HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION AUGUST 22, 2016 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2016-0532 4104 SINCLAIR AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Partial demolition of a ca. 1941 to construct an addition.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, U-plan, front-gabled frame house with a central, partial-width, partially recessed, independent porch on plain, square wood posts; single 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1941 by the McNeeley Construction Company of Austin. The first owner was Clark Condit, and his wife, Pearl, who lived here only for a short period. Clark Condit's occupation in the city directory is shown as an "operator." The house was a rental property in the mid-1940s, with a machinist as the tenant. Lawrence E. Scott, an abstractor for the Jeffrey Abstract Company, and his wife, Barbara, are listed as the owners of the house in the late 1940s; from the late 1940s to the mid-1950s, the house was rented by J.L. Bellotte, a gas station manager for the Humble Oil and Refining Company. The house then had a series of renters and owners, none of whom with significant time in the house: a life insurance salesman and his wife rented the house in the mid-1950s; Joe B. Simmons, and his wife, Elaine, owned the house in the early 1960s; he was a tech for engineering firms.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit upon completion of 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. The house does not qualify as a historic landmark, and the partial demolition and addition should be permitted upon documentation of the existing house.



4104 Sinclair Avenue ca. 1941



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4104 Sinclair Avenue

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

1992 Susan Shackleford, renter

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that Susan Shackleford was a new resident at

this address.

1985-86 Vacant

1981 T. Massie, renter

Office secretary

1977 T. Massie, renter

Student

1973 A. Babb, owner

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that A. Babb was a new resident at this address.

1968 Hezel M. Stewart, renter

Department manager, Goodyear tires and service (multiple locations)

1965 Joe B. and Elaine Simmons, owners Tech, Wight Engineering, 3015 Industrial Terrace. 1962 Joe B. and Elaine Simmons, owners Tech, Textran, electronics, 4508 Burnet Road. 1959 William R. and Margaret A. Connally, renters William: No occupation listed Margaret: Medical assistant, Dr. Hugo Klint, physician, 1805 Nueces Street. NOTE: Margaret Connally is listed in the alphabetical section of the directory as living at 1500 ½ W. 6th Street. NOTE: Joe B. and Esther E. Simmons are listed at 1806 Forest Trail; he was a machinist for Instrument Engineering (no listing in the alphabetical section of the directory). 1955 Paul E. and Mary E. Castleberry, owners Paul: Salesman, Texas Life Insurance Company (multiple locations) Mary: Clerk, Farmers Insurance Group (multiple locations) 1952 J.L. and Hazel Bellotte, renters Station manager, Humble Oil and Refining Company (multiple locations) 1949 J.L. and Hazel Bellotte, renters Agent, Humble Oil and Refining Company, No. 1719, 31 ½ and Guadalupe Streets. 1947 Lawrence E. and Barbara W. Scott, owners\ Abstractor, Jeffrey Abstract, 129 W. 7th Street. 1944-45 D.D. and Effie Anderson, renters Machinist 1942 Clark T. and Pearl Condit, owners Operator 1941 The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Clark T.and Pearl Condit are not listed in the directory.

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Building permit to McNeeley Construction for this house (1941)

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Water service permit to McNeeley Construction Company for this address (1941)

An addition was made to the house in 1985.