

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 28, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0736
27 MARGRANITA CRESCENT**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof, frame house with a partial-width inset porch on plain, square, wood posts; single, paired, and triple 2:2 horizontal configuration fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1946 by Murray Graham, a local real estate developer. The first owners and occupants of the house were Homer D. and Vela Walker, who lived here until around 1969. Homer D. Walker was an attorney with offices downtown. In the 1970s, the house was owned and occupied by Robert M. and Alane H. Peoples; he was a driver for a concrete company when he and Alane first moved into this house; by the late 1970s, he was a jeweler. Kate Wagster, the proprietor of By George, a women's clothing store on the Drag, was the owner and occupant of the house in the early 1980s.

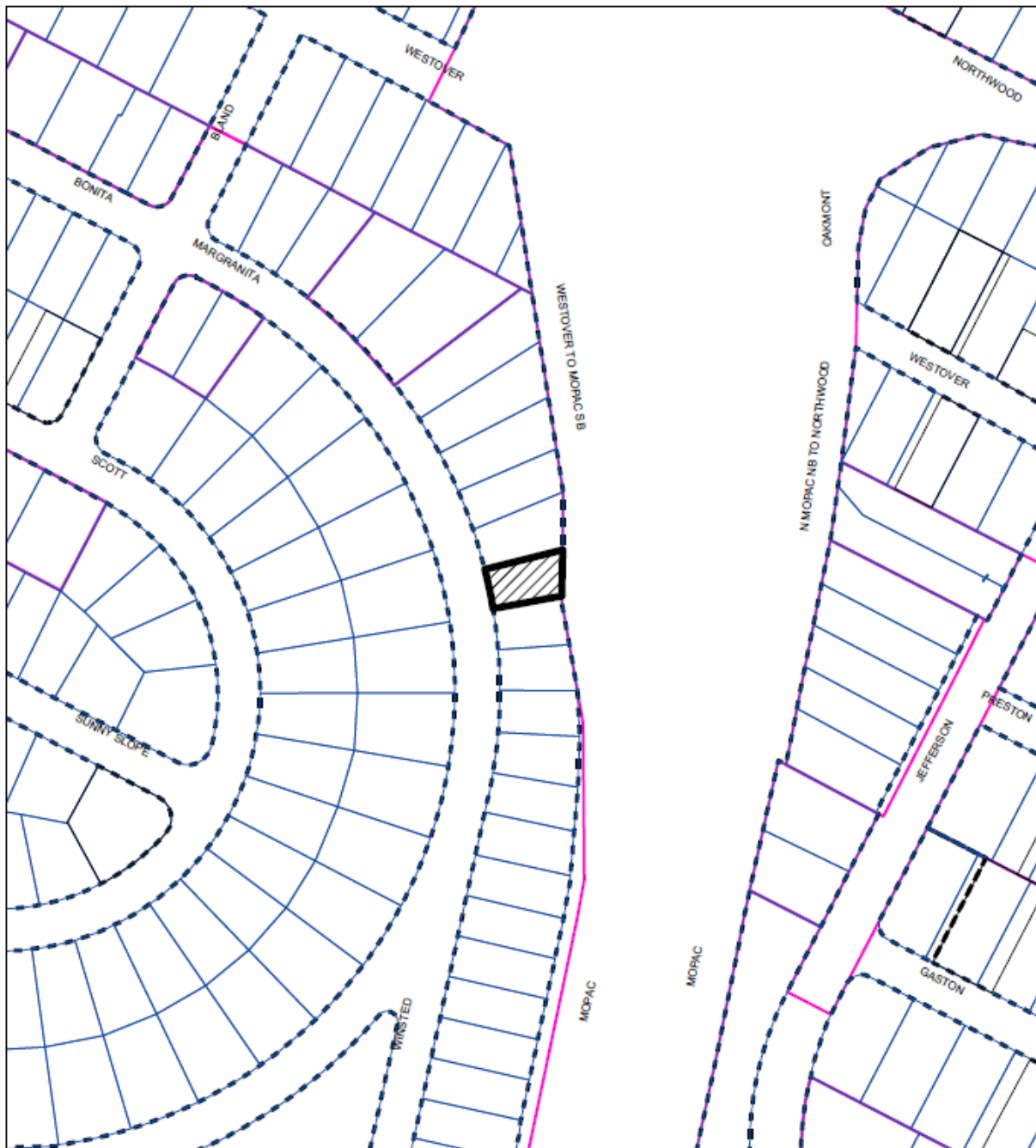
STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage relocation over demolition, but release the permit after 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. While the house lacks the architectural and historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, it represents a good example of post-World War II residential architecture in Tarrytown.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0736
LOCATION: 27 Margranita Crescent



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27 Margranita Crescent
ca. 1946



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 27 Margranita Crescent

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

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| 1992 | <p>John and Elizabeth Agee, renters
 John: Real estate
 Elizabeth: Teacher, Eanes ISD
 NOTE: The directory indicates that John and Elizabeth Agee were new residents at this address.</p> |
| 1985-86 | <p>James Brown, owner
 No occupation listed
 NOTE: The directory indicates that James Brown was a new resident at this address.</p> |
| 1981 | <p>Kate A. Wagster, owner
 Proprietor, By George, women's clothing, 2021 Guadalupe Street.
 NOTE: The directory indicates that Kate Wagster was a new resident at this address.</p> |
| 1977 | <p>Robert M. and Alane H. Peoples, owner
 Jeweler</p> |
| 1973 | <p>Robert M. and Alane H. Peoples, owners
 Driver, Texas Materials, concrete, 816 W. 1st Street.
 NOTE: The directory indicates that Robert M. and Alane H. Peoples were new residents at this address.</p> |
| 1968 | <p>Homer D. and Vela Walker, owners
 Lawyer, 929 Littlefield Building</p> |
| 1962 | <p>Homer D. and Vela Walker, owners
 Lawyer, 929 Littlefield Building</p> |
| 1959 | <p>Homer D. and Vela Walker, owners
 Lawyer, 205 W. 7th Street.</p> |
| 1954 | <p>Homer D. and Vela Walker, owners
 No occupation listed</p> |
| 1952 | <p>Homer D. and Vela Walker, owners
 Lawyer, 209 W. 7th Street.</p> |
| 1949 | <p>Homer D. and Vela Walker, owners
 Lawyer, 209 W. 7th Street.</p> |
| 1947 | <p>The address is not listed in the directory.
 NOTE: Homer D. and Vela Walker are listed at 2000 Bremen Street; he was a lawyer with offices at 301 Nash Building, 618 Colorado Street.</p> |

Homer D. (Bear) Walker

Homer D. (Bear) Walker, age 83, of Austin died Sunday.

A Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy from December 1941 to August 1945, he was stationed at the Naval Base in Corpus Christi and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. He graduated from Baylor University and in 1976 was inducted into the Baylor University Hall of Fame. He received his Law Degree from George Washington University where he was a Sigma Chi.

He was a member of Tarrytown United Methodist Church, Travis County BVar Association, George Washington Bar Association and the

State Bar of Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Vela Lowrey Walker, Austin; two sisters, Mildred Clark and Miss Allene Walker, both of Waco; several nieces and nephews.

Services, 1:00 PM, Tuesday, Weed-Corley Funeral Home, with Reverend Harold Sassman officiating. Burial, Austin Memorial Park.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar. 452-8811.

Obituary of Homer D. Walker
Austin American-Statesman, June 9, 1986

Vela Lowrey Walker

Vela Lowrey Walker, age 88, of Austin died Friday, September 20, 1996.

She was a long-time member of Tarrytown United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer D. (Bear) Walker.

Survivors include her niece, Flo Lowrey of Keller, Texas; and nephew, Pierce Lowrey of Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday in the Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers please make contributions to Hospice Austin, 3710 Cedar St., Austin, TX 78705.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, 452-8811.

Obituary of Vela Walker
Austin American-Statesman, September 22, 1996

Murray Graham
161

27 Margranita Crescent
196 and south
1/2 of 195

Tarrytown Oaks

Frame residence

29732 4-1-46

\$6,000.00

R. C. Hallmark

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Building permit to Murray Graham for the construction of the house (1946)

106
4-5-46

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

Received of MURRAY GRAHAM Date 4-9-46

Address 27 MARGRANTA CRESCENT

Amount TWO AND 50/100 \$ 2.50

Plumber BURLESON Size of Tap 1/2"

Date of Connection 11-12-46

Size of Tap Made 1/4"

Size Service Made 1/4"

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 4'

From S Prop. Line to Curb Cock 29'

Location of Meter 6-1138

Type of Box 1-1138

Depth of Main in St.

Depth of Service Line

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main

Checked by Engr. Dept. M.R.D. 12-10-46

No. Fittings	Curb Cock	Elbow	St. Elbow	Bushing	Reducer	Pipe	Lead Comp.	Nipples	Union	Plug	Tee	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Job No.	Req. No.
					1											11328-126	BURLESON

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Water service permit to Murray Graham for this address (1946)

Receipt No. 6809 Application for Sewer Connection No. 21312

Austin, Texas 9-27 1946

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 Murray Graham at 27 Margranta Crescent Street, further described as Lot 19625.29 Block 1 Outlot 1 Division Res subdivision Langston Plat 161, which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 22374

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. 9-30-46

Depth at Prop. Line 3' at Man Respectfully,

Sub. Out. 31 No. of S. L. 1

Connected 31 (Location)

Date 11-15-46

By Sub. Out.

NOTE: Connection Instruction 10-15-46 29 Man 12-5W3 LEP. A1415

Sewer connection application to Murray Graham for this address (1946)

H. D. Walker #27 Margranita Crescent
161 196 and south- 1/2 of 195 - - -

Tarrytown Oaks

Frame addition to rear of residence.

42595 12-1-49

\$500.00

A. S. Brient

Building permit to Homer D. Walker for the construction of a frame rear addition (1949)