

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
MARCH 23, 2015
NRD-2015-0001
2605 Harris Boulevard
Old West Austin**

PROPOSAL

Construct a second-story addition above the one-story section of the house.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The proposed addition will be approximately 625 square feet and will be constructed above the one-story section of the house, tying in to the two-story section to create a two-story presence on the street. The proposed addition will have board-and-bated siding to match that on the existing house and a composition shingle roof to match that on the existing house. The addition will have a window facing the front with a gabled pediment into the roofline similar to that on the two-story section of the house. The chimney will be extended to rise above the proposed addition.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Old West Austin National Register Historic District has no design guidelines for additions to contributing structures. General design principles recommend that new additions be placed on the rear of the house whenever possible, leaving the front façade intact, and using a scale, floor-to-ceiling height ratio, and materials complementary to the house and the other contributing structures within the district.

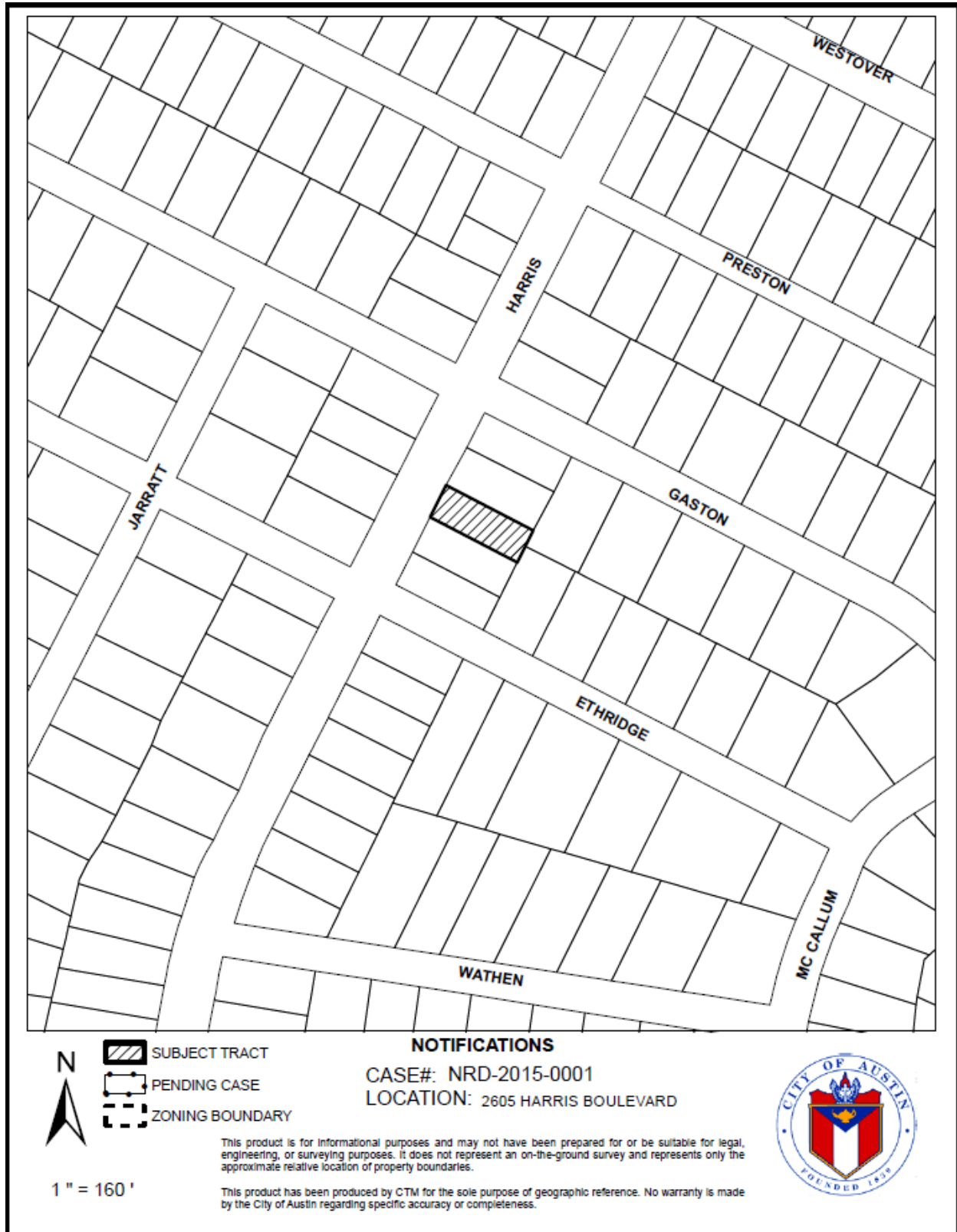
STAFF COMMENTS

The house was built in 1938 and was a rental property until the mid-1960s when it was purchased by Clem and Jackie Fain. Clem Fain had been a senior vice-president of Western Pipeline, which was one of Allen Shivers' business ventures. He and Jackie were retired by the time they moved into this house.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed with the recommendation that the applicant consider a less ornate treatment for the new front-facing window on the second floor to better maintain the architectural integrity of the house. Staff recommends that the applicant complete 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, prior to the release of the permit. Staff applauds the applicant for maintaining the integrity of the front porch in the one-story section of the house, but as in any project of this scope, advises against transforming a one-story house (or section of the house) into a two-story house.

LOCATION MAP



2605 Harris Boulevard
ca. 1937



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2605 Harris Boulevard

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

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| 1992 | Clem Fain, owner Retired |
| 1985-86 | Jackie M. Fain, owner Retired |
| 1981 | Jackie M. Fain, owner Retired |
| 1977 | Clem F. and Jackie M. Fain, owners Retired |
| 1973 | Clem F. and Jackie M. Fain, owners Retired |

- 1968 Clem F. and Jackie M. Fain, owners
Retired
- 1962 Rev. James W. and JoAnne Mosley, renters
Director of admissions, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
NOTE: Clem and Jackie Fain are listed at 1512-A Pease Road; he was the senior vice-president of Western Pipeline Company (Allen Shivers, chairman of the board), 1011 San Jacinto Boulevard.
- 1959 Glenn and Wanda McNatt, renters
Supervisor, State Employment Commission
- 1955 Lynn B. and Mary B. Shaw, renters
Executive secretary, Texas Laundry and Dry Cleaning Association, Nalle Building Annex, 127 E. 7th Street.
- 1952 Jack A. and Kathryn McKay, Jr., renters
Salesman, Jack McKay Lumber, 1645 E. 6th Street.
- 1949 Nelma Moore, owner
Widow, Walter Moore
No occupation listed
- 1947 Naomi C. Moore, renter
Widow, Walter Moore
No occupation listed
- 1944-45 Walter L. and Lois Rogers, renters
Inspector
- 1941 Hargrove and Aleene Smith, renters
Directory sales supervisor, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
- 1939 George E. Miller, renter
No occupation listed
- 1937 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: George E. Miller is not listed in the directory.

FAIN, Clem, 77, 2605 Harris Blvd., died Thursday. Services 3 p.m. Saturday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Burial, State Cemetery. Survivors: wife, Jackie Fain of Austin; sons, Clem F. Fain III of Houston, Douglas W. Fain of Richmond, Va.; daughter, Nicki Dean of Los Angeles; nine grandchildren.

Obituary of Clem Fain
Austin American-Statesman, December 12, 1980

Dr. Robt. Bratton

2605 Harris Blvd.

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Pemberton Hts.

Erick veneer residence - Box garage

187 - April 8, 1937

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Building permit to Dr. Robert Bratton for the construction of the house (1937)

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 5293 ¹⁵⁸

M. Dr. Robt. E. Bratton Address 2605 Harris Blvd ¹⁵⁹

Plumber Jos. Schmidt Size of Tap 1/2 Date 4-10-37

Foreman's Report

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|---|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------|-----------|
| Date of Connection..... | <u>4/13/37</u> | No. Fittings | 1 Curb Cock | Size. | 3" x 1/2" |
| Size of Tap Made..... | <u>1/2"</u> | Elbow | | | |
| Size Service Made..... | <u>3/4"</u> | St. Elbow | | | |
| Size Main Tapped..... | <u>8"</u> | Bushing | <u>3/4" x 1/2"</u> | | |
| From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock..... | <u>18'</u> | Reducer | <u>3/4" x 1/2"</u> | | |
| From Prop. Line to Curb Cock..... | <u>16'</u> | Pipe | <u>3/4" COPPER</u> | | |
| Location of Meter..... | <u>AT-F-111111</u> | Lead-Comp | <u>3/4" COPPER</u> | | |
| Type of Box..... | <u>LOCK</u> | Nipples | | | |
| Depth of Main in St. | <u>111111</u> | Union | <u>3/4" x 1/2"</u> | | |
| Depth of Service Line..... | <u>2'</u> | Plug | | | |
| From Curb Cock to Tap on Main..... | <u>37'</u> | Tee | <u>BOX-AN-RIVER</u> | | |
| Checked by Engr. Dept. <u>JD 6-9-37</u> | | Stop | <u>LOCK</u> | | |
| | | Box | | | |
| | | Lid | | | |
| | | Valves | | | |
| | | Req. No. | <u>16236</u> | | |

Foreman's Signature BENSON

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Water service permit to Dr. Robert E. Bratton for this house (1937)

OWNER W. E. Williams ADDRESS 2605 Harris Blvd.
PLAT 159 LOT 3 BLK 13
SUBDIVISION Penberton Hts # 2
OCCUPANCY Gen Repairs and Remodel
BLD PERMIT # 91741 DATE 4-24-64 OWNERS
ESTIMATE 2000.00
CONTRACTOR Roy Potts Jr. NO. OF FIXTURES
WATER TAP REC # _____ SEWER TAP REC # _____

Residence

S.R. inside renonate storage room.

Building permit to W.E. Williams for general repairs and remodeling work (1964)