

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
 NOVEMBER 27, 2017
 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
 HDP-2017-0513
 919 VALDEZ STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a church building moved onto the property in 1957.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled wood-frame building constructed in a vernacular style with a shed-roofed addition. The building is clad in shiplap wood siding and features 8-light wood-sash windows and a partially enclosed entry porch. A small gable-roofed bell tower sits atop the ridge line.

RESEARCH

919 Valdez Street was moved onto the property in 1957 for use as a church. The building's original location, construction date, and use are not known. It does not appear that it was used previously as a church, as the building permit for the relocation notes work to include "repair and convert for church." Beginning in 1959, the building was occupied by the Gethsemane Assembly of God, later called Templo Getsemani de las Asambleas de Dios.

In 1961, a one-story frame addition was constructed on the north side of the building to house a kitchen and dining room. A one-story masonry addition at the northeast corner was proposed in 1977-78. However, it is not clear if it was constructed, as the entire building appears to be of wood-frame construction.

The Gethsemane Assembly of God was chartered in 1957 and first located at 807 Montopolis Drive. Records from the General Council of the Assemblies of God show that the church was chartered as Gethsemane de las Asambleas de Dios, though Austin city directories list the name in English. The church changed its name twice: in 1971 to Gethsemani de las Asambleas de Dios and in 2006 to Gethsemani Assembly of God.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey. It is not designated at the state or national levels.

919 Valdez Street does not appear to meet the criteria for designation as a historic landmark.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old, having been constructed prior to 1957.
- 2) The building retains a low degree of integrity. Though the building's materials appear to be original, it sustained a large side addition and was moved from its original location.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (City of Austin Land Development Code (Section 25-2-352)). The property does not appear to demonstrate significance according to any of the criteria.
 - a. **Architecture.** The building is built in a vernacular style. It does not appear to be architecturally significant.

- b. **Historical association.** The building was associated with an Assembly of God congregation from 1959 until 2016. However, there do not appear to be significant historical associations based on archival research and community inquiries.
- c. **Archaeology.** The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
- d. **Community value.** The property does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the Montopolis neighborhood, or a particular group.
- e. **Landscape feature.** The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.




STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use. If rehabilitation and adaptive re-use are not feasible, then encourage relocation over demolition and 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.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 182'

-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2017-0513
LOCATION: 919 Valdez Street



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Primary (west) façade of 919 Valdez Street



Detail of north elevation



Building, n.d. (Source: Austin's Montopolis Neighborhood, by Fred L. McGhee, p. 88)

Occupancy History

City directory research, Austin History Center
By Historic Preservation Office staff
October 2017

1955 Address not listed

1959 Address not listed

1962-73 Gethsemane Assembly of God
Rev. Mary Powers is listed from ca. 1968 to ca. 1973.

1977-86 Templo Getsemani de las Asambleas *[sic]* de Dios

Occupant Notes

No information was found on Gethsemane Assembly of God or Templo Getsemani in newspaper archives, with the exception of a few funeral notices.

Staff initiated research on Rev. Mary Powers but was not able to distinguish between many individuals with that name in historical records.

Assembly of God Church

919 Valdez St.

680

10

8

Chernosky #16

Frame addition to church bldg.

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4-12-61

700.00

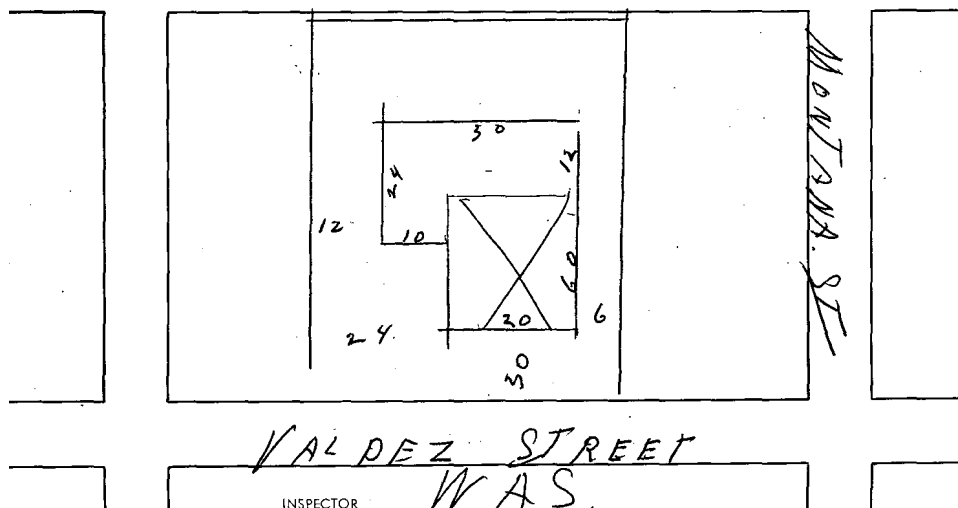
owners

1 sink

KITCHEN & DINING ROOM

Building permit for wood-frame addition, 4/12/1961.

ADDRESS: <i>919 VALDEZ ST.</i>		LOT. <i>10</i>	BLK. <i>8</i>	SUB. <i>Chernosky #16</i>
PLAT: <i>680</i>	FIRE ZONE <i>3</i>	USE DIST. <i>A</i>	H & A DIST. <i>1</i>	OCCUPANCY <i>KIT. & DIN. RM.</i>
<i>4-24-61</i>	LAYOUT <i>5-18-61</i>	FRAMING <i>5-18-61</i>	FINAL <i>7 944 3</i>	
<i>Frame Addn to Church.</i>	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.
<i>BLDG</i>	<i>CON. BKS</i>			
FOUNDATION		FLOOR-JOIST SIZE & O.C.	<i>2x6 / 16</i>	NECESSARY BLDG. CONN.
FR: SETBACK	<i>30</i>	CEILING-JOIST SIZE & O.C.	<i>2x6 / 16</i>	ROOM VENTILATION
AGGREGATE & MIN. SIDE YD.	<i>5</i>	STUD SIZE & O.C.	<i>2x4 / 16</i>	WATER & SEWER RELEASE
SIDE STREET YARD		MASONRY WALL		PLMB. DEPT. RELEASE
		STAIRS REQ. AND NO.		HEATING & A/C RELEASE
		ATTIC FIRE STOPS REQ.		ELECTRIC DEPT. RELEASE
		FIRE WALLS REQ. & NO.		ENG. DEPT. RELEASE
		ROOF OVERHANG	<i>1</i>	FIRE MARSHAL RELEASE
				ROOF OVERHANG
				PAVED PARK REQ. & NO.
				<i>F.O. Power... 4-12-61 Assembly of G.O.D Church.</i>
<i>50 X 119.20</i>				



Inspection form for wood-frame addition, 5/18/1961.

OWNER Assembly Of God Church ADDRESS 919 Valdez St.
 PLAT 680 LOT 10 BLK 8
 SUBDIVISION Chernosky #16
 OCCUPANCY Church Classrm
 BLD PERMIT # 161603 DATE 1-14-77 OWNERS ESTIMATE 2,500.00
 CONTRACTOR Same NO. OF FIXTURES None
 WATER TAP REC # _____ SEWER TAP REC # _____

1 story mas addn to existing church

Building permit for masonry addition, 3/7/1978. It is not clear if the addition was constructed.

Address: 919 VALDEZ ST		Permit: 161603		Plat: 680	
Lot: 10		Block 8	Subdivision:		
		Outlot	Chernosky #16		
Fire Zone: 3	Use Dist. A & 1 st	Occupancy: ONE STORY MASONRY ADDN TO EXISTING CHURCH			
1-19-77	Layout	Framing	3-7-78	Final	Commercial
Foundation		Floor joist size & o.c.	Bldg. Conn.		Parking
Front setback		ceiling joist size & o.c.	Room Vent.		Exits
Total & Min. side yard		stud size & o.c.	Stairs		Exit lights
Side St. Yard			Rails		Fences
			Attic Vent.		Corridors
			Insulation		
Type Const.		W. Insulation	Hood Vent.		
Spec. Permit #		Sheetrock	Glass		
BOA		Commercial Sheetrock	Deadbolts		
		Occup. Sep.	Fireplaces		
		Thru out			
Owner: Assembly of God Church			Contractor: Owner		

Clerk F.I./W		Date 1-14-77
Address:		
Inspector: <i>WJA</i>		

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