

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MAY 20, 2019  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2019-0221  
709 E. LIVE OAK STREET

### PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1925 house that was moved onto this site in 1955 from an unknown location.

### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, clipped front-gabled frame bungalow with a partial-width, clipped front-gabled independent porch on plain, square wood posts; single and paired 1:1 fenestration with 3:3 wooden screens.

### RESEARCH

City records indicate that the house was moved onto the site in 1955, but the original location of the house is not stated on the building permit. The house was a rental property from 1955 until the early 1980s, when it was purchased by former tenant Mary Velasquez, a coordinator for a county court. Prior tenants included a student, an Air Force serviceman, a gas station attendant, a nursery salesman, and a student. Mary Velasquez, the only known owner of the house, lived here from the late 1970s through the mid-1980s.

### STAFF COMMENTS

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

Staff has evaluated this house for designation as a historic landmark and has determined that the house does not meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

- a. **Architecture.** The house is a good example of a bungalow, but reflects a relatively common style of architecture in the city. The house could qualify for landmark designation for its architecture, but lacks the second qualification for designation.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was moved onto the site in 1955 from an unknown location; its history prior to 1955 is unknown and the history since 1955 has been as a rental property with a high turnover of working-class tenants. There do not appear to be any significant historical associations.
- c. **Archaeology.** The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
- d. **Community value.** The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic 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, 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. The house does not meet the criteria for individual designation as a historic landmark.

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT  
PENDING CASE  
ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2019-0221

LOCATION: 709 E LIVE OAK STREET

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709 East Live Oak Street  
Moved onto this lot ca. 1955



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
709 East Live Oak Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
May, 2019

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|------|---|
| 1955 | The house is listed as “under construction.”<br>The house was moved onto the site in 1955.                                |
| 1957 | Ross and Dakota Sterling, renters<br>Ross: Student<br>Dakota: Technician, Brackenridge Hospital                           |
| 1961 | Wayne J. and Antoinette Kanapkey, renters<br>U.S. Air Force   |
| 1965 | Charles W. and Mary Knopp, renters<br>Salesman, Green Leaf Nursery, 1334 W. Ben White Boulevard.                          |
| 1968 | Charles W. and Mary A. Knopp, renters<br>Attendant, Travis Heights Texaco Service Station, 2000 S. Interregional Highway. |
| 1973 | Raymond A. Velasquez, renter<br>No occupation listed  |

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

NOTE: Mary Velasquez is not listed in the directory.

- 1977 Mary Velasquez, renter  
Office secretary, County Court at Law No. 3.
- 1981 Mary Velasquez, owner  
Coordinator, County Court at Law No. 3.
- 1985-86 Stuart Hall, renter  
Student  
NOTE:: The directory indicates that Stuart Hall was a new resident at this address.
- 1992 Larry M. and Jill J. Hubbard, renters  
Mechanic, Rising Sun Automotive, 4930 S. Congress Avenue.  
NOTE: The directory indicates that Larry M. and Jill J. Hubbard were new residents at this address.

**Bert Rienke**

**709 East Liveoak**

**381**

**3**

**Travis Hts.**

**Move Res. onto lot & repair**

**60987**

**7-1-55**

**01,000.00**

**Owner**

**5**

Building permit to move the house onto the lot from an unstated location (1955)

## WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

E N<sup>o</sup> 4163

Received of BENT REINHE Date 8-4-55  
 Address 709 E LUEBAN. R.  
 Amount TWENTY New Deal Plb. Co. 50.00  
 Plumber SELF 8-42-66 Size of Tap 3/4

Date of Connection 9-13-55  
 Size of Tap Made 3/4"  
 Size Service Made 3/4"  
 Size Main Tapped 8" CF  
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 1.5'  
 From W- Prop. Line to Curb Cock 8'  
 Location of Meter CURB  
 Type of Box 1.0 CW  
 Depth of Main in St. 3'  
 Depth of Service Line 2'  
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 10'  
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 11/1/55 HTB

No. Fittings	Size
Curb Cock	
Elbow	
St. Elbow	
Bushing	
Reducer	
Pipe	<u>8" 3/4" COP</u>
Lead Comp.	
Nipples	<u>7 1/2"</u>
Union	<u>1 1/2"</u>
Plug	
Tee	<u>3/4" COP</u>
Stop	<u>3/4" ANGLE</u>
Box	<u>1.0 CW</u>
Lid	
Valves	
Job No.	<u>22323-502</u>
Req. No.	<u>11000</u>

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Water service permit for this address (1955)

But tap in low as possible to House on Alta Vista  
 at rear  
 Record No. 23964 Application for Sewer Connection No. 35453A

Austin, Texas

P-3

1955

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  
Bent Reinher at 709 E Lueban Street,

further described as Lot 5 Block 5 Outlot 5 Division 5  
 subdivision Travis Plat 281, which is to be used as Res

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 14465  
 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 4 1/2' 5' at man 12-255 SF  
 Stub Out 15' W of ELL  
 Connected (Location) Respectfully,  
self 8-4206  
dy

Date 12-8-55

By Rangel

NOTE: Connection Instruction 8" Sewer in SPT 5' Box  
Main 12.5' 11/4 SPT Rock B-1247

Sewer connection application for this address (1955)