HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION JULY 25, 2016 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2016-0447 202 MONTOPOLIS DRIVE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a house of undetermined age, but believed to be ca. 1951.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with permastone wainscoting; partial-width inset porch; single and paired fenestration.

RESEARCH

The exact age of this house is unknown as it was outside the city limits when it was built so there is no documentary evidence in city permit records or the city directories prior to the early 1950s. Jack Johnson, a driver for Stanford Furniture, lived on Rural Route 1 in the 1952 city directory, in what is believed to be this house. He does not appear in earlier city directories. By the mid-1950s, Jack Johnson and his wife, Jewel, opened a grocery store next door to this house at 204 Montopolis Drive. That building is no longer extant. In the early 1970s, the Johnson Grocery was located at 1008 Harvard Street in East Austin. This house was vacant in the late 1970s and early 1980s, then rented by a Susan Larkin in the early 1990s. She had no occupation listed in the city directories.

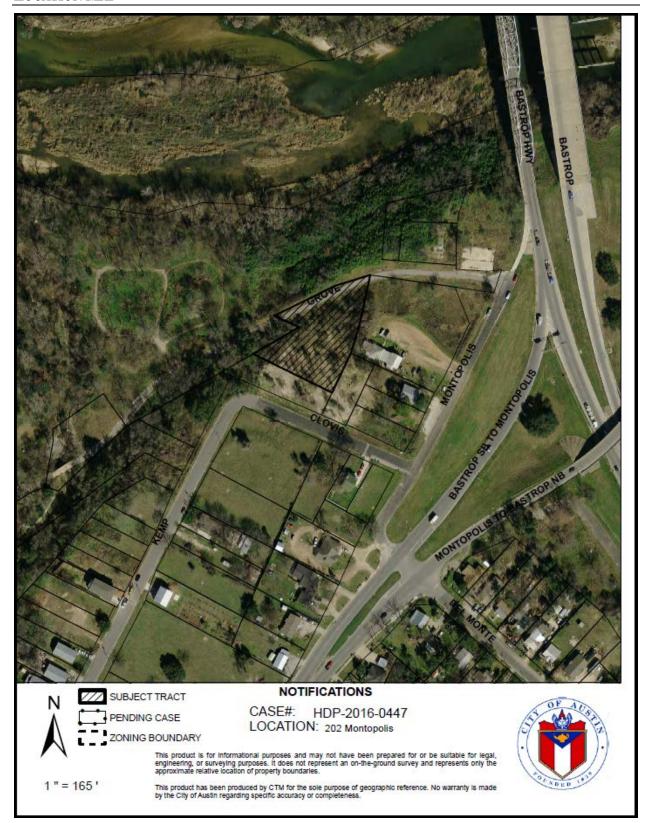
Little is known of Jack Johnson outside of what can be gleaned from the city directory listings, and there does not appear to have been any obituary for either him or his wife in the Austin newspapers.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit. The house does not have the requisite architectural or historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.



202 Montopolis Drive ca. 1951



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 202 Montopolis Drive

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office July, 2016

1992 Susan G. Larkin, renter

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that Susan G. Larkin was a new resident at this

address.

1985-86 The address is not listed in the directory.

1981 Vacant

1977 Vacant

NOTE: Jack and Jewel A. Johnson are not listed in the directory.

NOTE: The former location of the Johnson Grocery at 204 Montopolis Drive is

listed as vacant.

1976 Vacant

NOTE: Jack and Jewel A. Johnson are not listed in the directory.

NOTE: 1008 Harvard Street, the site of the Johnson Grocery, is listed as vacant.

There is no listing for Rev. Charles Johnson.

NOTE: At 204 Montopolis Drive, the former location of the Johnson Grocery, was Floyd's Sales and Service, appliances, run by Floyd Johnson. Floyd Johnson lived at 717 Montopolis Drive.

1975 Vacant

NOTE: Jack and Jewel A. Johnson are not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Rev. Charles Johnson is listed as the proprietor of the Johnson Grocery at 1008 Harvard Street; he also lived at that address.

NOTE: At 204 Montopolis Drive, the former location of the Johnson Grocery, was Floyd's Sales and Service, appliances, run by Floyd Johnson. Floyd Johnson lived at 717 Montopolis Drive.

1974 Jack and Jewel A. Johnson, owners

Proprietor, Johnson Grocery, 1008 Harvard Street.

NOTE: Charles Johnson, who lived at 1008 Harvard Street is also shown as the proprietor of the grocery store under his listing in the alphabetical section of the directory. The listing for the Johnson Grocery only shows Jack Johnson as the proprietor.

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1968 Jack and Jewel A. Johnson, owners

Proprietor, Johnson Grocery, 204 Montopolis Drive.

1965 Jack and Jewel A. Johnson, owners

Proprietor, Johnson Grocery, 204 Montopolis Drive.

1962 Jack and Jewel A. Johnson, owners

Proprietor, Johnson Grocery, 204 Montopolis Drive.

1959 Jack and Jewel A. Johnson, owners

Proprietor, Johnson Grocery, 204 Montopolis Drive.

1955 Jack and Jewel A. Johnson, owners

Proprietor, Johnson Grocery, 204 Montopolis Drive, and driver, Stanford Furniture, 401 Congress Avenue.

The street is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Jack Johnson is listed as an unmarried man living on Rural Delivery Route 1; he was a helper at Stanford Furniture, 401 Congress Avenue.

1949 Jack Johnson is not listed in the directory.

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1963 water service permit showing Jack Johnson's ownership of this land. No other early permits exist for this property as it was outside the city limits.

A 4-21-00 MINU

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Building permit to a Floyd Johnson for repairs and remodeling of the house (1980) Floyd Johnson had Floyd's Sales and Service, an appliance store, at 204 Montopolis Drive, next door to this house, in the mid-1970s. That building is now gone.