

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JANUARY 27, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2013-0949  
5611 JEFF DAVIS AVENUE**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a central, front-gabled, independent, partial-width front porch on plain, square wood posts and brick piers; single and paired 1:1 fenestration;

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1951 by Eric and Pansy Bartz, who lived here only a short time before moving to Georgetown, Texas. Eric Bartz was a laborer for the State Highway Department; his 1989 obituary recites that he and Pansy moved to Georgetown in 1952. The house was then rented to a carpenter, Theo Schmitt, and his wife, Esther, in the mid-1950s. Billy J. Rodgers, the proprietor of the Allandale Barber Shop on Burnet Road, and his wife, Amanda, are listed as the owners of the house in the late 1950s. The house was rented by a U.S. Marine in the early 1960s, and then purchased by Alvin and Lillie Helge, who lived here until recently. Alvin Helge was a commercial house painter; Lillie Helge worked as a telephone operator for Holy Cross Hospital. Lillie Helge died in 2008.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house does not appear in any City survey.

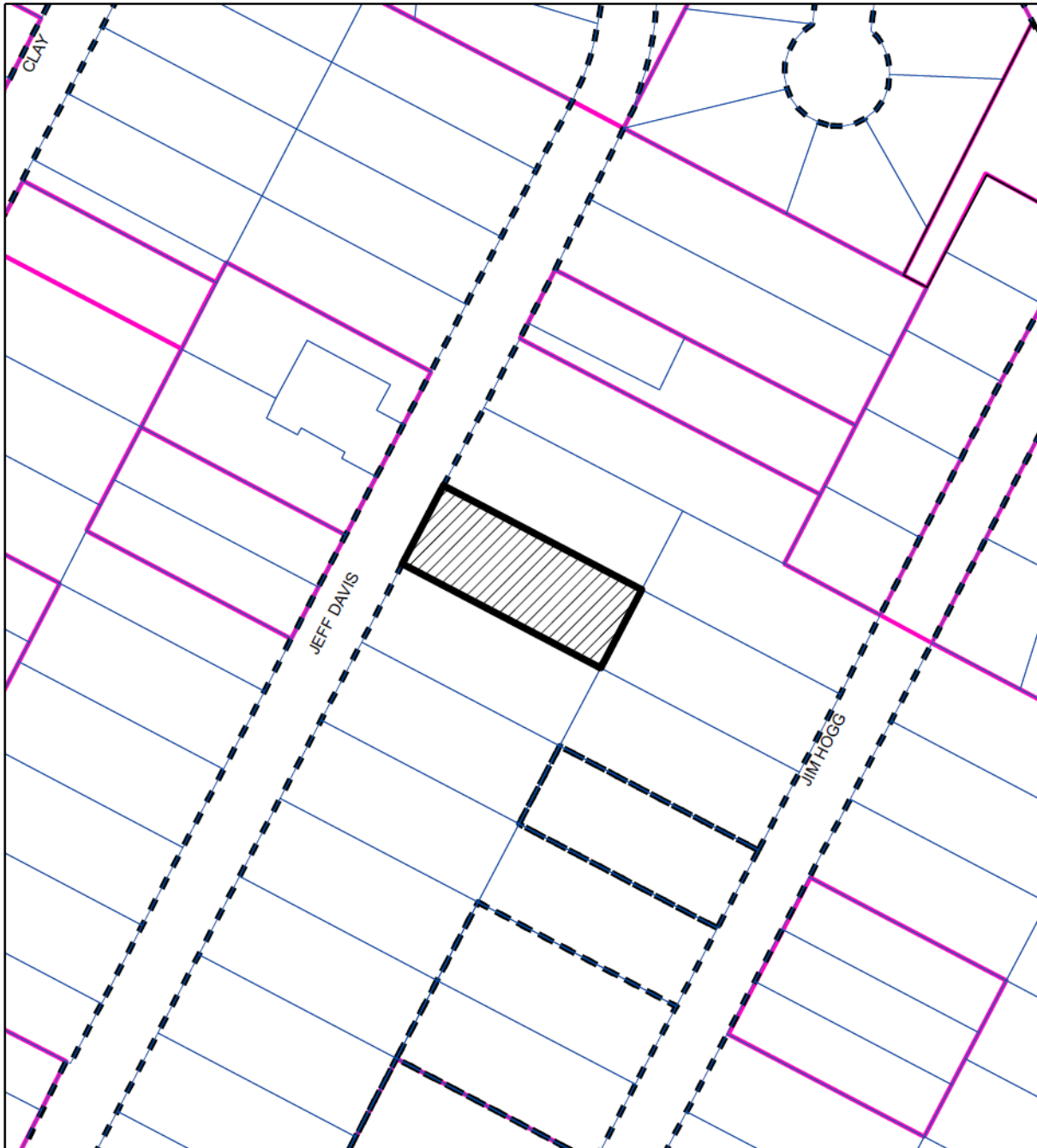
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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, but retains a high degree of integrity and represents an example of post-World War II working-class housing in Austin.

# LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0949  
LOCATION: 5611 Jeff Davis



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5611 Jeff Davis Avenue  
ca. 1951



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
5611 Jeff Davis Avenue

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

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|---------|---|
| 1992    | Alvin N. and Lite M. Helge, owners<br>Retired |
| 1985-86 | Alvin N. and Lillie Helge, owners<br>Retired  |

- 1981 Alvin N. and Lillie Helge, owners  
Retired
- 1977 Alvin N. and Lillie Helge, owners  
Retired
- 1973 Alvin N. and Lillie Helge, owners  
Alvin: Painter  
Lillie: Telephone operator, Holy Cross Hospital, 2600 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1968 Alvin N. and Lillie Helge, owners  
Painter, John P. Mayes, painting, residence and office, 2019 Brentwood Street.  
Also listed is Lynette Helge, a student.
- 1962 Donald H. and Marlene Hunter, renters  
U.S. Marine Corps  
NOTE: Alvin and Lillie Helge are not listed in the directory.
- 1959 Billy and Amanda Rodgers, owners  
Proprietor, Allandale Barber Shop, 5740 Burnet Road.
- 1955 Theo W. and Esther L. Schmitt, renters  
Carpenter
- 1952 Eric F. and Pansy Bartz, owners  
Laborer, State Highway Department
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Eric and Pansy Bartz are listed at 4006-A Avenue A; he was a laborer for the State Highway Department.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Eric F. and Pansy Bartz (ca. 1951 – ca. 1952)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Eric and Pansy Mae Bartz as the owners of a \$700 house in Taylor, Texas. Eric Bartz was then 27, had been born in Texas, and was a truck driver for the State Highway Department. Pansy Mae Bartz was then 24, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had an infant son, Thomas, who had been born in Texas. With them lived Pansy's father, Thomas Walker, a 68-year old Kentucky-born widower who had no occupation listed.

### **Eric (Sam) Bartz**

Eric (Sam) Bartz, 75, of Georgetown, died January 29, in a Georgetown hospital.

Funeral services to be held January 31, 2:00 PM, in the First Baptist Church at 1001 Main Street in Georgetown. Reverend Bob Mitchell will officiate, assisted by Reverend Cliff Harrington. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Lyndon Anderson of Georgetown, Barney Anderson of Austin, Curtis and Jerry Cassens of Jarrell, Bill Ransom of Brownwood, and Roger Savage of Temple. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Hal Gaddy, Jr., Dr. James Shepherd, Bill Hoffman, Dick Cervenka, Bob Williamson, Larry Rutledge, and Herman Crocker. Also, Jimmy Hamilton, Jeff Hamilton, Carl W. Johnson, Walter Burk, Morris Johnson, Joe Barker, Dan Stork, Eddie Knauth, Alvin Moore, Helmuth Haas, Walter Doersler, Cecil Malone, Luther Toungeate, Ernest Bizzell, Paul Martinka, Bobby West, Thomas Murray, John Miller and Porter Allen.

Mr. Bartz, the son of William Carl Bartz and Emma Doehre, was born May 7, 1913, in Weir. He was married to Pansy Mae Walker, who survives him, September 1, 1934, in Taylor. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Georgetown. He was a department superintendent in Sunday school, had held several offices in the Baptist brotherhood, was an active deacon, and was a trustee of the church at the time of his death.

He and his family moved to Georgetown from Austin in 1952. He was employed by the Texas Dept. of Highways and Public Transportation. He had worked for over 40 years at the time of his retirement in July, 1973.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Thomas Bartz and wife, Jo, of Georgetown, and Bob Bartz of Georgetown; a daughter, Mary Jo Denner and husband, Reinhard of Munich, West Germany; also by three grandchildren, Lisa and Belinda Bartz of Georgetown, and Coy Adrian Denner of Munich, West Germany; and one sister, Alma Anderson, and husband, Johnnie, of Georgetown.

Friends or relatives desiring to make memorial contributions to the American Lung Association, Cancer Society, or their favorite charity.

Davis Funeral Home, Georgetown.

Obituary of Eric Bartz

Austin American-Statesman, January 31, 1989

### **Billy J. and Amanda Rodgers (ca. 1956 – ca. 1960)**

Billy Rodgers appears in the 1930 U.S. Census as the 6-year old son of Lester and Margery Rodgers, who lived at 313 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin, a house they rented. His father, Lester

Rodgers, was a 33-year old Texas-born meat cutter; his mother, Margery Rodgers, was a 29-year old, Texas-born public school teacher. Billy was the only child listed in the census report; he had been born in Texas.

**BILLY J. RODGERS**  
 Billy J. Rodgers, 33, 1207  
 Aggie Lane, died in a Waco  
 hospital Friday morning. He is  
 survived by his mother, Mrs.  
 Marjorie Rodgers of Austin.  
 Funeral will be 2 p.m. Sunday  
 at Weed-Corley Funeral Home  
 with Rev. Kenneth Morgan  
 officiating. Burial will be in  
 Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Billy J. Rodgers  
 Austin American-Statesman, January 27, 1968

#### **Alvin and Lillie Helge (c. 1964 – ca. 2008)**

Alvin Helge appears in the 1940 U.S. Census for Justice Precinct 3, Travis County, Texas as the 15-year old son of Martha Helge, a 55-year old Norwegian-born widow, who owned her house. Alvin had no occupation listed, and was the youngest of the three sons of Martha Helge listed in the census report. His older brothers were a steamfitter's helper and an electrician's helper. Martha Helge had no occupation listed.



**Lillie Mae Helge** Lillie Mae Helge, 78 years old, passed away peacefully in her home in the morning of February 24, 2008. She was born in Georgetown, Texas, but spent most of her life here in Austin, Texas with her husband of 61 years. Lillie married Alvin Norman Helge on July 20, 1946 and had six children, 15 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren by him. The surviving children and their spouses are: Terry Lee Helge and wife Kathy, Lynette Marie Lewis and husband Glen, Alvin Norman Helge Jr., Richard Allen Helge and wife Joan, Jon Paul Helge and wife Sheila, and Pamela Sue Helge. Lillie has always been known as a delightful, joyous person quick to tell you multiple jokes to make you laugh. She has done a wonderful job of raising her children and we all love her very much. She will certainly be missed. May peace be with you. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Ridgeway Baptist Church 708 East 51st Street.

Obituary of Lillie Helge  
 Austin American-Statesman, February 29, 2008

Eric F. Bartz

5611 Jeff Davis St.

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Broadacres

Frame residence and garage.

47425 2-2-51

\$5400.00

R. F. Wilson

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Building permit to Eric F. Bartz for the construction of the house and garage (1951)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT  
Austin, Texas

Received of ERIC F. BARTZ Date 2-6-51  
Address 5611 JEFF DAVIS AVE.  
Amount TWENTY & NO/10 \$ 20.00  
Plumber E. T. KING Size of Tap 3/4"  
Date of Connection 2-16-51  
Size of Tap Made 3/4"  
Size Service Made 3/4"  
Size Main Tapped 2" C.I.  
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 9.5'  
From N Prop. Line to Curb Cock 22.5'  
Location of Meter 1003  
Type of Box LOCW  
Depth of Main in St. 2.5'  
Depth of Service Line 8'  
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 32'  
Checked by Engr. Dept. 4-2-51 RC

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| No. Fittings | Size                |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 1 Curb Cock  | 5/8"                |
| 1 Elbow      | 3/4" app-           |
| 1 St. Elbow  | 3/4" 15 C.C.C.K.    |
| 1 Bushing    | 3/4" C.C.C.K.       |
| 1 Reducer    | 2" x 3/4" TAP       |
| 34 Pipe      | 3/4" Copper         |
| Lead Comp.   |                     |
| Nipples      |                     |
| Union        |                     |
| Plug         |                     |
| 1 Tee        | TILE                |
| 1 Stop       | 1/2" DIP-           |
| 1 Box        | 20.00               |
| Lid          |                     |
| Valves       |                     |
| Job No.      | W-323-502           |
| Per.         | <u>R. F. Wilson</u> |

40 to 6" main 6-8040

Water service permit to Eric F. Bartz for this house (1951)

Receipt No. 16626 Application for Sewer Connection No. 28278A  
 Austin, Texas, 4-17-51

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  
Eric F. Bartz at 5611 Jeff Davis Street,  
 further described as Lot 6 Block 6 Outlot — Division —  
 subdivision Broadacre Plat 197, which is to be used as a res  
 In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 42618  
 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3'-

Sub-~~Out~~ Connected 28 1/2' - Nolsu  
 (Location)

Date 4-17-51

By fluvy

NOTE: Connection Instruction

6" Louver in SPZ 4' from  
Main 12.5' E. of WR

Respectfully,

E. F. King

B-1698

Sewer connection application by Eric F. Bartz for this house (1951)