

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 28, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2013-0763  
4106 RAMSEY AVENUE

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1940 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, wing-and-gable plan, minimal traditional style frame house with an attached one-bay garage; partial-width, shed-roofed entry covering integral with the gable; scalloped and board-and-batten detailing in the tympanum of the front gable; 1:1 fenestration.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1940 by McNeeley Contractors of Austin. The first owners and occupants were Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Norman Kanely was a native of New York City; he had worked in electrical supply houses and for a radio manufacturer in Waco before moving to Austin and this house. While in Austin, he worked in real estate for a short period in the early 1940s, then as a plumber. For the vast majority of the time he occupied this house, he either had no occupation listed or was listed as retired. When he died in Jun, 1987, there was a death notice in the Austin newspaper, noting that services were pending, but there was no later obituary. Minnie Kanely lived until 1996; she had only a death notice, and no full obituary, in the newspaper.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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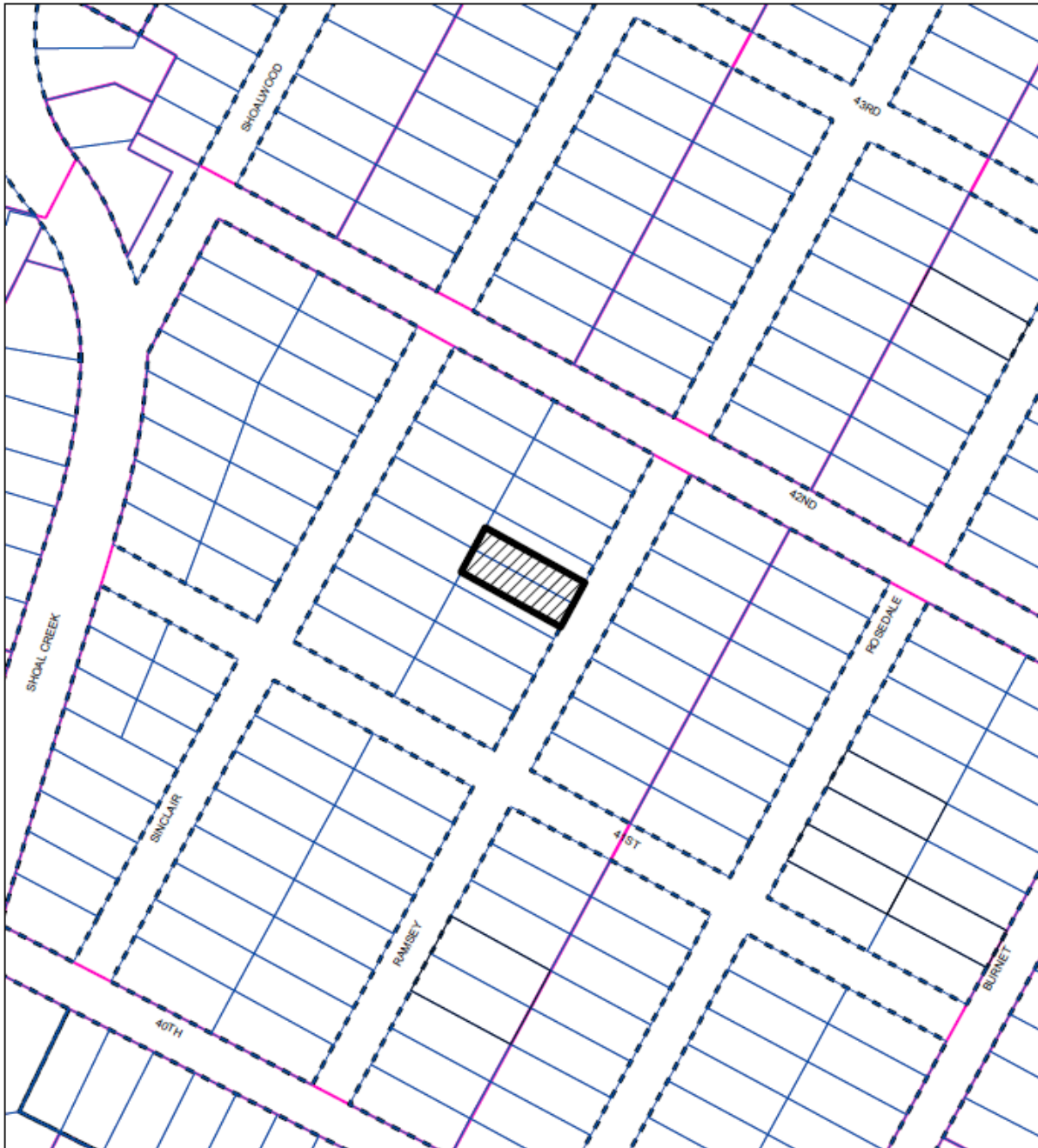
The house is not listed in any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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 has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT

ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0763  
LOCATION: 4106 Ramsey Avenue



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4106 Ramsey Avenue  
ca. 1940



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4106 Ramsey Avenue

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

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 1992    | Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely, owners<br>Retired |
| 1985-86 | Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely, owners<br>Retired |
| 1981    | Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely, owners<br>Retired |
| 1977    | Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely, owners<br>Retired |
| 1973    | Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely, owners<br>Retired |
| 1968    | Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely, owners<br>Retired |

- 1962 Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely, owners  
Not listed in the main directory.
- 1959 Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1955 Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely, owners  
Plumber
- 1952 Norman J. and Minnie M. Kaney, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1949 Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1947 Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1944-45 Norman J. and Minnie M. Kaney, owners  
Representative, OPA Area Rent Control (not listed in the directory).
- 1941 Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely, owners  
Real estate
- 1939 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Norman J. and Minnie M. Kaney are not listed in the directory.

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

#### **Norman J. and Minnie M. Kanely (ca. 1940 – ca. 1996)**

Norman J. Kanely appears in the 1920 U.S. Census as the 18-year old son of Wilhelmina Kanely of New York City. Wilhelmina Kanely was a 39-year old Swedish-born widow. Norman Kanely worked for an electrical supply house, and had a younger brother, Duval. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Wilhelmina's husband, James Norman Kanely, as a Swedish-born printer in New York City.

A Nelson Kanely appears in the 1920 U.S. Census for Austin, as a 19-year old lodger in the home of Charles and Nannie Weigel, at 208 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. This Nelson Kanely was also born in New York, and was a helper at an electrical supply house here. It is probable that the "Nelson" Kanely appearing in this census report was Norman Kanely.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows a James M. Kanely as a lodger in the home of James C. and J.C. Smith on Austin Avenue in Waco, Texas. This James M. Kanely is the same age as the Norman Kanely shown in the 1920 U.S. Census report, and had been born in New York. He was a salesman for a radio manufacturer.

**KANELY, Minnie Mae James, 89, of Austin died Monday. Services 11 a.m. today, Sunset Memorial Park, San Antonio. Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish.**  
Death notice for Minnie Kanely  
Austin American-Statesman, June 4, 1996

NOTE: Norman Kanely died in Austin on June 12, 1987 – there was a death notice stating that services were pending in the newspapers, but no obituary.

No/ Neley Const. Co. 4106 Ramsey Ave.  
 8.30' of 12 2N. 30'  
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No/ Guires Sub.

Frame Res. & Garage attached

19343-4-15-40

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Building permit to McNeeley Contractors for the construction of the house (1940)

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT** No 17518

Austin, Texas Sec. 76

Received of McNeeley Conts. Co. Date Apr 25, 1940

Address 4106 Ramsey Avenue

Amount Two and 50/100 - - - - \$ 2.50

Plumber Smoot Size of Tap 1/2

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Date of Connection                    | <u>4-26-40</u>    |
| Size of Tap Made                      | <u>1/2</u>        |
| Size Service Made                     | <u>1/2</u>        |
| Size Main Tapped                      | <u>6"</u>         |
| From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock    | <u>8'</u>         |
| From <u>M</u> Prop. Line to Curb Cock | <u>20'6"</u>      |
| Location of Meter                     | <u>CURB</u>       |
| Type of Box                           | <u>CONCRETE</u>   |
| Depth of Main in St.                  | <u>3'</u>         |
| Depth of Service Line                 | <u>12"</u>        |
| From Curb Cock to Tap on Main         | <u>ONE FT.</u>    |
| Checked by Engr. Dept.                | <u>5-28-40 LE</u> |

|              |                            |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| No. Fittings | Size                       |
| 1 Curb Cock  | <u>5/8"</u>                |
| Elbow        |                            |
| St. Elbow    | <u>3/4"</u>                |
| Bushing      | <u>3/4"</u>                |
| 1 Reducer    | <u>3/4" to 1/2"</u>        |
| 2 Pipe       | <u>1/2"</u>                |
| 1 Lead Comp. | <u>1/2"</u>                |
| Nipples      |                            |
| 1 Union      | <u>1/2" x 1/2" - 1.00N</u> |
| Plug         |                            |
| 1 Tee        | <u>1/2"</u>                |
| 1 Stop       | <u>1/2"</u>                |
| 1 Box        | <u>1/2"</u>                |
| 1 Lid        | <u>1/2"</u>                |
| Valves       |                            |
| Job No.      | <u>1212</u>                |
| Req. No.     | <u>46197</u>               |

**BENJON**

**INDRNRD**

Water service permit to McNeeley Contractors for this address (1940)