

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0591  
3012 WEBBERVILLE ROAD

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1955 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with an overhanging eave serving as a full-width entry cover; paired and quadruple 1:1 fenestration.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1955; the first owners and occupants were Leon and Lorene L. Smith, who lived here until around 1966. Leon Smith was the custodian at the Post Office, and had also worked as a porter at the Vogue Shoe Store on Congress Avenue. From around 1966 until around 1980, the house was owned and occupied by Elroy and Ezilla Harper. Elroy Harper was a laborer for the City of Austin.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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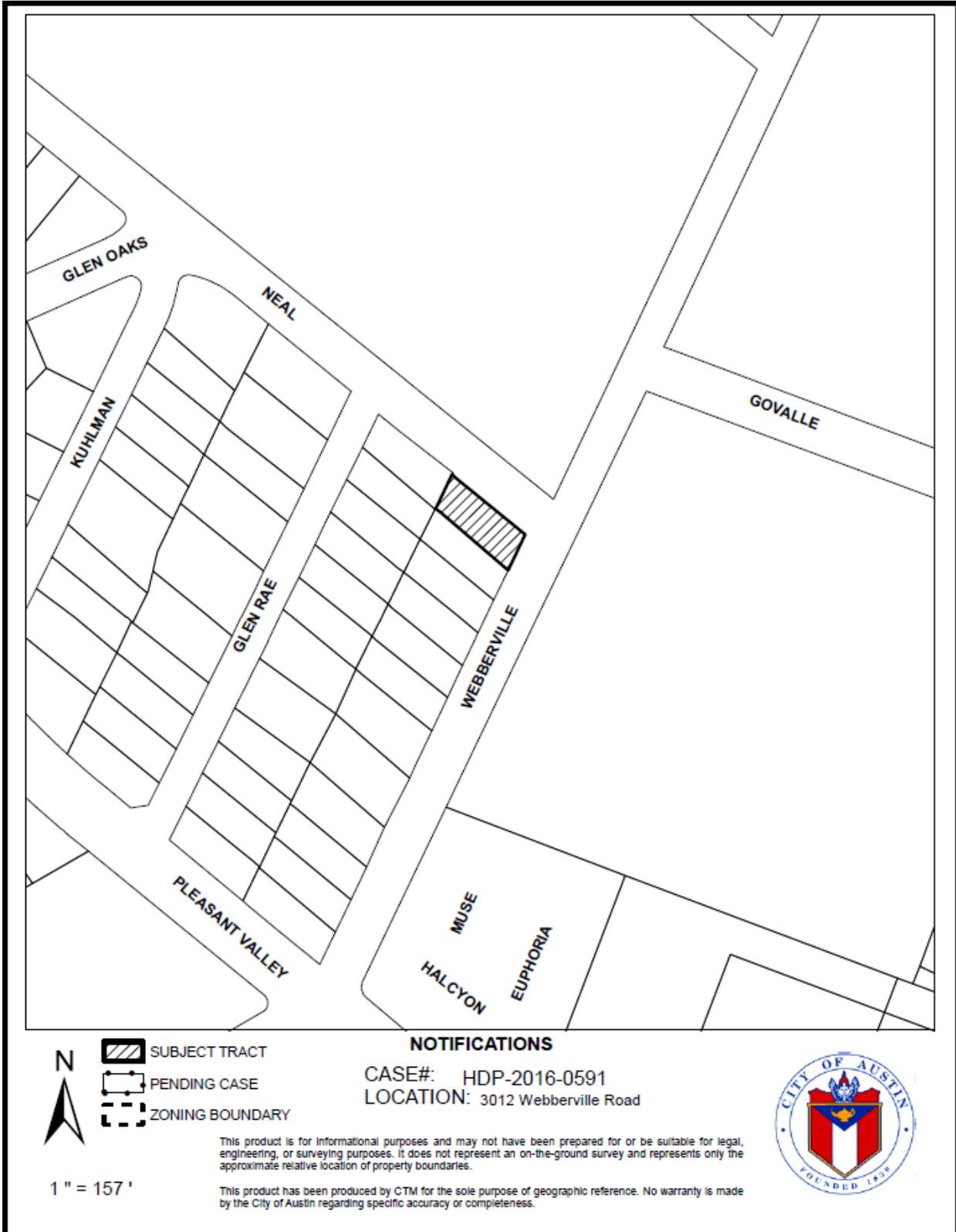
The house is not listed in any City survey to date.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance for individual designation as a historic landmark, and does not reflect any architectural distinction that would justify documentation.

LOCATION MAP



3012 Webberville Road  
ca. 1955



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
3012 Webberville Road

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

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| 1992    | Aaron E. Ridge, owner<br>Retired  |
| 1985-86 | Aaron E. Howard, renter<br>No occupation listed<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Aaron E. Howard was a new resident at this address. |
| 1981    | Aaron E. Ridge, renter<br>No occupation listed<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Aaron E. Ridge was a new resident at this address.   |
| 1977    | Elroy and Ezilla Harper, owners<br>Laborer, City of Austin  |
| 1973    | Elroy and Ezilla Harper, owners<br>Laborer, City of Austin  |
| 1968    | Elroy and Ezilla Harper, owners<br>Laborer, City of Austin  |

- 1965 Leon and Lorene L. Smith, owners  
Custodian, Post Office  
NOTE: Elroy and Ezilla Harper are not listed in the directory.
- 1962 Leon and Lorene B. Smith, owners  
Custodian, Post Office
- 1959 Leon and Lorene Smith, owners  
Custodian, Post Office
- 1955 Leon and Lorene Smith, owners  
Janitor, Post Office and porter, Vogue Shoe Store, 706 Congress Avenue.
- 1954 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Leon Smith is listed at 1605 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street; he was a porter at the Vogue Shoe Store, 706 Congress Avenue.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

**Leon and Lorine Smith (ca. 1955 – ca. 1966)**

Leon Smith appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 17-year old son of Marjory Smith, who rented her house at 1310 Concho Street in Austin. Leon was born in Texas and had no occupation listed. He was the oldest of Marjory's 5 children. His mother, Marjory, 33, is listed as married. She was born in Texas and was a school matron for a WPA project.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Lorine Lewis (later Lorine Smith) as the 15-year old daughter of Leonard and Madeline Lewis, who owned their home at 1607 Kinney Avenue in Austin. Lorine had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. Her father, Leonard, 42, was a Texas-born laborer for the gas company. Her mother, Madeline, 35, was a Texas-born servant in a private home. Lorine was the oldest of the couple's 3 children.



### **Leon Smith**

Leon Smith, age 78, of Austin, died **May 12, 2001.**

**He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Lorine Smith; children, Gary Smith, Leon Smith Jr., and wife, Brenda, Leslie Smith and wife, Diane, Charlotte Selby, Calvin Smith and wife, Clynisse; one brother, Charles Smith Sr.; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.**

**Funeral service Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. at 19th Street Baptist Church. Interment Cook-Walden Capital Parks. King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.**

Obituary of Leon Smith  
Austin American-Statesman, May 15, 2001

### **Lorine Lucille (Grand) SMITH**



Lorine Lucille (Grand) Smith, 90, of Austin, TX died Tuesday, January 20th. Lorine was born in Austin, TX on June 20, 1924, a daughter of the late Madeline (Bateman) and Leonard Lewis. She worked many years at Travis State School. Friends are invited to call and flowers can be delivered Friday 4pm-7pm. at Austin Peel & Son Funeral Home 607 E Anderson Lane 78752. Celebration service at Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Austin, TX, at 11am on Saturday, January 24th. Entombment in Cook-Walden Capital Parks Cemetery Pflugerville, TX. Services entrusted to Dr. Barry J.W. "The Shepherd" Franklin, CFSP @ A Life Celebration By Franklin.

Obituary of Lorine Smith  
Austin American-Statesman, January 23, 2015

**Elroy and Ezilla Harper (ca. 1966 – ca. 1980)**

Elroy Harper appears in the 1930 U.S. Census as the 1-year old son of Willie and Annie M. Harper who lived in a rented house at the rear of 606 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Elroy had been born in Texas. His father, Willie, 21, had been born in Texas, and was a garbage truck driver. His mother, Annie M., 20, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed.

Elroy and a Willie L. Harper divorced August 15, 1980 in Travis County.

**HARPER, Elroy, 67, of Austin died Friday. Services 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dunn's Memorial Baptist Church. Burial Capital Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements by King-Tears.**

Death notice for Elroy Harper  
Austin American-Statesman, January 5, 1997

W Williford		3012 Webberville
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	self	5

Building permit to W. Williford for the construction of this house (1955)

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# WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

E No <sup>760</sup> 3133

Received of W. Willeford Date 3-16-55

Address 3012 Webberville Road

Amount Twenty AND NO/100 \$ 20.00

Plumber Nick Vidocinus Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection	<u>5-2-55</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>8" C.I.</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>7.5'</u>
From SO Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>13'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>CURB</u>
Type of Box	<u>LOCK</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>3'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>2.5'</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>12'</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>HJ-6-30-KK</u>

**INDEXED**

No. Fittings	Size
	Curb Cock
	Elbow
	St. Elbow
	Bushing
	Reducer
<u>16</u>	<u>Pipe #3/4" Galv</u>
	Lead Comp.
<u>1</u>	<u>Nipples</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Union</u>
	Plug
<u>1</u>	<u>tee 3/4" Galv</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Stop 3/4" Angle</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Box 2" CW</u>
	Lid
	Valves
	Job No. <u>21-323-502</u>
	Req. No. <u>11-7048</u>

Water service permit to W. Willeford for this address (1955)