

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
MARCH 23, 2015
NRD-2015-0014
1708 W. 30th Street

PROPOSAL

Construct a 2nd story addition to a contributing house; demolish existing sunroom addition and replace with extended living area.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to construct a second-story addition to the existing clay-tile International-style house. The proposed addition will be flat-roofed, with two sections, both cube-like. The proposed addition will have cement-board siding and trim and aluminum-clad windows. The style is contemporary. It appears that the height of the addition will exceed the height of the original house.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Old West Austin National Register Historic District has no design guidelines for additions. General design principles for historic district stress that additions should be compatible with the existing house and the contributing structures within the district in terms of scale, massing, materials, floor-to-ceiling ratios, and fenestration patterns.

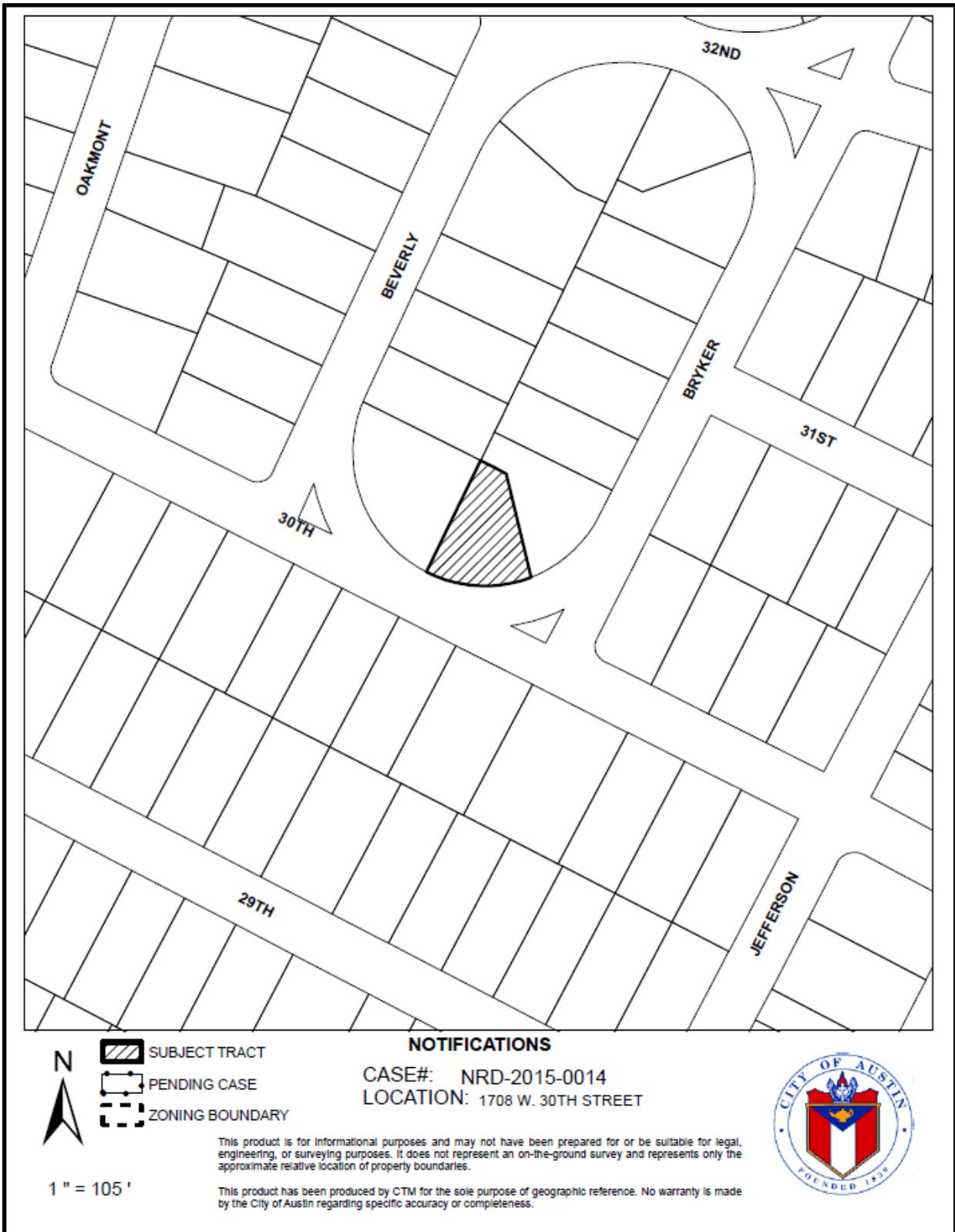
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is a very good example of the International Style on a relatively modest scale. Further, the house is constructed of clay tile, and the original owner of the house, Professor Wayne E. Long of the University of Texas, had published a pamphlet on the thermal characteristics of ceramic walls, and was an expert in thermoscience, air conditioning, and environmental engineering. Staff applauds the applicant for keeping the original materials of the house, as they possibly represent an innovation in building materials that the first owner championed in keeping a house cool in Austin's climate.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The proposed addition is far too tall and overwhelming for this house, and should be scaled back in terms of height and placement on the house; the applicant should also consider a fenestration patterns more compatible with the International Style fenestration on the existing house. Staff recommends reducing the height of the addition, and considering a different fenestration pattern for the proposed addition, as well as pulling the front of the addition back as far as possible from the front of the house, and to complete a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, prior to release of the permit.

LOCATION MAP





1708 W. 30th Street
ca. 1947



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1708 W. 30th Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
February, 2015

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| 1992 | S.W. and Helen H. Damon, renters
Retired |
| 1985-86 | Larry I. and Martha Schroeder, owners
Employed by the State Treasury |
| 1981 | Lucien Kempf, owner
Proprietor, Griffin Quick Lunch, 507 San Jacinto Boulevard. |
| 1977 | Lucien Kempf, owner
Employed by Pants South, clothing (multiple locations)
NOTE: The directory indicates that Lucien Kempf was a new resident at this address. |
| 1973 | J. Neil and Betsy Gabb, owners
Instructor, University of Texas |
| 1968 | Wayne E. and Edna H. Long, owners
Professor, University of Texas |
| 1962 | Wayne E. and Edna Long, owners
Professor, University of Texas |

- 1959 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Wayne E. and Edna Long are not listed in the directory.
- 1955 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Wayne E. Long is listed as a professor at the University of Texas, but Edna is not listed, and there is no address given for Wayne Long.
- 1952 Wayne E. and Edna H. Long, owners
Professor, University of Texas
- 1949 Wayne E. and Edna Long, owners
Professor, University of Texas
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Wayne E. and Edna Long are not listed in the directory.

Wayne E. and Edna Long (ca. 1948 – ca. 1971)

Wayne E. Long was a professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Texas. In 1951, he wrote a pamphlet for the Clay Products Association of the Southwest entitled "Thermal Characteristics of Ceramic Walls."

IN MEMORIAM

WAYNE E. LONG

Wayne E. Long, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering, died on April 5, 1978. He was 73.

Professor Long was born on July 19, 1904, in Chisholm, Texas. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Texas A&M University in 1927 and 1935, respectively.

Professor Long taught at Texas Tech University from 1928 to 1930, and at Texas A&M University from 1930 to 1948. He joined the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin in 1948, where he taught until 1971, when he retired. His research interests included thermoscience, air conditioning, and environmental engineering.

Professor Long served as a consultant to the dean of engineering at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, in 1953-54 and again in 1957. He also worked on a low-cost housing project for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Lucien Kempf (ca. 1976 – ca. 1983)

Lucien S. Kempf, Jr.

Lucien S. Kempf, Jr., passed away July 7, at the age of 38.

Survived by his wife, Bonnie Kempf of Wimberley; two daughters, Peyton Lindsay, and Seara Rebecca, both of Wimberley; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Kempf, Sr., of Lindsay, Oklahoma; one brother, Chris Kempf of Vail, Colorado; one cousin, Terri Sterr of Austin; and other relatives.

He was a graduate of the 1971 class of St. Edward's University in Austin.

Funeral services will be 3:00 PM, Sunday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wimberley.

Thomason Funeral Home of San Marcos and Wimberley in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of Lucien S. Kempf
Austin American-Statesman, July 10, 1988

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

No. B 1808

Austin, Texas

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Received of WILLIAM B. SAUNDERS Date 7-6-46
 Address 1708 WEST 30th
 Amount TWO AND 50/100 \$ 2.50
 Plumber VR. INARTINGER Size of Tap 1/2"

Replaces 1/4" stub #14956.

Date of Connection	<u>10-16-46</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>1/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>1/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>6"</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>6'6"</u>
From EAST Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>100'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>AT FRONT CURB</u>
Type of Box	<u>22 X 24</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>3'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>30"</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>35'6"</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>M. R. F. 11-11-46</u>

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock 5/8"
1	Elbow 1"
1	St. Elbow 1"
1	Bushing 1 1/4 X 1"
2	Reducer BUSH 1" X 3/4"
1	Pipe 1" X 3" NIP
1	Lead Comp. 1" X 5" NIP
2	Nipples 3/4 X 5"
2	Union 3/4 X 3" NIP
2	Plug 3/4 ELL
1	Tee 1" TEE
1	Stop P.T. LLET LID.
1	Box 22 X 24
1	Lid 18 X 20
	Valves
	Job No. <u>W. 333-502</u>
	Req. No. <u>Nicholson</u>

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Water service permit to William Saunders for this address (1946)

DALLAS SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

NO. 21053A

Austin, Texas

Received of Wattinger Date 6/1946
 Address 1708 W 30th
 Amount \$ _____
 Builder or Owner Wm. B. Saunders Plumber _____
 Lot 7 Block 3 Subdivision _____ Plat No. 209

Date of Connection	<u>10/29/1946</u>	
By City	<u>5' E/WLL</u>	
By Plumber	_____	
Checked By	<u>Johnson</u>	
Size Main	<u>6"</u>	Depth <u>4'</u>
Main Assign.	<u>inSt 12½' N/SPL</u>	
Stub Depth	_____	Prop. Line <u>3'</u>
Stub Location	<u>@ ELL 4+39 & WLL</u>	
Book No.	<u>B-1370</u>	
Paving Cut	_____	No. _____

No. Fittings	Size	Price
12½' Pipe	4" con	1.25
Pipe		
Wyes		
bends		.40
Reducers		
Plugs		
Sand		
Gravel		
Remix		
Stoppers		
Castings		
Other	truck	.40
2 hrs.		7.92
Labor:	1 hr	.97

Sewer service permit evidencing William B. Saunders as the owner of this house (1946)