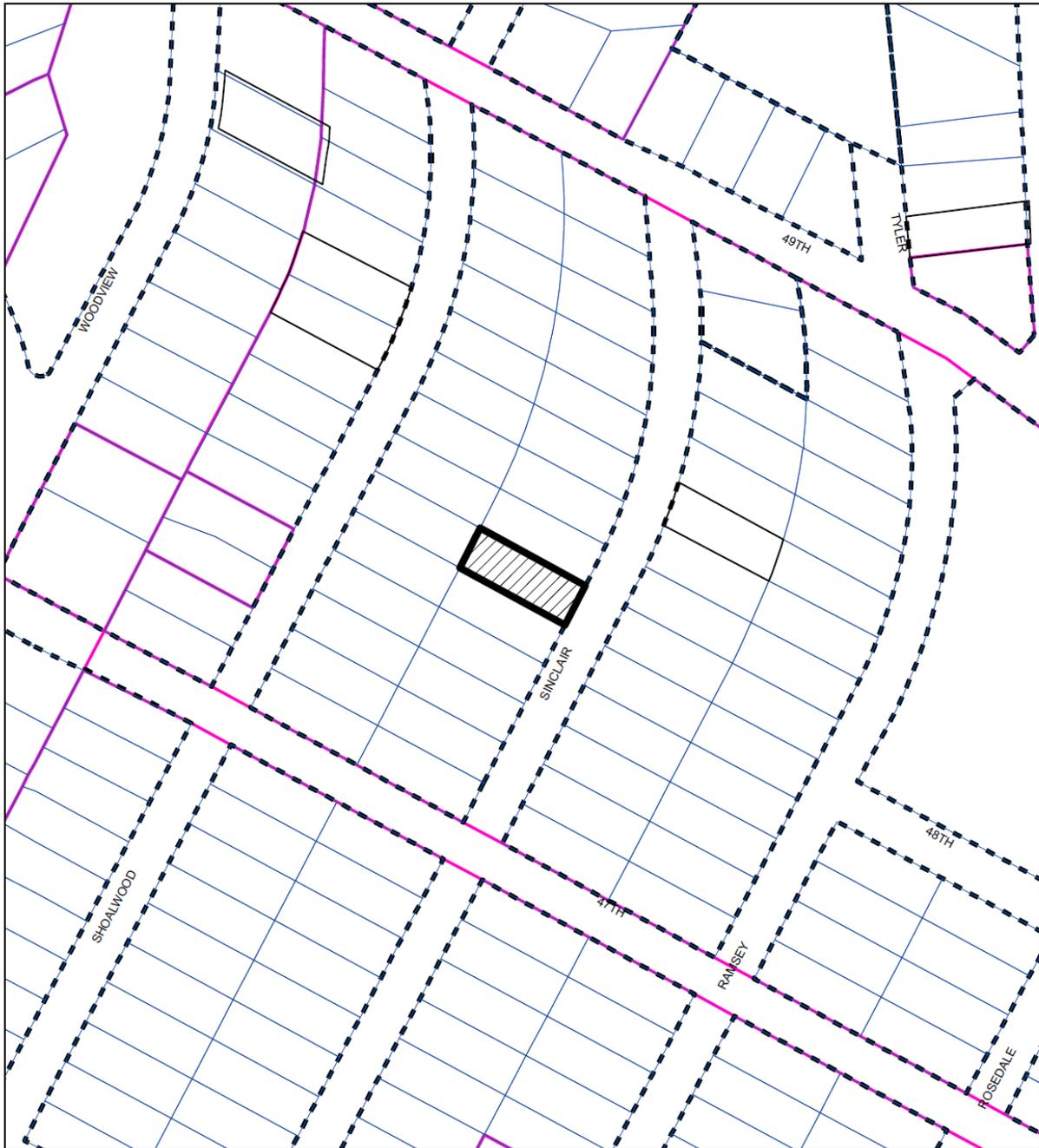
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon 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-2013-0588
LOCATION: 4710 Sinclair Avenue



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4710 Sinclair Avenue
ca. 1938



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4710 Sinclair Avenue

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

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| 1992 | Clay Barton, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: The directory indicates that Clay Barton was a new resident at this address. |
| 1985-86 | Vacant |
| 1981 | No return |
| 1977 | Edward and Bernice Simpson, owners
Laborer, Blount Bros. Construction (not listed in the main directory). |
| 1973 | Edward H. and Dorothy Hawley, owners
Book-keeper, Frank C. Barron Realty, 3500 N. Interregional Highway |
| 1968 | Dorothy I. Martin, owner
Retired |

- 1962 Hazel J. Wells, owner
Widow, John G. Wells
Office secretary, University of Texas
- 1959 Delia Agnew, owner
Widow, W.H. Agnew
Rate analyst, State Board of Insurance Commissioners
- 1954 Delia Agnew, owner
Widow, W.H. Agnew
Assistant chief rater, State Board of Insurance Commissioners
- 1952 Vacant
- 1949 Wilbur Towns, owner
Not listed in the main directory.
- 1947 Wilbur and Doris R. Towns, owners
Claims examiner
- 1944-45 Roy M. and Helen Trumbull, renters
Assistant manager, Mountjoy Parts Company, automotive parts, tools, and equipment, 204-06 E. 5th Street.
NOTE: The 1942 city directory shows Roy M. and Helen Trumbull at 903 Gillette Drive; he was a salesman for the Mountjoy Parts Company.
- 1941 Emil L. and Lucille Turner, owners
Service manger, Swearingen-Armstrong, Ford and Lincoln cars, 1st and Colorado Streets.
NOTE: The 1942 city directory shows Elmer L. and Lucille Turner at 606½ Harris Avenue; he was the service manager for Swearingen-Armstrong.
- 1940 Elmer L. and Lucille Turner, renters
Assistant manager, Swearingen-Armstrong, Ford and Lincoln cars, 1st and Colorado Streets.
- 1939 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Elmer L. and Lucille Turner are listed as living at 1407 Alta Vista Avenue; he was the service manager for Swearingen-Armstrong Motor Company, Ford, Mercury, and Lincoln Zephyr automobiles, 1st and Colorado Streets.

Elmer L. and Lucille Turner appear as the owners of this house in the 1940 U.S. Census. The house was worth \$3,600. Elmer L. Turner was then 26, had been born in Texas, and was a shop foreman for a retail automobile dealership and garage. Lucille Turner was then 24, and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed. They had no children living with them. In 1935, Elmer L. Turner had lived in El Campo, Texas. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Elmer L. Turner as the 17-year old son of Lee and Rada Turner, who lived on a rented farm in Coryell County, Texas. Elmer L. Turner had no occupation listed.

Bertha Johnson

4710 Sinclair Avenue

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Frame residence & box garage

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Building permit to Bertha Johnson for the construction of the house (1938)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

No. 11203

Received of Robert Johnson Date Oct 5th, 1938
 Address 4710 Sinclair
 Amount Two and 50/100-- \$ 2.50
 Plumber Gissell Size of Tap 1/2"

Date of Connection	<u>10-7-38</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>1"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>2" C-I</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>7</u>
From <u>S</u> -Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>35'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>back curb line</u>
Type of Box	<u>Lock</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>2'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>14"</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>5'</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>6-13-39 15</u>

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock <u>3/8"</u>
	Elbow
	St. Elbow <u>3/4" X 1/2"</u>
1	Bushing <u>3/4" X 1/2"</u>
1	Reducer <u>3/4" X 1/2"</u>
1	Pipe <u>3/4" copper</u>
	Lead Comp.
	Nipples <u>3/8" C-I</u>
1	Union <u>3/4" COPP.</u>
1	Plug <u>3/4" COPP.</u>
	Tee
	Stop
1	Box
1	Lid
1	Valves <u>Tile + cover.</u>
	Job No. <u>C-38-1015</u>
	Req. No. <u>28334-29666-17667</u>

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Water service permit for this address (1938)