HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 16, 2019
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2019-0621
408 W. 34TH STREET

PROPOSAL
Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

ARCHITECTURE
One-story, L-plan building; cross-gabled roof; stone veneer and asbestos shingle siding; wood-sash windows and possibly vinyl-sash windows as well; corner entry.

RESEARCH
408 W. 34th Street was built by Oliver Bruck and occupied by a series of short-term renters until at least 1992.

STAFF COMMENTS
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

1) The building is more than 50 years old.
2) The building appears to retain a high degree of integrity.
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 criteria.

   a. Architecture. The house is designed in the Minimal Traditional style and does not appear to be architecturally significant.

   b. Historical association. There do not appear to be significant historical associations.

   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 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.

The property does not appear to be eligible for designation as a historic landmark.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of the existing building, then relocation over demolition; but release the demolition 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.
PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos

*Primary (south) façade of 408 W. 34th Street.*

**Occupancy History**
Completed by Historic Preservation Office staff, November 2019

1952  Carl D. and Louise Pearson, renters
      Salesman, no employer listed

       Unit B. Vacant

1955  R. Bruce and Peggy Johnston, renters
      Physicist

1959  R. Bruce and Peggy Johnston, renters
      Physicist

1960  Bruce R. and Peggy E. Johnston, renters
      Student

1963  Patty S. Williams, renter
      Computer programmer, State Education Agency

1965  Jack and Patty S. McKinney, renters
      Univac Tech Rem·Rand

1968  Jack and Patty S. McKinney, renters
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<td>Marguerite Stulken, renter (widow of J. Erwin)</td>
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Building Permits and Maps

Building permit for wood-frame residence and carport issued to O. N. and R. H. Bruck, 2/1/1951.

Sewer tap permit issued to W. O. Harper, 3/19/1951.
Water tap permit issued to Oliver Bruck, 3/19/1951.