# 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

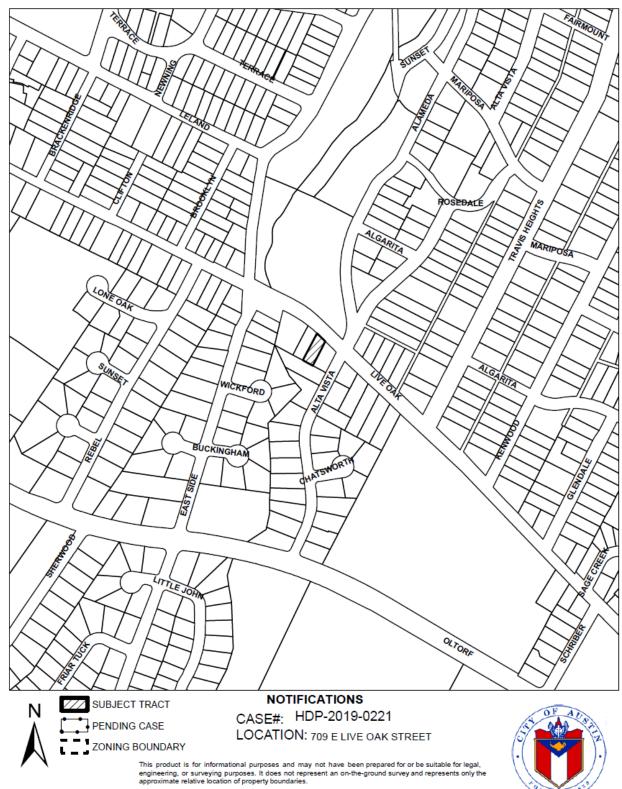
The house is not listed in any City survey to date.

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.

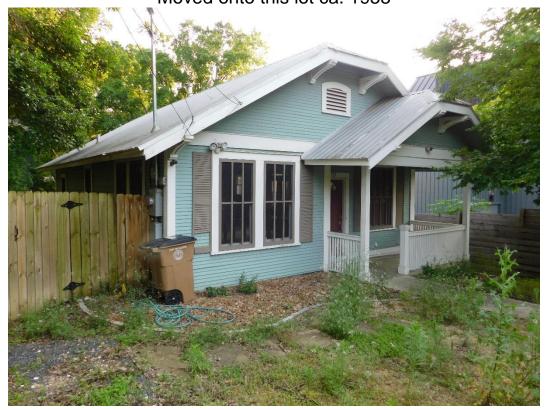


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## 709 East Live Oak Street Moved onto this lot ca. 1955



## **OCCUPANCY HISTORY** 709 East Live Oak Street

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

1955	The house is listed as "under construction." The house was moved onto the site in 1955.
1957	Ross and Dakota Sterling, renters Ross: Student Dakota: Technician, Brackenridge Hospital
1961	Wayne J. and Antoinette Kanapkey, renters U.S. Air Force
1965	Charles W. and Mary Knopp, renters Salesman, Green Leaf Nursery, 1334 W. Ben White Boulevard.
1968	Charles W. and Mary A. Knopp, renters Attendant, Travis Heights Texaco Service Station, 2000 S. Interregional Highway.
1973	Raymond A. Velasquez, renter

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.

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