

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0566
2021 FORD STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1950 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with an eave overhang across the front forming a full-width entry cover; combination of metal-framed multi-light casement windows and modern replacement windows.

RESEARCH

The house was built in the winter of 1950-51 by the Cole Construction Company of Austin. The first owners and occupants were Paul and Elizabeth Garnett, who lived here until around 1954. Paul Garnett was a salesman for Swift and Company, a meat packing company on Congress Avenue. The Garnetts added the garage and breezeway addition to the house in 1951.

Throughout the remainder of the 1950s, the house was a rental property; the tenants in the mid-1950s were William and Frances McGinty; both worked at banks. Around 1958, the house was rented by Rogers and Connie E. Barton, who lived here until around 1966. Rogers L. Barton was a native of Temple, Texas, and worked as a consultant to the State Education Agency while he and Connie lived in this house. Connie Barton was the director of nursing at Austin State Hospital. Rogers Barton's last employment listing in the Austin city directories was as an employee of the Corpus Christi public schools. He and Connie divorced in 1970, and Rogers Barton died in Temple, Texas in 1984. There was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

A bank teller owned this house in the late 1960s; it was then a rental property again through the 1970s and early 1980s. A law firm employee is listed as the owner of the house in the mid-1980s, but it was again a rental property in the early 1990s.

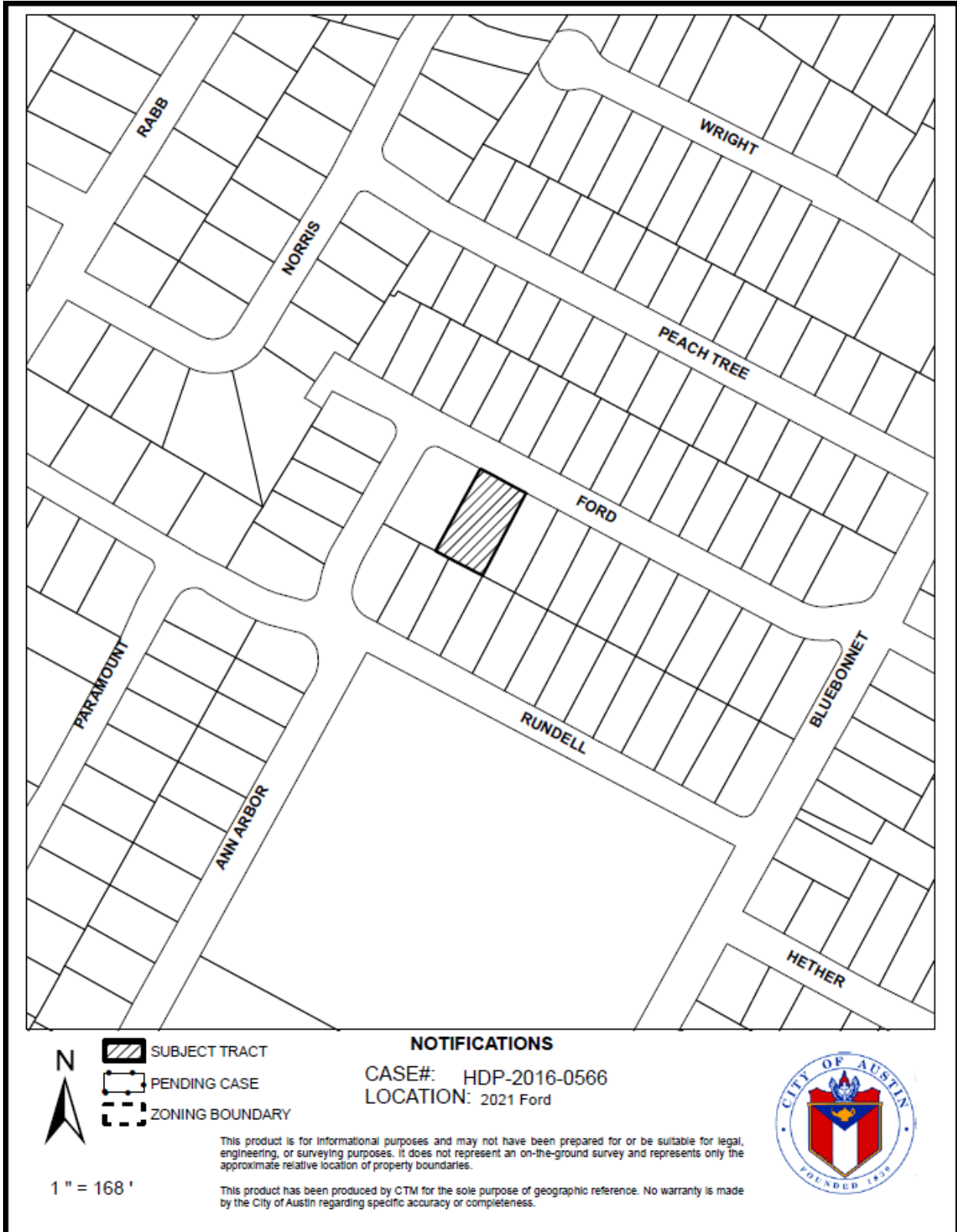
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but 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. While staff recognizes that Ford Street has significance for its neighborhood character and activities, we are limited at this point to determining whether this, as any other, house has the qualities to be designated as a historic landmark, and staff does not believe that this house meets those qualifications.

LOCATION MAP



2021 Ford Street
ca. 1950



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
2021 Ford Street

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

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| 1992 | Harold Sims, renter
No occupation listed |
| 1985-86 | Debra K. Dobbs, owner
Employed by Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody, attorneys, 501 Congress Avenue. |
| 1981 | Alan L. and Marsha Whitton, renters
Architect, Page-Southerland-Page, 606 West Avenue. |
| 1977 | Alan L. and Marsha Whitton, renters
Alan: Architect, Page-Southerland-Page, 606 West Avenue.
Marsha: Interior decorator |
| 1973 | Norma F. Stewart, renter
Private secretary, IRS |
| 1968 | Betty Wilkins, owner
Teller, 1 st Federal Savings and Loan, 221 E. 11 th Street, 5600 Burnet Road, and Capital Plaza. |

- 1965 Rogers L and Connie E. Barton, owners
Employed by the Corpus Christi, Texas public schools
- 1962 Rogers L .and Connie E. Barton, owners
Rogers: Chief consultant, State Education Agency
Connie: Nursing services director, State Hospital
- 1959 Rogers L. and Connie E. Barton, renters
Rogers: Employed by the Board of Education
Connie: Assistant director of nursing, Austin State Hospital
- 1955 William A. and Frances McGinty, renters
William: Assistant cashier, City National Bank, 9th Street and Congress Avenue.
Frances: Business machine operator, Austin National Bank, 507-11 Congress Avenue.
NOTE: Rogers L. and Connie E. Barton are listed at 2013 Ford Street; he was an assistant director at the State Education Agency. She was not separately listed with an occupation.
- 1952 Paul R. and Elizabeth G. Garnett, owners
Salesman, Swift & Company, meat packers, 311 Congress Avenue.
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Paul R. and Elizabeth Garnett are listed at 610 Baylor Street; he was a meat man for Swift & Company, meat packers, 311 Congress Avenue.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Rogers L. and Connie Barton (ca. 1956 – ca. 1966)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Rogers Barton as the 20-year old son of Rogers and Ruth Barton, who owned their home in Temple, Texas. Rogers Barton had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. His father, 45, was a Texas-born time keeper on a WPA project. Rogers had a younger sister, Sarah, 13.

Rogers and Connie Barton were married in 1942 and divorced in Travis County in 1970. He died in Bell County, Texas in 1984.

Cole Const. Co.

2021 Ford Street

202

27

Sun Terrace

Frame residence with carport attached.

46308 9-27-50

\$6500.00

Owner

5

Building permit to the Cole Construction Company for the construction of this house (1950)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT C No. 8081

Austin, Texas

SP 27
Received of MAURICE COLE **INDEXED** Date 9-30-50

Address 2021 FORD ST.

Amount TWENTY AND NO/100 \$ 20.00

Plumber THE BAREY CO. Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 1-11-51

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made

Size Main Tapped

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St.

Depth of Service Line

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main

Checked by Engr. Dept. 2-4-51 RW

No. Fittings	Size	
2	Curb Cock 5/8"	
2	St. Elbow 3/4" BARKER	
2	Bushing 3/4" S.C.E.C.C.	
	Reducer	
	Pipe	
	Lead Comp.	
1	Nipples 1/2" COSE	
1	Union 3/4" S.C.E.C.C.	
1	Plug 1/2" S.C.E.C.C.	
1	tee TUC	
1	Step TUC LID	
1	Box LOCK 20x22	
1	Lid 18"x20"	
	Valves	
	Job No. <u>W-323502</u>	
	P. & T. No. <u>URB</u>	

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Water service permit to Maurice Cole of the Cole Construction Company for this address (1950)

Receipt No. 16034 Application for Sewer Connection No. 27572A

Austin, Texas, 12-30-1950

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 Maurice Cole at 2021 Ford Street, further described as Lot 27 Block Outlot Division subdivision Sun Terrace Plat 202 which is to be used as a Res In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 40725 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 2' 4' at curb

Respectfully, 1-3-51

Sub-~~Out~~ Connected } 3' W of E LL (Location)

Bony

Date 1-8-51

By Strong

NOTE: Connection Instruction to Foundation ST 4' Deep
Main 14.5' by TR. 6' Stub 3 1/2' W of ELL A-2264
22+34

Sewer connection application by Maurice Cole of the Cole Construction Company for this address (1950)

Paul R. Garnett 2021 Ford Street
202 27 and east 27.38' of 28
Sun Terrace
Garage and breezeway addition to res.
49022 9-7-51 \$600.00
Owner
4-20-76-156491- Alan Whitton owner - Remodel res and acc bldg. - hobby shop
2-22-78-~~170000~~88- Alan Whitton- Greenhouse Addn to exis res.

Building permit to Paul Garnett for the construction of a garage and breezeway (1951) and to Alan Whitton to remodel the house and accessory building (1976) and to construct a greenhouse (1978)