

Petition to Demolish and Rebuild Homes at 2505 and 2507 Park View Drive

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2507 Park View Drive

We, the owners and neighbors of "Air Condition Village" homes, are against Historic Landmark Designation and in favor of demolition for 2505 and 2507 Park View Drive Austin, Texas 78757.

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Greetings neighbors, my name is Kevin Smith. Many of you know me from our successful negotiations with the Yard Bar over their Amplified Outdoor Music Venue Permit. Our mutually agreed upon terms lead to one of the City's most neighborhood friendly permits!

Over the past few months, many of us have received several City of Austin notices about potential changes to houses on Park View Dr. I would like to take a moment to talk about the unique history of our little slice of Allandale-the Air Conditioned Village (ACV) and what we might do to help preserve it and its contributions for future generations. (The ACV is roughly bounded by Daugherty St., Park View Dr., Nasco Dr., and Twin Oaks Dr.)

According to Elizabeth Brummett's UT Master's Thesis, our Air Conditioned Village (ACV) was part of a 1953 experiment that featured a novel combination of leading air-conditioning manufacturers in a collaborative effort with the homebuilding industry and public entities (including UT). Additionally, it was the Nation's first large scale test village. During the 1954 Parade of Homes, an estimated 35,000 visitors toured our newly completed homes, including staff from the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA). One of many major outcomes of the ACV experiment, was the influence it had on the FHA and VA loan processes. Before the ACV, higher incomes were often required for mortgages on air-conditioned equipped homes. The research findings from our ACV helped supply the required data that lead to an easing of loan requirements for moderately priced air-conditioned equipped homes. The easing of these loan restrictions, helped air-conditioned equipped homes become affordable to the middle class. (As a side note, after 50-years people are still interested in the history and architecture of our homes! Within the last ten years, the ACV has been fortunate enough to host two additional parade of homes.)

Due to the ACV's unique place in history; Elizabeth, Preserve Austin, Mid Tex Mod, and two past Allandale Neighborhood Association Presidents recognize the ACV's historic significance and support its proposed inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register). An easy way to tell if you are in a National Register Neighborhood, look for the brown signs that sit atop of the green street signs. If the ACV is included in the National Register, it will join parts of other Austin neighborhoods such as Hyde Park, Old West Austin, and Clarksville in the National Register.

There are valid concerns about what a listing on the National Register means to property owners. According to the National Park Service (whom administers the National Register Program), inclusion in the National Register places no development restrictions on the property owner. Furthermore, inclusion in the National Register triggers no additional City of Austin development related reviews or processes. Interestingly, studies have shown that living in a National Register neighborhood, over time, helps not only stabilize property values but they also increases.