

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0573
1131 MASON AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1953 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a partial-width, front-gabled, partially-projecting inset porch; 1:1 metal-framed windows.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1953 by Bennie Lee Davis and his wife, Ethel. Bennie Lee Davis grew up in Bastrop County, the son of a tenant farmer. He worked as a plumber at the University of Texas. Bennie Lee and Ethel Davis lived here until around 1970. The house was then either rented out or vacant. Bennie Lee and Ethel's daughter, Joyce, rented the house in the early 1970s when she worked as a stenographer for the Texas Education Agency.

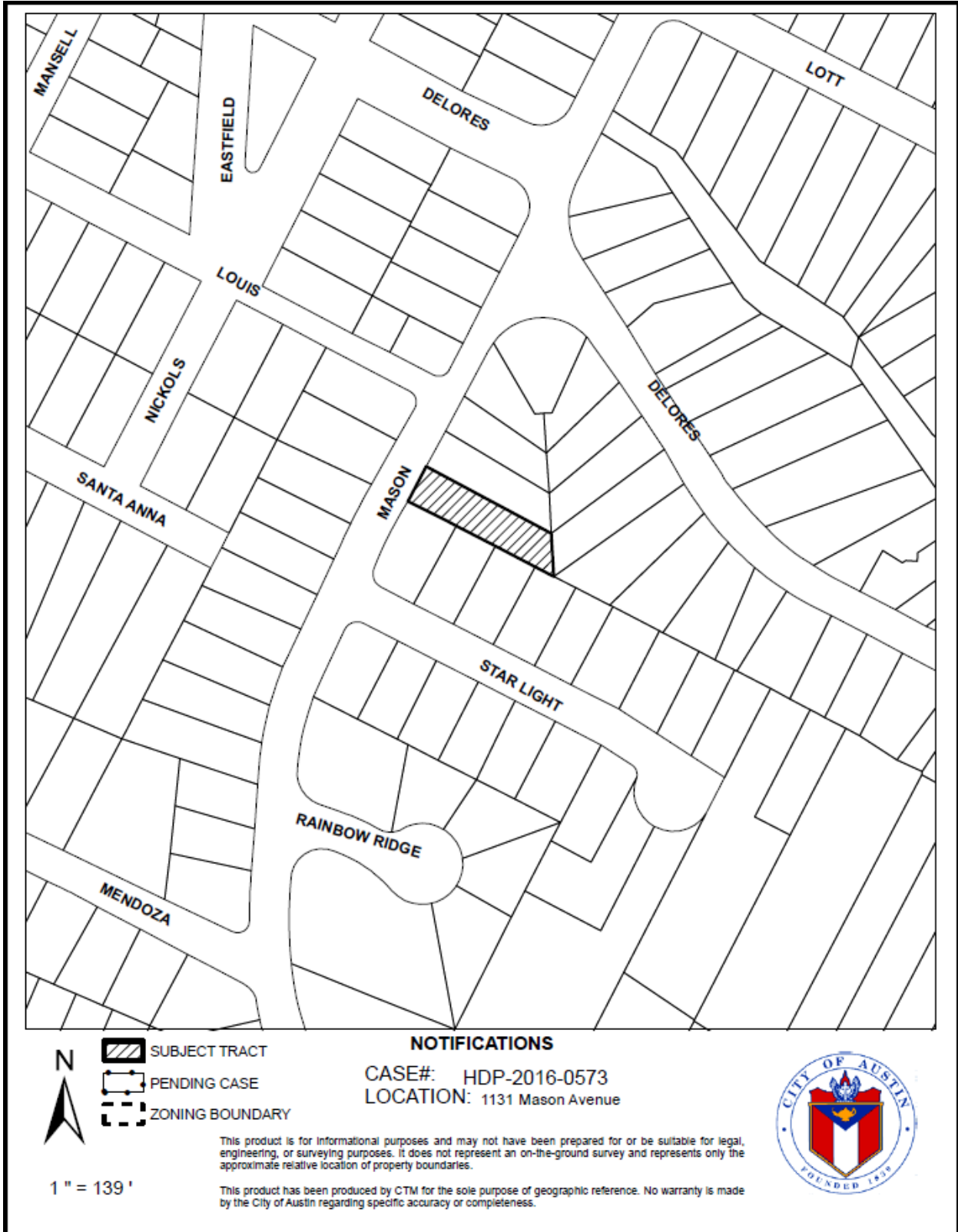
STAFF COMMENTS




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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit. The house lacks the architectural and historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark and does not retain sufficient integrity to justify documentation.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0573
LOCATION: 1131 Mason Avenue

1" = 139'

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1131 Mason Avenue
ca. 1953



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1131 Mason Avenue

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

1992	Vacant
1985-86	Vacant
1981	Lethia Barks, renter Employed at Brackenridge Hospital
1977	Vacant
1973	Joyce M. Davis, renter Stenographer, Texas Education Agency
1968	Bennie L. and Ethel Davis, owners Utility worker, University of Texas Also listed is Joyce Davis, an office secretary at the Texas Education Agency.
1965	Bennie L. and Ethel Davis, owners Utility worker, University of Texas
1962	Bennie L. and Ethel Davis, owners

- Plumber, University of Texas
- 1959 Bennie L. and Ethel Davis, owners
Plumber, University of Texas
- 1955 Bennie L. and Ethel Davis, owners
Plumber, University of Texas
- 1954 The house is listed as under construction.
NOTE: Bennie L. and Ethel Davis are listed at 1133 Mason Avenue; he was a plumber at the University of Texas.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Bennie L. and Ethel Davis (ca. 1953 – ca. 1970)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Bennie L. Davis as the 5-year old son of Ben and Luella Davis of Bastrop County, Texas. He had been born in Texas. His father was a farmer on a rented farm.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Bennie Lee Davis as the 14-year old son of Ben and Louella Davis of rural Bastrop County, Texas. Bennie Lee Davis had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. His father, Ben Davis, 43, was a Texas-born farmer. His mother, Louella Davis, 35, had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. Bennie Lee was the 2nd of the couple's 5 children. With them lived Louella Davis' mother, Virginia Burleson, a 56-year old widow who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

BENNIE LEE DAVIS
 Bennie Lee Davis, 47, of 4561 Imperial Drive died in a local hospital Friday. Funeral will be on Tuesday, at 4 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Rev. J. J. Dixon officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.
 Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ethel Mae Davis; one daughter, Mrs. Joyce Marie

Harrison; one son, Johnny William; his mother, Mrs. Luella Davis; three sisters, Mrs. Clarice Hunter, Mrs. Ella Mae Winn of Austin, Mrs. Dosta Mae Morris of Philadelphia, Pa.; one brother, Seth Davis of Seattle, Wash.; one grandchild.

Obituary of Bennie L. Davis
 Austin American-Statesman, June 17, 1973

*4-28
 Called with order
 to send set order.*

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WATER SERVICE PERMIT
 Austin, Texas

D No 8157
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Received of BENNIE LEE DAVIS Date 4-23-53

Address 1131 E MARION AVE (WESTFIELD ADDN)

Amount TWENTY AND NO/100 \$20.00

Plumber SELF Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 11-4-54

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 8"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 5'

From NO, Prop. Line to Curb Cock 3'

Location of Meter curb

Type of Box lock

Depth of Main in St. 3'

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 36'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 12-20-54 NEZ

No. Fittings	Size
	Curb Cock
	Elbow
	St. Elbow
	Bushing
	Reducer
	Pipe
	Lead Comp.
	Nipples
	Union
	Plug
	Tee
	Stop
	Box <u>T.T.L.C.S.</u>
	Lid <u>11</u>
	Valves
	Job No. <u>20-323-502</u>
	Req. No. <u>7/20/53</u>

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Water service permit to Bennie Lee Davis for this house (1953)

