

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
APRIL 28, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0181
3002 OAK CREST DRIVE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1953 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, L-plan, hipped and gabled roofed frame house with stone wainscoting; single 1:1, 2:2 and a corner picture window with single-light casements; partial-width roof overhang provides shelter for the principal entry.

RESEARCH

The house was built during the winter of 1952-1953 for Ray C. Burns and his wife, Esther, who lived here until around 1972. Ray and Esther Burns moved into this house from rural Travis County; he was an insurance agent who then operated laundromats in the late 1950s and early 1960s. He later went into cable television sales in the late 1960s. The house was a rental unit through most of the 1970s; Jerry Pulley, a carpenter who then became manager of the Tree Clinic, was the owner and occupant of the house from the early 1980s through the 1990s.

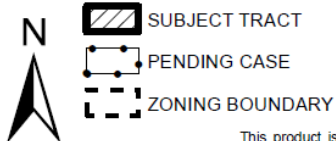
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Strongly encourage the applicant to consider rehabilitating the house rather than demolishing it. The house represents a transition between the minimal traditional houses of the late 1940s and mid-century Modern ideas of the early 1950s, especially with its large expanses of glass on the corner with the casement windows. If the applicant pursues demolition, then staff recommends release of 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. While the house has significant architectural interest, it does not appear to have sufficient historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 200'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0181
 LOCATION: 3002 OAK CREST DRIVE

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3002 Oak Crest Avenue
ca. 1953



Detail showing stone wainscoting and corner wraparound window

OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3002 Oak Crest Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
April, 2014

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| 1992 | Jerry and Elizabeth Pulley, owners
Manager, Tree Clinic (not listed in the directory) |
| 1985-86 | Jerry Pulley, owner
Manager, Tree Clinic, 937 Reinli Street. |
| 1981 | Jerry Pulley, owner
Carpenter |
| 1977 | William C. Marrow, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: The directory indicates that William C. Marrow was a new resident at this address. |
| 1973 | Tom F. Freeland, renter
Teaching assistant, University of Texas
NOTE: The directory indicates that Tom F. Freeland was a new resident at this address. |
| 1968 | Ray C. and Esther D. Burns, owners
Salesman, Capital Cable, community antenna systems, 919 W. 12 th Street. |
| 1962 | Ray C. and Esther Burns, owners
Proprietor, Wifesaver, laundry, 1627 S. Lamar Bouelvard. |
| 1959 | Ray C. and Esther D. Burns, owners
Proprietor, Ford Village Washateria, 4305 Manchaca Road. |
| 1955 | Ray C. and Esther Burns, owners
Superintendent, Texas Prudential Insurance Company, 806 Capital National Bank Building, 114 W. 7 th Street. |
| 1953 | Ray C. and Esther Burns, owners
Ray: Agent
Esther: Clerk, City Tax Assessor and Collector |
| 1952 | The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Ray and Esther Burns are listed on RD 3, Box 422; he was an agent for the American National Insurance Company, 901 Perry-Brooks Building, 121 E. 8 th Street. |

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Ray C. and Esther Burns (ca. 1952 – ca. 1972)

Ray and Esther Burns appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of the house at 4506 Avenue F in Austin; the house was worth \$3,150. Ray Burns was then 26, had been born in Texas, and was a truck driver for the County. Esther Burns was then 25, had been born in

Texas, and was a typist in the car license department. They had 2 children: Kenneth, 5; and Eleanor, 1.

Ray C. Burns

Ray C. Burns, age 84 of Austin, passed away Sunday, December 21, 1997.

Ray was born July 10, 1913 in Ledbetter, Texas to Clint and Tisha Burns. His mother died when he was 5 and he was reared by his loving Grandmother Burns. He came to Austin in 1926 and married Esther Douglas Hughes in 1933. Mr. Burns was a charter member of Southwest Christian Church, instrumental in starting the 969 Volunteer Fire Department, Bastrop County, and was a loving and devoted husband and father.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Burns of Austin; four children and their spouses. Ken and Patti Burns of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Eleanor and Rick Coleman. John and Diana Burns, all of Austin, and Mary Lou and Bob Mayfield of Woodland Park, Colorado; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 23, 1997 at Harrell Funeral Home Chapel in Austin with Brother Bob Cox and Dan Villarreal officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

Pallbearers are Melvin Whitehouse, Jesse Burnett, Jay Dickerson, Brad Bradsher, David Hilsberg and Donald Hilsberg.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Salvation Army Shoe Fund.

Arrangements by Harrell Funeral Home in Austin 443-1366.

Obituary of Ray C. Burns

Austin American-Statesman, December 23, 1997

Esther Douglas Hughes Burns Esther Douglas Hughes Burns, 95, of Texarkana, Texas, went to be with her Heavenly Father July 16, 2009. Mrs. Burns was born July 2, 1914, in Austin, Texas. She was a founding member of the Southwest Christian Church in Austin which started in her home 50 years ago. She taught Bible stories to neighborhood children in her home for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray C. Burns. Survivors include two sons, Kenneth (Patti) Burns of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and John (Diana) Burns of Texarkana, Arkansas; two daughters, Eleanor (Rick) Coleman of Buda, Texas, and Mary Lou (Bob) Mayfield of Seymour, Tennessee; eleven grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. Visitation will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2009. Services will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at Harrell Funeral Home, 4435 Frontier Trail in Austin, with Pastor Sam Reed officiating. Burial will be at Forest Oaks Memorial Park in Oak Hill, Texas.

Obituary of Esther Burns
Austin American-Statesman, July 19, 2009

Ray C. Burns 3002 Oakcrest Ave.
375 5 K - -
Oak Ridge Heights
Frame residence.
52728 12-9-52 \$12,000.00
Bert Reinke

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Building permit to Ray C. Burns for the construction of this house (1952) showing Bert Reinke as the builder.

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WATER SERVICE PERMIT ✓

Austin, Texas

Received of B. W. REINKE Date 12-11-52

Address 3002 OAKCREST AVE.

Amount TWENTY \$ 20.00

Plumber NEW IS REAL PLUMBING Co. Size of Tap 3/4

Date of Connection 12-19-52

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 6" C.I.

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 25'

From 5' Prop. Line to Curb Cock 55'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCW

Depth of Main in St. 3'

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 7'

Checked by SGO Dept. 2-2-53 DC

No. Fittings	Size	
1	5/8"	Curb Cock
1	3/4"	Elbow
1	3/4"	St. Elbow
1	3/4"	Bushing
1	3/4"	Reducer
9	3/4"	Pipe
		Lead Comp.
		Nipples
		Union
		Plug
1	1"	Per
1	1"	Stop
1	1"	Box
1	1"	Lid
		Valves
		Job No. <u>W 223-502</u>
		Req. No. <u>8166</u>

Water service permit to Bert Reinke (contractor) for this address (1952)

Receipt No. 19358 Application for Sewer Connection No. 308501

Austin, Texas, 12-12- 52

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 Ray C. Burns at 3002 Oakcrest Ave. Street,
further described as Lot 5 Block K Outlot — Division —
subdivision Oak Ridge Hts. Plat 375, which is to be used as a Res.
In this place there are to be installed 6 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 3070-a
I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 2 —
~~Street~~ } 3' - 5" of N.C.
Connected (Location)

5' - 12" - 31" - 2
Respectfully,
L.D. Smith

Date 4 - 18 - 53

By Searcy

NOTE: Connection Instruction

Extension required to
North lat. line stub at N.C.
22 1/2' E of N.C. A 2792

Sewer connection application by Ray C. Burns for this house (1952)

An addition to create a spa was approved in 1983. A 2-story detached art studio/workshop was approved in 2008.