HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION NOVEMBER 16, 2020 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS 3711 CEDAR STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1936 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story house clad in horizontal wood siding with 1:1 screened windows; gabled roof with exposed rafter tails; and a partial-width, gable-roofed porch featuring wooden columns atop concrete bases.

RESEARCH

The building at 3711 Cedar Street was constructed around 1936. Its first owners, Elsie and Andrew Scardino, lived in the house for only three years; Andrew Scardino worked as a projectionist at the Harlem Theater, an African American theater at the corner of 12th and Salina Streets. By 1939, Alex and Hertha Melchior had purchased the house. Alex Melchior worked as a millman and cabinetmaker for the Calcasieu and Kuntz-Sternenburg Lumber Companies, as well as the business agent for a local chapter of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joisters.

From 1952 to at least 1957, the Melchiors' son Rudolph W. and his wife Mildred occupied 3711 Cedar Street. Rudolph W. Melchior worked as a mechanic for the City Filtration Plant, Tips Engine Works, and the University of Texas. By 1959, the elder Melchiors appear once again as the home's primary residents in city directories.

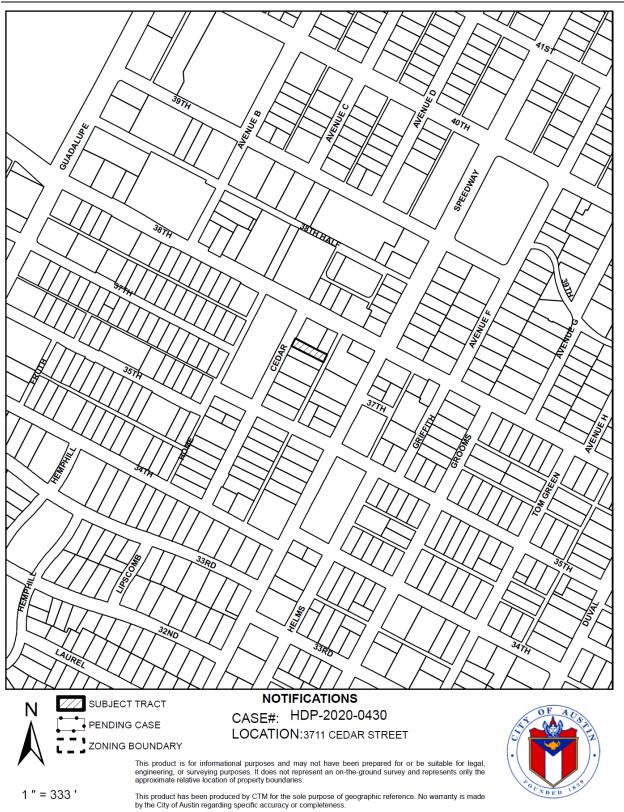
STAFF COMMENTS

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352).
 - a) Architecture. The house displays Craftsman-style influences.
 - b) *Historical association*. The house does not appear to have 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 appear to have significant community value.
 - e) *Landscape feature*. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

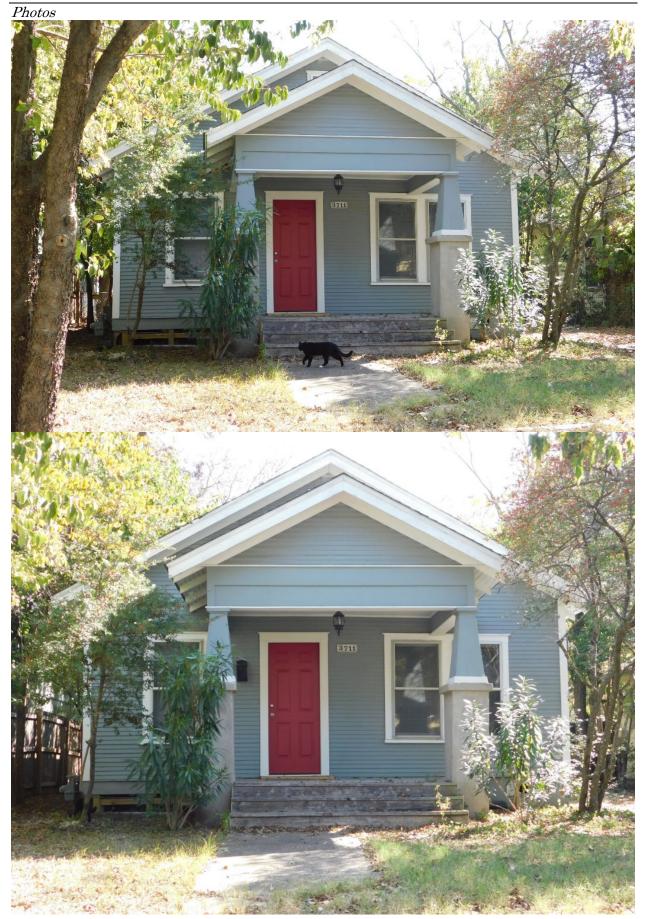
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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.



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PROPERTY INFORMATION





Source: City Historic Preservation Office

Occupancy History City Directory Research, 2020 Note: post-1959 research unavailable due to facility closure.

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1959	Alex W. and Hertha G. Melchior, owners Cabinetmaker, Calcasieu Lumber
1957	Rudolph W. and Mildred Melchior, owners Laboratory mechanic, UT
1955	Rudolph W. and Mildred Melchior, owners Laboratory mechanic, UT
1952	Rudolph W. and Mildred Melchior, owners Pattern maker, Tips Engine Works
1949	Alex W. and Mildred Melchior, owners Laborer, City Filtration Plant
1947	Address change to 3709 ½ Cedar Street Alex W. and Hertha Melchior, owners Business agent, Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joisters No. 1751
1944-45	<i>3709 ½ Cedar Street:</i> Alex W. and Hertha Melchior, owners Millman, Kuntz-Sternenburg Lumber Co.
1941	<i>3709 ½ Cedar Street:</i> Alex W. and Hertha Melchior, owners Millman, Kuntz-Sternenburg Lumber Co.
1939	<i>3709 ½ Cedar Street</i> : Alex W. and Hertha Melchior, owners Cabinetmaker, Kuntz Lumber Co.
1937	Andrew and Elsie Scardino, owners Projectionist, Harlem Theater
1935	Address not listed

ALEX MELCHIOR

Funeral services for Alex Melchlor, 76, of 3711 Cedar St. will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home with Rev. William A. Trigg officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Hill Park. Melchior died in a local

hospital Monday. He was a rctired employe of Calcasieu Lumber Co., a member of the Lutheran Church, a veteran of World War I, had been a resident of Austin since 1935. and was a member of the Sons of Hermann.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Hertha Melchlor of Austin: one son, Rudolph Melchior of Austin; two brothers, Eugene Melchior, and Arthur Melchior, both of Oktahoma; two sisters, Mrs. Albert E. Krause of Austin and Mrs. R. O. Stuart of Baytown; and two grandsons, David Myron Melchior of Austin and Richard Melchior of Atlanta, Ga.

The Austin Statesman: Mar 7, 1972

Almost Miraculous What Gly-Cas Did For Mr. Melchior

Enjoys Ilis Meals Without Distress Afferwards, Sleeps Fine, Free Of Awful Aches and Pains —After All Else Tried Freed Had Failed to Help Him

"Gly-Cas gave me results I thought were impossible." said Mr. Alex W. Melchior, 1004 Eason Street, Austin, a well known gen-tleman of this city who has lived here a number of years, recently in talking with the Gly-Cas Man at the



MR. ALEX W. MELCHIOR

Brown & Odiorne Drug Store, 308 Congress Ave., where he is daily meeting the local public and receiving much praise and comment on the accomplishments of this valuable new remedy.

The Austin Statesman: Nov 20, 1936

Travis Lad Dies Here, Fourth '52 Polio Dea

Eight-year-old Bobby Vaclavik lost his battle against pollo Tuesday,

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vaclavik, Route 4, Box 37, Austin, Bobby was admitted to Brackenridge Hospital Sunday and placed in an Iron lung Monday. He died shortly before noon Tuesday.

His was the third pollo death in Austin and Travis County this year. The case also marked the fourth pollo death at Brackenridge this year-including the three victims from within the county and a fourth from outside the county.

Five new polio cases, one from Austin and four from Central Texas, were reported by Bracken-

ridge Hospital Wednesday. The Austin polio patient was Richard Melchior, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph W. brigadier general, who was placed Mclchior, 3711 Cedar Street. He was in an iron lung Sunday. His conreported to be in fair condition.

The four non-county polio cases admitted to the pollo ward were Gene Delany Meyers, 12-year-old daughter of Licutenant Colonel and Mrs. Richard Meyers of Bastrop; Lynda Torress, three - year - old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Torress, Box .335.- Granger; Mrs. Donald J. Hurta, 25, wife of Daniel J. Hurta, Box 97, Taylor; and Judy Newquist; five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert O. Newquist, of Elgin.

Young Melchior brings the city polio score for the year to 43 reported cases. Non-county polio patients treated at the city hospital since Jan. 1 now total 43.

No change was reported in the condition of Nat S. Perrine, retired dition was said to be serious.

<u>The Austin Statesman</u>: Jul 30, 1952

Posimen Got Idea, But Good

Three Austin postmen stready know what Postmaster "O. N. Eruck means by "blazing curtans." for Fire Prevention Week came three weeks early for them. The postmaster is sending leffers to all postal employee Oct. 642 asking them to cooperate in National Fire Prevention Week. The first hazard mentioned in the letters is "curtains near gas storces and kitchen ranges that can be blown into the flame by the wind."

Ironically, three postmen encountered that special hazard recently. They have been credited by the Fire Department with extinguishing a fire started by blazing curtains Sept. 18. On that morthing George Liar-

On that morning George Liarfon. William H. Green and Gerfon L. Parker were riding in Parker's mail truck on their way to their mail routes.

Lardon naticed fames coming from a window at 2711 Cedar Street. He told Farker, who promptly drave his truck to the ridress.

The trie ran to the back door and entered the house, where they found the curtain ablaze in the kitchen. They extinguished the fire before it could spread. They also quieted the occupant, a woman who was alone and hysterical, according to fire deKT BEING CAREFU. "Or Pays" Or Pays" PREVENT FRES

This is Fire Prevention Week, but seven Austinites already this year will be unable to observe it. They met death in fires within the city limits this year to give the city three more fire deaths than during all of 1956. One of them was burned to death only Friday on the eve of Fire Prevention Week. Painting Austin Statesman-United Press

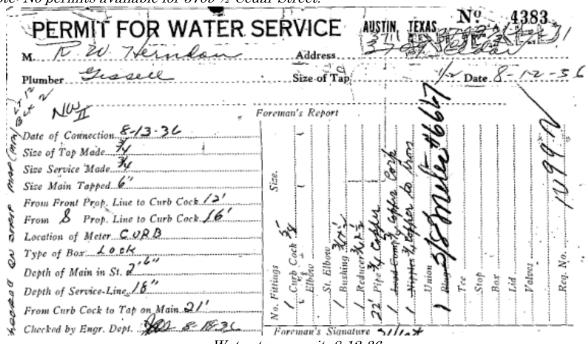
this sign is Auvil G. Loney, inspector and investigator for the fire marshal's office. His hobby is art work, and he puts it to use in painting fire prevention signs in addition to his regular duties of inspection and investigation.

The Austin Statesman: Oct 7, 1957

Permits

partment records.

Note: No permits available for 3709 ½ Cedar Street.



Water tap permit, 8-12-36