

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 28, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2013-0749  
2729 LYONS ROAD

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1949 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with an almost-full-width, front-gabled independent porch now on temporary wood posts; non-historic replacement windows.

**RESEARCH**

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The house appears to have been built in 1949; the first owners and occupants were Alberto and Francisca Mota. Alberto Mota was born in Mexico and worked as a cleaner and tailor for Crown Tailors on E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street when he and Francisca bought this house. He eventually went on to become a tailor for Reynolds-Penland, a high-quality men's clothing store on Congress Avenue. Alberto Mota died in 1961. His widow, Francisca, and son, Rodolfo, continued to live here. Rodolfo also worked as a tailor, and by the mid-1960s, was a presser for Bloomquist & Clark, a men's clothing store on Congress Avenue. After Francisca Mota died in 1969, the house was vacant through much of the 1970s; it then became a rental unit.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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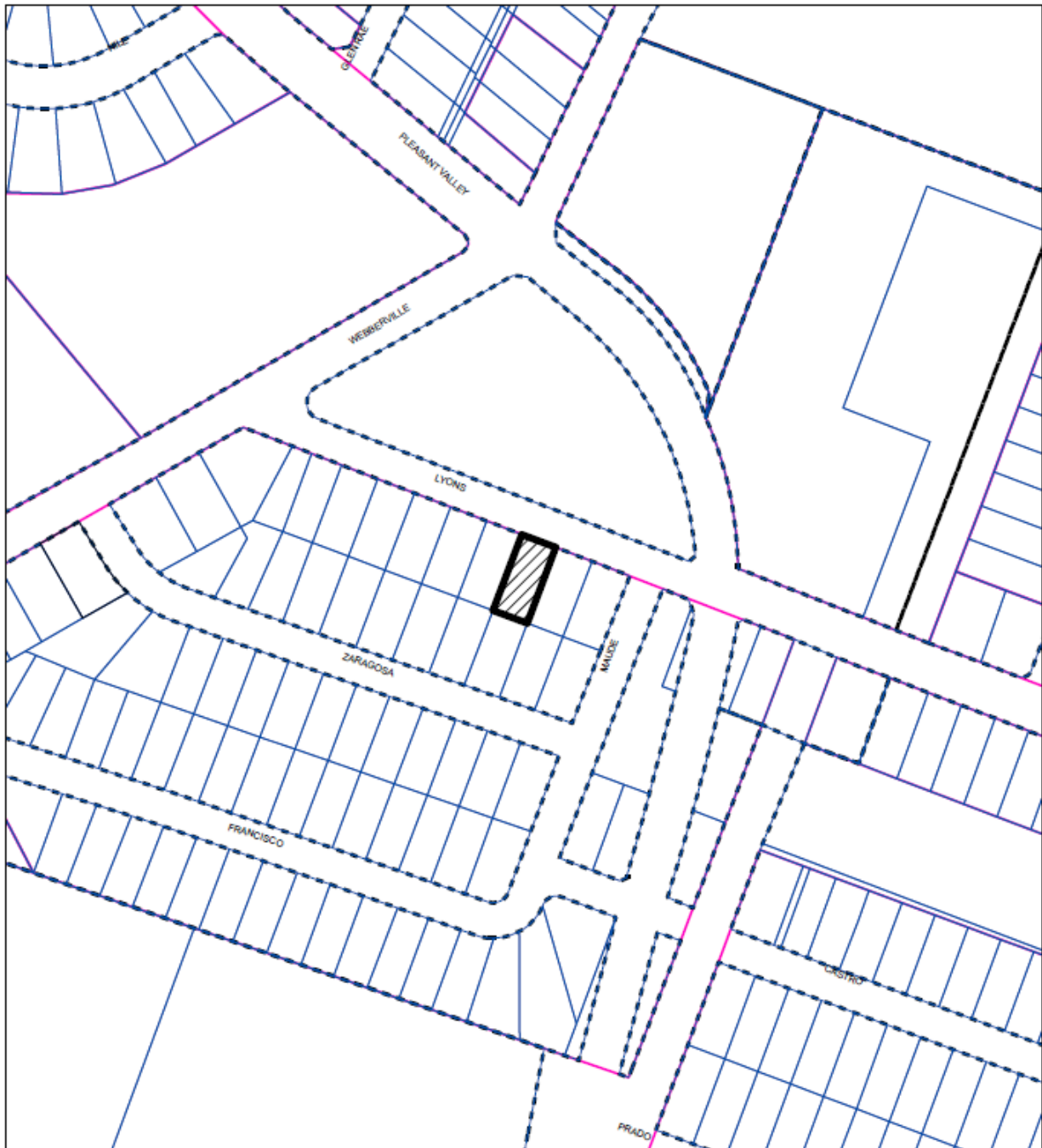
The house does not appear in any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the permit. The house has collapsed and has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT

ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0749  
LOCATION: 2729 Lyons Road



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2729 Lyons Road  
ca. 1949



### OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2729 Lyons Road

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

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| 1992    | Jose Torres, renter<br>No occupation listed<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Jose Torres was a new resident at this address.                      |
| 1985-86 | Fedencio and Maria Herrera, renters<br>Bricklayer<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Fedencio and Maria Herrera were new residents at this address. |
| 1981    | Janie Rosales, renter<br>Employed by Mrs. Baird's Bakery, 701 Tillery Street.  |
| 1977    | Vacant   |
| 1973    | Vacant   |

- 1968 Francisca G. Mota, owner  
NOTE: Francisca G. Mota is not listed in the directory; however, Rudolph Mota, who lists this address as his own, was a presser for Bloomquist & Clark, men's clothing, 617 Congress Avenue.
- 1962 Francisca G. Mota, owner  
NOTE: Francisca G. Mota is not listed in the directory; however, Rodolfo Mota, who lists this address as his own, was a presser for Bloomquist & Clark, men's clothing, 617 Congress Avenue.
- 1959 Albert B. and Francesca Mota, owners  
Tailor, Reynolds-Penland, men's clothing, 721 Congress Avenue.  
Also listed is Rodolfo Mota, a presser for Bloomquist-Clark, men's clothing, 617 Congress Avenue.
- 1954 Albert V. and Frances G. Mota, owners  
Tailor  
Also listed is Rudolph Mota, employed by Joseph's Man Shop, 127 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1952 Albert V. and Frances G. Mota, owners  
Tailor  
NOTE: Rudolph Mota is not listed in the directory.
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Albert and Francesca Mota are not listed in the directory; Rudolph Mota is listed as a cleaner for Williams & Hoover at 502 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, but he has no address listed in the directory. There is an Alberto Mata (no wife listed), who was a tailor at Crown Tailors, 408 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; he lived at 1202 East Avenue.  
NOTE: The 1947 city directory shows Albert and Francisca Mota living at 1202 East Avenue; he was a cleaner for Crown Tailors.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Alberto and Francisca Mota (ca. 1949 – ca. 1970)**

Alberto and Francisca Mota appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 2409 Santa Rita Street in Austin. Alberto Mota was then 43, had been born in Mexico, and was a tailor. Francisca Mota was then 42, had been born in Mexico, and had no occupation listed. They had three children: Rodolfo, 22, had been born in Mexico and was a laborer in a nursery; Elias, 15, and Sara, 12, had both been born in Texas. Neither had an occupation listed.

**ALBERTO MOTA**

Alberto Mota 2729 Lyons Road died Sunday at his residence. He had been a resident of Austin for the past 48 years, a member of the St. Julia Catholic Church and a member of the Crucillos of the St. Julia parish.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Francisca Mota of Austin; one daughter, Mrs. Sarah Mota Sanchez of Long Beach, Calif.; two sons, Rodolfo Mota and Elias Mota, both of Austin; one sister, Mrs. Clara Vida de Salas of Mexico City and seven grandchildren. Rosary will be recited Tuesday at the Cook-Chapel of Roses Funeral Home.

Requiem Mass will be Wednesday at 9 a.m. at St. Julia Catholic Church with the Rev. S. P. Brown.

Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery.

Obituary of Alberto Mota  
Austin American, August 22, 1961

**MRS. FRANCISCA G. MOTA**

Mrs. Francisca G. Mota of 2729 Lyons Rd. died in a local hospital Sunday. She was a member of St. Julia Catholic Church.

Rosary was recited Sunday in Angel Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be Monday at 2 p.m. in St. Julia Catholic Church, Rev. Father Frank Briganti officiating. Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery. Mrs. Mota is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Sara Sanchez of Austin; two sons, Rodolfo Mota and Elias G. Mota, both of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Maria Torres of Austin and Mrs. Saludad Vda de Navarrete of Mexico City, Mexico; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Cosme Estrada, Fidel Estrada Jr., Jessie Torres, Alvino Mendoza, Eusebio Mota and Sammy Mendoza.

Obituary of Francisca Mota  
Austin American, December 8, 1969

Receipt No. 24972 Application for Sewer Connection

No. 36540A

*Rush*

Austin, Texas, 2-13 1956

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

Albert Mota at 2729 Lyons Rd Lyons Street,

further described as Lot 7 Block \_\_\_\_\_ Outlot \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_  
subdivision of Jones Plat 265, which is to be used as a res

In this place there are to be installed no fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 18532-a  
I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. 5-24-56 JTF

Depth at Prop. Line 2 1/2

<sup>4</sup> Respectfully,

St. Out } 13 1/2 - E Hill  
Connected (Location)

*Constant-Joseph*

Date 5-29-56

By Carquo

NOTE: Connection Instruction 8' sewer in Lot 4  
shown 14-5-56 HJ SR A 2271

Sewer connection application by Albert Mota for this address (1956)