

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
JANUARY 26, 2015
NRD-2014-0126
1801 Mohle Drive
Old West Austin

PROPOSAL

Demolish the existing ca. 1946 house that is non-contributing to the historic district and construct a new house.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The existing ca. 1946 house was the home of Granville Hamann, a gas company worker and a stationery salesman for Von Boeckmann-Jones. He and his wife lived here until around 1960. It has had a variety of renters and owners since that time, and does not have the requisite historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

The proposed new house for the site will be two stories with a combination of gables and shed roofs; the house will have a combination of wood siding and stucco, with aluminum-clad casement windows, a standing seam metal roof, and a concrete-framed front-facing garage with a metal clad garage door.

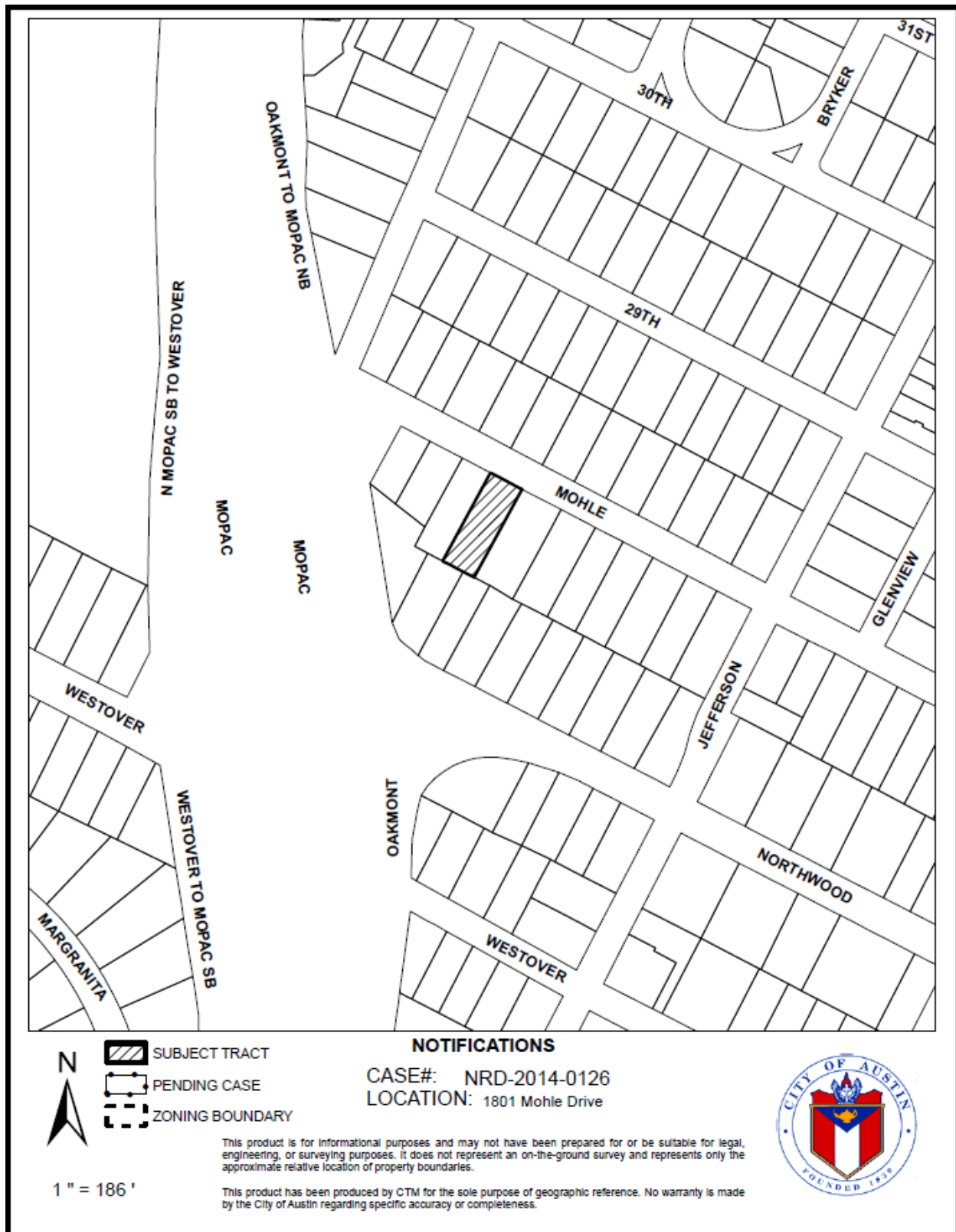
STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Old West Austin Historic District has no design guidelines for new construction. General design principles for new construction within historic districts encourage houses that are compatible in terms of size, scale, massing, and materials with the contributing houses within the district; historic district and Bryker Woods neighborhood design philosophies also recommend against front-facing garages.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Although the existing house does not meet the criteria for designation as a historic landmark for its preservation, staff recommends using the style and massing of the existing house as a greater reference for the new construction proposed here. This section of Bryker Woods is typified by one-story, Colonial Revival-influenced houses; the existing house represents the character of the neighborhood, even though it was noted as non-contributing in the National Register District nomination (likely for the large additions to the rear). Staff recommends that the applicant reconsider the style of the proposed house and to use the character of the contributing houses within this section of the historic district as a strong guide in designing the new structure. A one-story presence on the street would be preferable to this two-story massing, and incorporation of more Colonial Revival-style elements into the new house would make it more compatible with the character of the historic district.

The applicant has met with the Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association in the intervening month, and has revised his plans to include more windows in the proposed house.



1801 Mohle Drive
ca. 1946



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1801 Mohle Drive

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

1992	No return
1985-86	Gary and Cecelia Whittington, renters No occupation listed
1981	No return
1977	Gerry and Bree Presley, owners Retired
1973	Evangelos and Mary J. Voutsinos, renters Teacher, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas.
1968	William C. and Marian Fielder, renters Lawyer, 300 W. 8 th Street.
1962	No return
1959	Granville A. and Victoria Hamann, renters

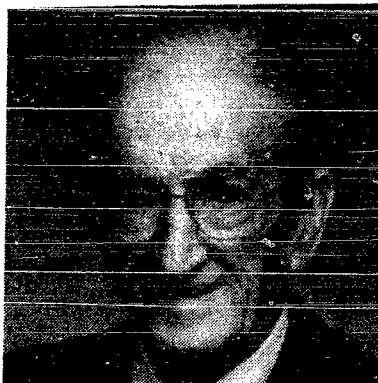
Assistant department manager, Von Boeckmann-Jones, office supplies, printers, and office furniture, 700 E. 11th Street.

- 1955 Granville A. and Victoria F. Hamann, owners
Assistant stationary store manager, Von Boeckmann-Jones, office supplies, printers, and office furniture, 700 E. 11th Street.
- 1952 Granville A. and Victoria F. Hamann, owners
Salesman, Von Boeckmann-Jones, office supplies, printers, and office furniture, 700 E. 11th Street.
- 1949 Irving L. and Shirley Stine, owners
With Southern Union Gas Company, 422 Congress Avenue.
NOTE: Granville A. and Victoria Hamann are listed at 4006 Avenue G. he was a salesman for the J.C. Bair Company, printers, stationers, engravers, embossing, engraved business and social stationery, rubber stamps, and office furniture, 103-05 E. 9th Street.
- 1947 Vacant
- 1944-45 There are no houses listed west of Oakmont Boulevard on Mohle Drive.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Granville A. and Victoria F. Hamann (ca. 1950 – ca. 1960)

Granville A. Hamann appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 20-year old son of Henry and Augusta Hamann, farmers in Williamson County, Texas. Granville is listed as a Texas-born farm laborer; his parents owned their farm.



Granville A. Hamann

Granville A. Hamann, 71, of Austin, died Friday, April 12, 1991.

Mr. Hamann grew up in the Rice's Crossing Community and graduated from Taylor High School. He served four years in the United States Air Force during World War II. He worked for Von Boeckmann-Jones for 22 years. In 1985 he retired from Teacher Retirement System of Texas after 12 years of service. Mr. Hamann was an active member of St. Martin's Lutheran Church for 45 years and a member of Delwood Northeast Optimist Club for 26 years.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM, Monday at St. Martin's Lutheran Church with Dr. James Bennett and Dr. Carl Schoss officiating. Interment will be in Capital Memorial Gardens. A visitation will be held Sunday, 6:00-8:00 PM at Cook-Walden Funeral Home.

Mr. Hamann is survived by his wife of 42 years, Vicky Hamann of Austin; son, Gary Allen Hamann of New Orleans, Louisiana; three daughters, Donna Gunter and husband Jeff of Austin, Janice Wilkinson of San Antonio and Joanne Hamann of Austin; four grandchildren, Kristina and Jonathan Wilkinson, and Douglas and Virginia Gunter; two brothers, Ivan Hamann and Howard Hamann, both of Taylor, and two sisters, Bernadine Mollenhauer of San Antonio and Edolis Pojar of Bossier City, Louisiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Martin's Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.

Obituary of Granville Hamann
Austin American-Statesman, April 14, 1991

Walter Butter 1801 Mohle Drive
 209 - 3 W. 50' of 8 and
 E. 10' of 9

Brykerwood "C"

Frame residence and garage integral
 23412 \$6,000.00

Owner

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Undated building permit to Walter Butler for the construction of the house

520, 209

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

Received of WALTER BUTLER Date 1-12-46

Address 1801 MOHLE DRIVE

Amount TWO + 50/100 \$ 2.50

Plumber D. W. LANIER Size of Tap 1/2"

Date of Connection 2-18-46

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'

From Back Prop. Line to Curb Cock 31'

Location of Meter

Type of Box

Depth of Main in St.

Depth of Service Line

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 60' 10" 10"

Checked by Butler Dept. 773210-15-46

No. Fittings	Size	Material
1	Curb Cock	3/4"
	Elbow	
	St. Elbow	
	Bushing	
	Reducer	
3'	Pipe	3/4" copper
1	Lead Comp	3/4" comp
	Nipples	
	Union	
	Plug	
1	Fee	Drain 1 1/2"
1	Stop	1" cover
1	Box	Loc. 1"
1	Lid	
	Valves	
	Job No.	773210-15-46
	Req. No.	

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Water service permit to Walter Butler for this address (1946)