HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION JULY 14, 2014 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2014-0326 AND HDP-2014-0327 710 E. 41st Street – Perry Estate

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1949 convent and school building.

ARCHITECTURE

The convent is a one-story, L-plan, stucco building with a full-width flat-roofed independent porch on round columns in an arcade configuration; metal-framed casement windows. The school building is a one-story, front-gabled stucco building with metal casement windows.

RESEARCH

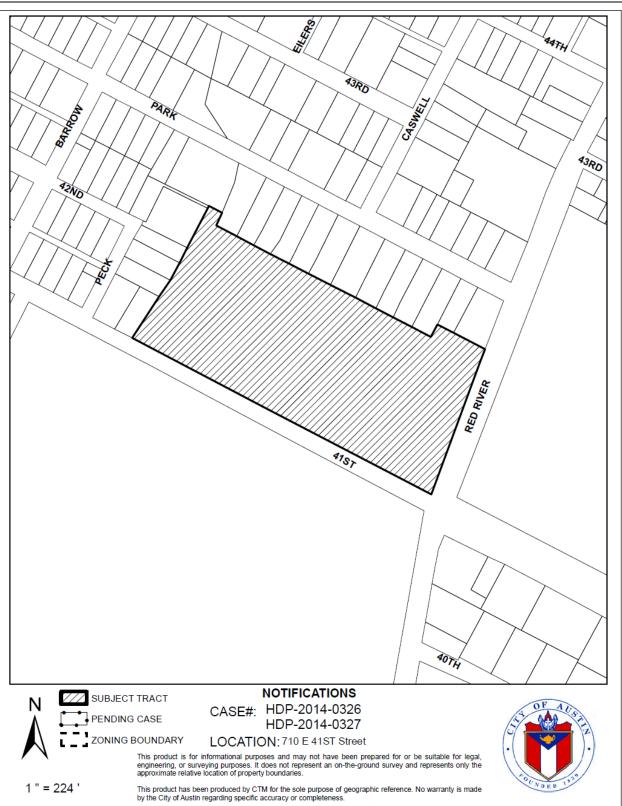
The buildings were both constructed at the time of the occupation of the property by St. Mary's Academy in the 1940s.

STAFF COMMENTS

Both buildings are considered contributing to the Perry Estate National Register District, but are beyond the bounds of the local landmark designation; they post-date the period of significance for the local landmark, which focuses on the Perry family.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permits upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, to be archived at the Austin History Center.



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Convent building (ca. 1949)



Griffin School (former St. Mary's Academy schoolroom building), ca. 1949

Resolution Concerning the Demolition of Contributing Structures at the Commodore Perry Estate

Typically Preservation Austin would not support the removal of any contributing structures to a historic district. However, specific to this site, we do not see the removal of the classroom and convent as damaging to the integrity of the district. We encourage the re-use of the casement windows and interpretation of the stucco walls in any replacement structures. We would like the new development to include the preservation and re-use of the LaBelle Hall.

Approved by Executive Committee on June 13, 2013.