

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 28, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0745
2005 S.L. DAVIS AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled, board-and-batten frame house with a central, partial-width, front-gabled entry hood; single 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built in 1948; the first known owners and occupants of the house were George and Allie Nichols, who lived here until around 1952. George Nichols was a truck driver and delivery man; by 1948, when he moved into this house, he was a salesman and truck driver for Joe Franzetti's Grocery and Market on E. 6th Street. A series of renters occupied the house until the mid-1960s, including a maid, electrician, and chauffeur. Mrs. Birdie Burditt is listed as the renter of the house from the mid-1960 through the late 1970s; she was a maid for a private family. The house has had another series of renters since Mrs. Burditt moved out.

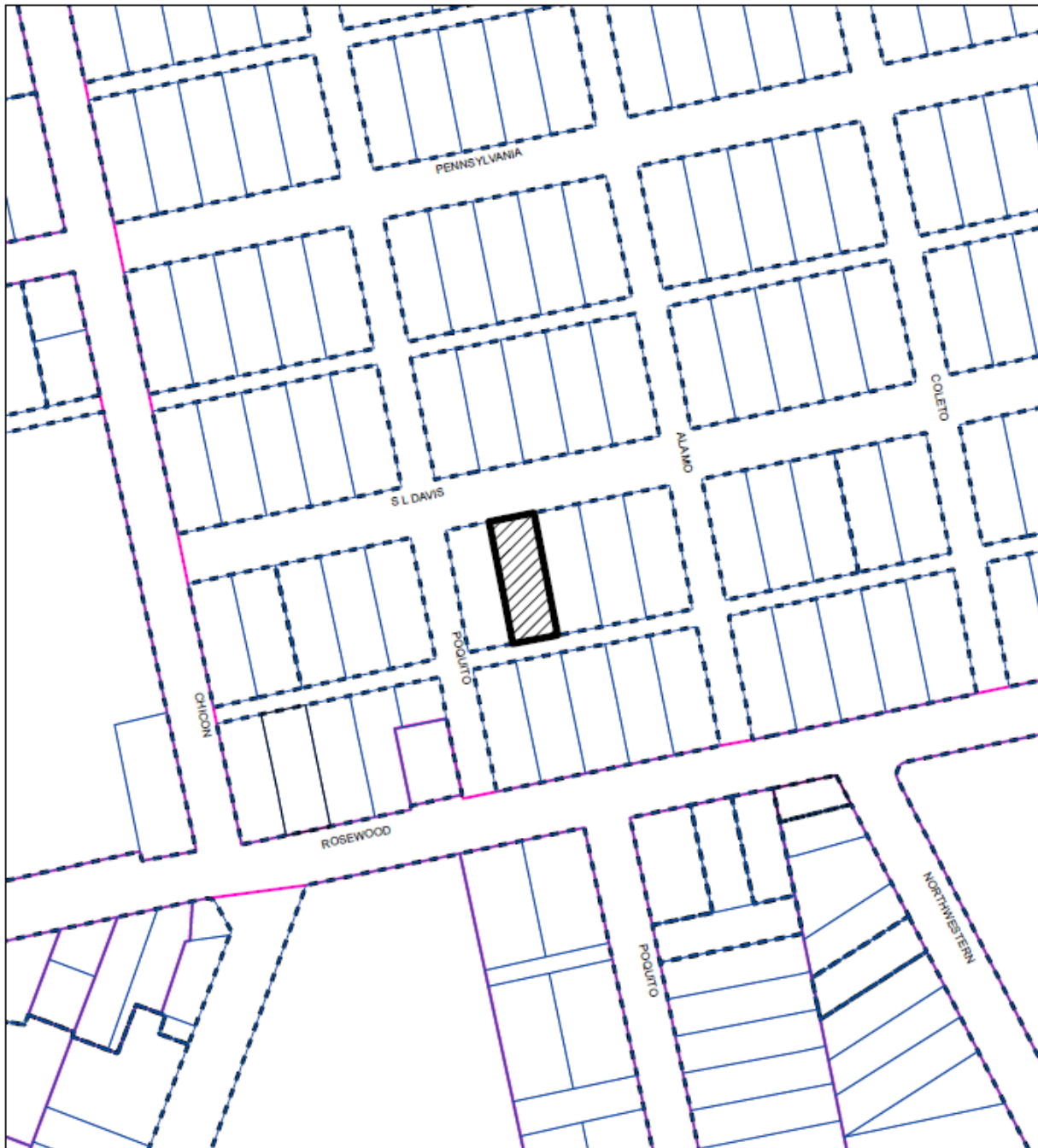
STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in 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. The house is a good, but common example of post-World War II working class housing in East Austin, but lacks the architectural and historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0745
LOCATION: 2005 S.L. Davis Street



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2005 S.L. Davis Avenue
(formerly Washington Avenue)
ca. 1948



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2005 S.L. Davis Avenue

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

- 1992 Benjamin Lee, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: The directory indicates that Benjamin Lee was a new resident at this address.
- 1985-86 Mrs. Willie Walker, renter
Employed by Tracor
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- 1981 Edward G. and Kathryn Washington, renters
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- 1977 Birdie Burditt, renter
No occupation listed
- 1973 Birdie Burditt, renter
No occupation listed
- 1968 Birdie Burditt, renter
Maid, 2204 Townes Lane - (home of Mrs. Edith D. Coulter)
- 1962 Dorothy Crayton, renter
Maid
NOTE: Several other members of the Crayton family also lived on Washington Avenue.
- 1959 Adam and Charlie Richardson, renters
Electrician
- 1954 Woodrow and Vera Hunter, renters
Chauffeur
- 1952 Alla M. Nichols, renter
Maid
- 1949 George and Allie M. Nichols, renters
Salesman, Joe Franzetti Grocery and Market, 1601 E. 6th Street.
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: George and Allie Nichols are listed at 1168-A Waller Street; he had no occupation listed.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

George and Allie Nichols (ca. 1948 – ca. 1952)

George and Allie Nichols appear in the 1940 U.S. Census in the home of Allie's parents, Monroe and Allie Jones, who lived at 1313 Comal Street in Austin. George Nichols was then 27, had been born in Texas, and was a truck driver for a retail grocery business. Allie Nichols was then 26, had been born in Texas, and was a cook for a private family. They had no children listed with them. They had lived in rural Travis County in 1935. Allie's father, Monroe Jones, was a laborer in the building construction business. Her mother, Allie, was a cook for a private family. The census report indicates that they, too, lived in rural Travis County in 1935.

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

C No 207

Austin, Texas

SERVICE WITH 3/4" COPPER ON 4-322-1-100-878

Received of VERNON FOWLER Date 2-19-48
 Address 2005 WASHINGTON AVE
 Amount TWENTY + NO/10 \$ 20.00
 Plumber C.R. TOMS Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 2-21-48
 Size of Tap Made 3/4"
 Size Service Made 3/4"
 Size Main Tapped 2"
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.15'
 From W Prop. Line to Curb Cock 20'
 Location of Meter CURB
 Type of Box L.C.C.R.
 Depth of Main in St. 3'
 Depth of Service Line 2.5'
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 1.2'
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 3-13-48

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock 5/8"
1	Elbow 3/4" COP.
1	St. Elbow 3/4" SLICED
1	Braking 3/4" COP.
1	Reducer 2" X 3/4" TAP
14	Pipe 5/8" COP.
	Lead Comp.
	Nipples
	Union
	Plug
1	TEE-TILE LID
1	Stop " LID
1	Box L.C.C.R.
1	Lid " LID
	Valves
	Job No. <u>W-322-3-502</u>
	Req. No. <u>W.P.T.</u>

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Water service permit to Vernon Fowler for this address (1948)