

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
APRIL 27, 2015
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2015-0213
4707 WOODVIEW AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1945 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, roughly rectangular-plan frame house with a front-gabled bay containing a smaller front-gabled bay, and a side-gabled addition to the left; battered stone exterior chimney to the left of the principal front-gabled block; the door surround has pilasters; single and paired 1:1 fenestration; weathered wood shingles.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1945 by Hubert Feuerbacher, a local carpenter and contractor. The first owners and occupants were Patrick and Daisy Dougherty. Pat Dougherty was originally from Belton, Texas, where he had a law practice, and had served as secretary under both Governors Dan Moody and Ross Sterling of Texas in the 1920s and 1930s. He was an assistant attorney general from 1932 to 1935, then set up his law practice in Austin. He was a special assistant U.S. Attorney on land matters in the 1940s, and worked as a prosecutor in the City Corporation Court in the mid-1950s, before being appointed Judge of the Corporation Court in 1955. His first wife, Beulah, died in 1939; his second wife, Daisy, with whom he lived in this house, worked for the Attorney General's office. After Pat's death in 1968, Daisy continued to live in the house until around 1970. The house was then owned and occupied by Joseph and Judy Liro in the early 1970s. Joseph Liro was the executive director for the City Research and Budget Department. From the mid-1970s through the mid-1980s, the house was owned and occupied by Hubert and Anna Fowler. Hubert Fowler was an instructor at Austin Community College; Anna Fowler was a professor at the University of Texas.

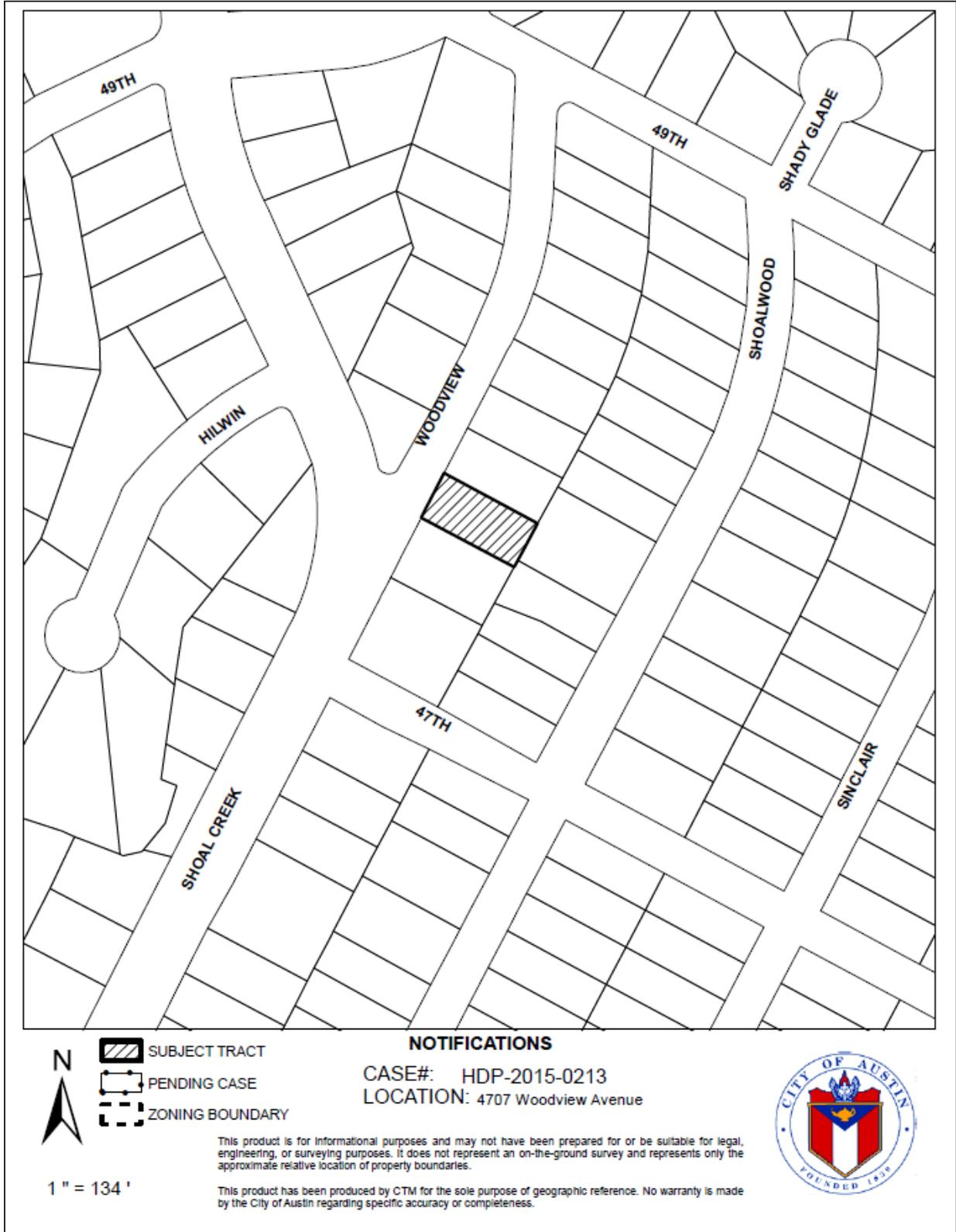
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Either postpone to May 18, 2015 or initiate a historic zoning case to better evaluate the alternatives to demolition. This house has significance for its minimal traditional style, its very unusual use of weathered wood shingles on the house, and its associations with Pat Dougherty, a prominent attorney and judge of the City Corporation Court, who lived here from 1945 until his death in 1968.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2015-0213
LOCATION: 4707 Woodview Avenue



1" = 134'

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4707 Woodview Avenue
ca. 1945



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
4707 Woodview Avenue

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

- | | |
|---------|--|
| 1992 | Eric A. and Tressie D. Groten, renters
Attorney |
| 1985-86 | Hubert R. and Anna C. Fowler, owners
Hubert: Instructor, Austin Community College
Anna: Associate professor, University of Texas |
| 1981 | Hubert R. and Anna C. Fowler, owners
Hubert: Instructor, Austin Community College
Anna: Assistant professor, University of Texas |
| 1977 | Hubert R. and Anna C. Fowler, owners
No occupation listed |
| 1973 | Joseph and Judy Liro, owners
Executive director, City Research and Budget Department
NOTE: Hubert and Anna Fowler are not listed in the directory. |
| 1968 | Daisy Dougherty, owner
Widow, Patrick H. Dougherty
No occupation listed |
| 1962 | Pat H. and Daisy Dougherty, owners |

Pat: Judge, Corporation Court
Daisy: Administrative division, State Attorney General

- 1959 Pat H. and Daisy Dougherty, owners
Pat: Judge, Corporation Court
Daisy: Clerk, Attorney General's Office
- 1955 Pat H. and Daisy Dougherty, owners
Judge, Corporation Court
- 1952 Pat H. and Daisy Dougherty, owners
Lawyer, 716 Littlefield Building
- 1949 Pat H. and Daisy Dougherty, owners
Lawyer, 716 Littlefield Building
NOTE: The house is listed as 4707 Shoal Creek Boulevard.
- 1947 Pat H. and Daisy Dougherty, owners
Lawyer, 716 Littlefield Building
NOTE: The house is listed as 4707 Woodview Avenue.
- 1944-45 No houses are listed on Woodview Avenue.
NOTE: Pat and Daisy Dougherty are listed at 3221 Gilbert Street; he was a lawyer with offices at 714-16 Littlefield Building.

Pat Dougherty To Practice Here

Lawyer Was Secretary To Two Governors

The only man ever to serve as secretary to two Texas governors has given up politics to return to his first love—the practice of law.

Pat Dougherty, secretary under Gov. Dan Moody and Gov. Ross Sterling from 1927 to 1932, has announced the opening of law offices in Austin.

When Sterling's term expired in 1932, Dougherty stepped down the hall of the capitol to the bond desk in the attorney general's department. During two years, the job has grown more and more important, due to the issuance by the state of the first relief bonds. Every issuance of bonds had first to be approved by Dougherty.

Austin American-Statesman, January 13, 1935

Pat Dougherty Made Special U.S. Attorney

Pat Dougherty, former assistant attorney general of Texas, has been appointed special assistant by the U. S. attorney general to act in proceedings for government acquisition of land for use in the various war activities in Texas.

Dougherty will continue his law practice here.

Austin Statesman, June 28, 1942

Dougherty Named New City Judge

Pat Dougherty, a former assistant attorney general of Texas who has been on the city legal staff about a year and a half, will take office Monday as judge of Austin's Corporation Court.

A divided City Council appointed Dougherty Thursday afternoon to replace Judge Joe B. Roberts, who leaves the \$6,800-a-year position Saturday.

Dougherty's appointment runs until the end of the present City Council's term in May, 1957.

The vote on Dougherty's appointment—following a mid-afternoon executive session—was three to two. Mayor Tom Miller and Councilmen Lester Palmer and Wesley Pearson made up the majority voting for him.

Councilwoman Emma Long and Councilman Ben White voted against Dougherty and for their own candidate, Alfred M. Scott, also a former assistant attorney general.

Dougherty, a member of the State Bar since 1917, has been an assistant attorney here since January, 1954, most of that time as a prosecutor in Corporation Court.

For 11 years, until 1953, he was a special assistant US attorney here on land matters and he served as an assistant attorney general of Texas from 1932 until 1935. He was secretary to Governors Dan Moody and Ross Sterling from 1926 until 1932.

Before casting her vote, Mrs. Long read a statement giving her reasons for opposing Dougherty. She said "selection of a judge who has been indebted to the administrative branch for his livelihood sets a barrier in the path of justice for the people."

Mrs. Long maintained that "while the council majority did me the favor of waiting until I returned from vacation to vote on their selection," that Dougherty had in effect already been chosen for the job.

Mayor Miller, after the statement was read, said:

"I believe Dougherty will not be in any way obligated in office due to his previous service with the city. I don't question the motives of either."

Miller said he thought that either Dougherty or Scott "would be a credit to the office."

Naming a successor to Judge Roberts, who submitted his resignation while Mrs. Long was out of the city, was delayed so Mrs. Long would have a vote in the selection, Miller said last week.

Article on Pat Dougherty's appointment as judge of the City Corporation Court
Austin Statesman, August 12, 1955

Ex-Judge

Succumbs

Here at 78

Retired Corporation Court Judge Pat Dougherty died Tuesday in a local hospital. He was 78.

A native of Burnet, Dougherty retired from the Corporation Court bench in Sept. 1962. Prior to his appointment in 1955, he served as an assistant city attorney in the legal department and as a tax attorney for the City of Austin.

Dougherty attended the University of Texas and was licensed to practice law in 1917. He was city attorney in Belton and Temple from 1918 to 1924, and was with the Lands Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. from 1942 to 1953. He returned to private practice before joining the city's legal staff here in 1954.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Obituary of Judge Pat Dougherty
Austin Statesman, March 12, 1968

Funeral Thursday For Judge

Funeral for Judge Patrick Henry Dougherty, 78, will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Dr. William Denham and Norris Trapnell will officiate. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Dougherty, 4707 Woodview, died in a local hospital Tuesday. He served as Corporation Court Judge from 1955 until his retirement in September, 1963. Prior to his appointment, Dougherty served as an assistant city attorney in the legal department and as a tax attorney for the City of Austin.

Dougherty attended the University of Texas and was licensed to practice law in 1917. He was city attorney in Belton and Temple from 1919 to 1924 and was with the Lands Division of the Department of Justice in Washington from 1942 to 1953. He returned to private practice before joining the city's legal staff here in 1954.

Dougherty, a native of Burnet, was executive secretary of Govs. Dan Moody and Ross Sterling and served with the attorney general's office under Gov. James Allred.

Surviving Dougherty are his widow, Mrs. Daisy Dougherty of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. Rebecca Steel of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Betty Scheid of Garland; two sons, Burkes P. Dougherty of Austin and Henry Rogers of Lufkin; a sister, Mrs. Mallory Blair of Austin; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Obituary of Judge Pat Dougherty
Austin American, March 13, 1968

Daisy Rogers Dougherty

Daisy Rogers Dougherty, age 89, of 4100 Jackson Ave. died Saturday.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Dougherty served for many years as receptionist in the office of the Secretary of State of Texas, and later in the office of the Attorney General of Texas.

Survivors include her sons, Henry H. Rogers, Lufkin and Burkes P. Dougherty, Austin; daughters, Betty Rogers Scheid, Garland and Rebecca Dougherty Steele, Colorado; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; niece, Marion Nelson, Reston, Virginia.

Services, 2:00 PM, Monday Weed-Corley Funeral Home, with Reverend Tom Martin officiating. Burial, Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers, Reginald Pinson, Patrick Rogers, Jeff Pinson, Joel Pinson, Damon Johnston, Anne Nelson, and Dereck Johnston. Honorary pallbearer, William E. Cooper.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar. 452-8811.

Obituary of Daisy Dougherty
Austin American-Statesman, April 21, 1986

Hubert Feuerbacher

4707 Woodview Avenue

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Rosedale Estates

Frame residence & box garage

28116 - 11/10/45

\$4000.00

A. Hansen

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Building permit to Hubert Feuerbacher for the construction of this house (1945)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Nº 21336 Sec. 185

Austin, Texas

Received of HUBERT FEURBACHER Date 9-24-45

Address 4707 WOODVIEW

Amount TWO AND 50/100 \$ 2.50

Plumber R. W. GISSELL Size of Tap 1/2

Date of Connection	<u>11-15-45</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>6"</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>7</u>
From South Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>22</u>
Location of Meter	<u>curb line</u>
Type of Box	<u>lock</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>24"</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>24"</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>14'</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>MBE 10-12-46</u>

No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	3/4"
Elbow	"
St. Elbow	"
Bushing	"
Reducer	"
16' Pipe	3/4" copper
Lead Comp.	"
1 Nipples	3/4" copper
Union	"
Plug	"
1 Tee	1 1/2"
1 Stop	1 1/2"
1 Box	lock
1 Lid	"
Valves	"
Job No.	206707
Reg. No.	132001

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Water service permit to Hubert Feuerbacher for this address (1945)

Receipt No. 5223 Application for Sewer Connection No 19788A

Austin, Texas, Dec, 12 1945

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 Hubert Feuerbacher at 4707 Woodrow Street, further described as Lot 4 Block C Outlot _____ Division _____ subdivision Roadside Estates Plat 105, which is to be used as a res. In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 21095 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. 12-21-45
or

Depth at Prop. Line 3-5- at Mann Respectfully,
~~San. Out~~ Connected } 13' N of S.H. R.H. Barr
(Location)
Date 3-20-46
By Water Dept. ✓
NOTE: Connection Instructions _____

Extension required A-1670

Sewer connection application by Hubert Feuerbacher for this address (1945)

An addition was made to the house in 1983.