### Zoning Public Hearing CITY OF AUSTIN RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

#### AGENDA ITEM NO.: Z-6 AGENDA DATE: Thu 02/12/2004 PAGE: 1 of 1

**SUBJECT:** C14H-03-0023 - Lucille Fisher House. Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the Austin City Code by rezoning property locally known as 1505 Wooldridge Drive from family residence (SF-3) district to family residence-historic (SF-3-H) combining district. Historic Landmark Commission Recommendation: To grant family residence-historic (SF-3-H) combining district. Zoning and Platting Commission Recommendation: To grant family residence-historic (SF-3-H) combining district. Applicant: O.B. Jackson, Jr. (owner). City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, Transportation, Planning and Sustainability Department, 974-6454.

**REQUESTING**Transportation, Planning**DIRECTOR'SDEPARTMENT:**and Sustainability**AUTHORIZATION:** Austan Librach

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#### ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-03-0023

<u>H.L.C. DATE</u>: <u>ZAP DATE</u>: October 27, 2003 November 18, 2003 January 6, 2004

AREA: 20,249 square feet

APPLICANT: O.B. Jackson, Jr.

AGENT: NA

HISTORIC NAME: Lucille Fisher House

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 1505 Wooldridge Drive

ZONING FROM: SF-3

ZONING TO: SF-3-H

<u>SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION</u>: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence-historic (SF-3-H) combining district zoning.

**<u>HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION</u>**: Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence-historic (SF-3-H) combining district zoning based upon Historic Landmark Designation Criteria 1, 3, 6, 9, 11, and 12, by consent. Vote: 9-0 (Fowler absent).

**ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ACTION**: Postponed to January 6, 2004 by Commission. **January 6, 2004**: Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence-historic (SF-3-H) combining district zoning, by consent. Vote: 9-0.

#### **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

The Lucille Fisher House is listed as contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District. The house is located outside of the bounds of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

CITY COUNCIL DATE: February 12, 2004	ACTION:
<b>ORDINANCE READINGS:</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> 2 <sup>ND</sup> 3 <sup>RD</sup>	ORDINANCE NUMBER:
CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky	<u><b>PHONE</b></u> : 974-6454
NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION:	

Pemberton Heights Neighborhood Association

#### **BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The ca. 1928 Lucille Fisher House is an excellent example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, and was the first occupied house in Pemberton Heights. Josephine Lucille Fisher was the wife of Samuel (Budley) Fisher, the developer of Pemberton Heights.

The Lucille Fisher House meets Historic Landmark Designation Criteria 1, 3, 6, 9, 11, and 12.

# (1) Character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City of Austin, State of Texas, or the United States.

The ca. 1928 Lucille Fisher House was the first occupied house in Pemberton Heights, a 1920s residential development which was established with the construction of the bridge over Shoal Creek in 1928. Originating on land owned by his family since the 1850s, Pemberton Heights was developed by Samuel William Fisher, Jr., who built the Pemberton Castle in 1925. Fisher, who had married Lucille Mathen in 1905, deeded the Castle and 137 acres to his wife in 1925. The couple divorced in 1927, and Lucille built this house just west of the Castle in 1928.

Pemberton Heights was designed by the Dallas firm of Koch and Fowler, who were also the authors of the 1928 Austin City Plan. Koch and Fowler adhered to the principles of the City Beautiful Movement, using curvilinear streets, irregular lot sizes and shapes, and small pocket parks to create an ideal suburban environment. Deed restrictions in Pemberton Heights resulted in a uniform, exclusively residential neighborhood, which attracted the upper middle class to purchase homes there.

#### (3) Embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen.

The Lucille Fisher House is an excellent example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, popular as were many "period" styles in the 1920s. The Lucille Fisher House has the low-pitched red tile roof, stucco walls, asymmetrical façade, and a second-story balconet which characterize the style.

Weigl Iron Works of Austin provided decorative metal railings for the house.

# (6) Relationship to other distinctive buildings, sites or areas which are eligible for preservation according to a plan based on architectural, historical or cultural motif.

The house contributes to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District. In addition, the house was built for Lucille Fisher, the wife of the developer of Pemberton Heights, who built the ca. 1925 Pemberton Castle at 1415 Wooldridge Drive, a designated City Historic Landmark.

# (9) Exemplification of the cultural, economic, social, ethnic or historical heritage of the city, state or the United States.

The Lucille Fisher House reflects upper middle class housing in Austin in the 1920s. Lucille Fisher was divorced when she had this house built, but had been married for over 20 years to the developer of Pemberton Heights. Her house reflects her position in Austin society in the 1920s.

# (11) Identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the city, state or United States.

Josephine Lucille (Mathen) Fisher was the first owner of the house. Lucille married Samuel William Fisher, Jr., in 1905. Fisher inherited the Harris family lands in West Austin, and in 1927, established the Pemberton Heights subdivision there. He first built the Pemberton Castle (1925), which served as his office, and was built around the old stone water tank on the property.

He deeded the property to Lucille in 1925, who sold it in 1926 to the Austin Development Company in return for shares of the corporation and a place on the board of directors. The Austin Development Company was organized to sell lots and houses in Pemberton Heights, and built the bridge across Shoal Creek to enable access to the new subdivision. The company deeded the bridge to the City of Austin after its completion. After her 1927 divorce from Samuel (Budley) Fisher, Lucille built this house on land she reserved from her sale of the property to the Austin Development Company. Lucille Fisher lived in the house until 1942, when she rented out the main house to another family, and lived out back in a garage apartment, until she sold the property in 1949.

# (12) A building or structure that because of its location has become of value to a neighborhood, community area, or the city.

The house is prominently sited just west of the Pemberton Castle in the heart of Pemberton Heights.

PARCEL NO.: 01150108030000 DEED RECORD: Vol. 6368, p. 324.

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$14,600 (owner-occupied rate)

APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,090,675

**PRESENT USE:** Residential

<u>CONSTRUCTION/DESCRIPTION</u>: Two-story rectangular-plan side-gabled Spanish Colonial Revival-styled residence with stucco walls, a red tile roof, wood balconet on the second story; single and paired wood frame windows.

**CONDITION:** Excellent

PRESENT OWNERS Dr. O.B. Jackson, Jr. ADDRESS TELE 1505 Wooldridge Drive, 78703

**TELEPHONE** 

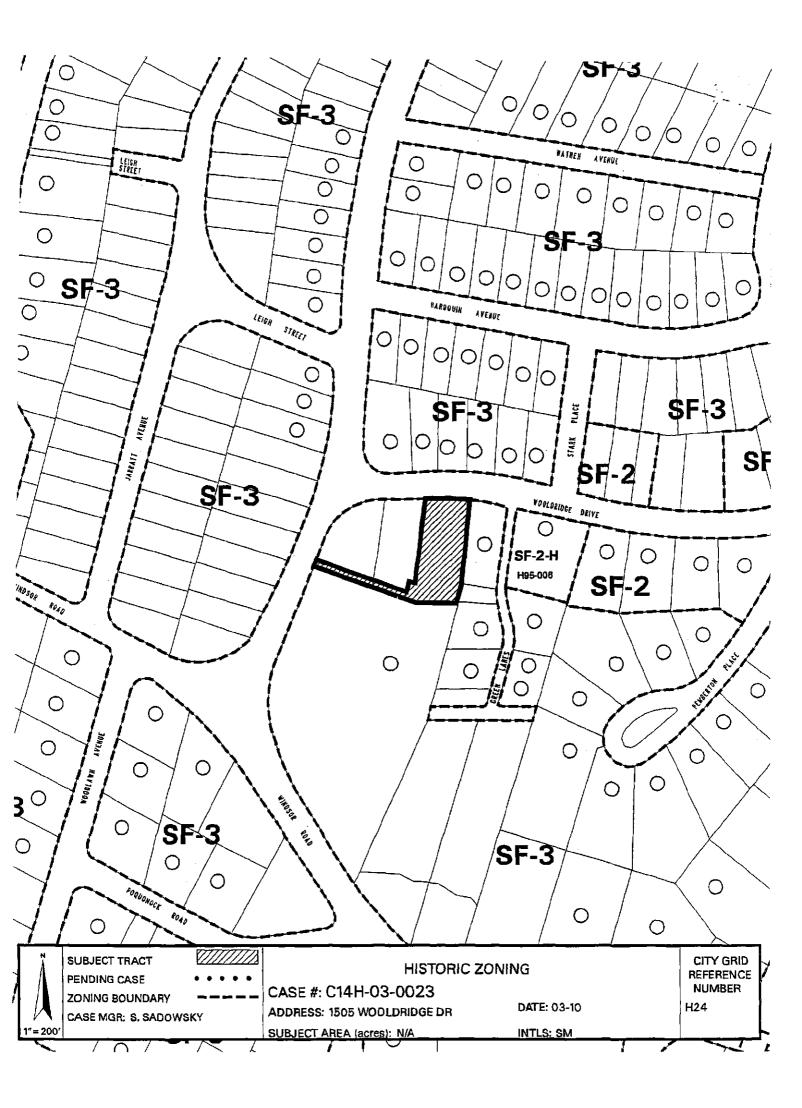
DATE BUILT: ca. 1928

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: Rear wing added (1976); driveway modifications.

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S):** Josephine Lucille Fisher (1928)

#### **OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS:**

NATIONAL REGISTER: No RECORDED TEXAS LANDMARK: No NATIONAL LANDMARK: No LOCAL SURVEYS: Yes, the house is listed as contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.



## A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING

#### PROJECT INFORMATION:

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#### BASIC PROJECT DATA:

1. OWNER'S NAME:	OBJACKSONJR
2. PROJECT NAME:	Josephine Lucille Fisher Home
3. PROJECT STREET A	DDRESS (or Range): 1505 Wooldridge for.
ZIP 78703	COUNTY: TRANS
IF PROJECT AL	DDRESS CANNOT BE DEFINED ABOVE:
LOCATED	FRONTAGE FEET ALONG THE N. S. E. W. (CIRCLE ONE) SIDE OF
	(ROAD NAME PROPERTY FRONTS ONTO), WHICH IS
APPROXIMATE	LY DISTANCE FROM ITS
INTERSECTION	WITH CROSS STREET.

#### AREA TO BE REZONED:

4. ACRES		(OR)	SQ.FT. 25,08	16	
5. ZONING AND	LAND USE INFOR	MATION:			
EXISTING ZONING	EXISTING USE	TRACT# (IF MORE	ACRES / SQ. FT.	PROPOSED USE	PROPOSED
<u>SF-3</u> <u>SF-3</u>	Residence Residence	THAN 1) 	21,943	Residence	<u>SF-3-4</u> <u>SF-3-4</u>

#### RELATED CURRENT CASES:

6. ACTIVE ZONING CASE	? (YES / NO)	
7. RESTRICTIVE COVENA	NT? (YES / NO)	FILE NUMBER:
8. SUBDIVISION?	(YES / NO)	FILE NUMBER:
9. SITE PLAN?	(YES / NO)	FILE NUMBER:

#### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE: Name: Pembartun	Heights-Josephing L Fisher Reservation
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Plat Book:	Page
Number: M/AA # 1/ 501	
10b. METES AND BOUNDS (Attach two copies of certified	ed field notes if subdivision reference is not available or
zoning includes partial lots)	

#### DEED REFERENCE CONVEYING PROPERTY TO PRESENT OWNER AND TAX PARCEL I.D.:

11. VOLUME:	6368	PAGE: 324	TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.	01-1501-080	3-0000
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#### **OTHER PROVISIONS:**

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12. IS PROPERTY IN A ZONING COMBINING DISTRICT / OVERLAY ZONE? YES / NO
TYPE OF COMBINING DIST/OVERLAY ZONE (NCCD,NP, etc)
13. LOCATED IN A LOCAL OR NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES / NO
14. IS A TIA REQUIRED? YES / NO (NOT REQUIRED IF BASE ZONING IS NOT CHANGING)
TRIPS PER DAY:
TRAFFIC SERIAL ZONE(S):

#### **OWNERSHIP TYPE:**

15. <u>X</u> SOLE	COMMUNITY PROPERTY	PARTNERSHIP		TRUST
If ownership is a	other than sole or community prope	erty, list individuals/par	tners/principals below or	attach separate sheet.

#### **OWNER INFORMATION:**

16. OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION	NAME: O.B. Jackson Jv.
FIRM NAME:	TELEPHONE NUMBER: 45-0234
CITY: AUSTATE: TA	ZIP CODE: _ <u>าธาง3</u>

#### AGENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

17. AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION			
SIGNATURE:		NAME:	
FIRM NAME:		TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
STREET ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
CONTACT PERSON:		TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
EMAIL ADRESS:			

#### DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY:

Revised June 30, 2002

### D. SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

#### SUBMITTAL VERICATION

My signature attests to the fact that the attached application package is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that proper City staff review of this application is dependent upon the accuracy of the information provided and that any inaccurate or inadequate information provided by me/my firm/etc., may delay the proper review of this application.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.

9-1-03 Date íature

Name (Typed or Printed)

Firm (If applicable)

#### **INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION**

As owner or authorized agent, my signature authorizes staff to visit and inspect the property for which this application is being submitted.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE. 9-1-03 Sionature Name (Typed or Printed)

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# E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

### concerning Subdivision Plat Notes, Deed Restrictions, Restrictive Covenants and / or Zoning Conditional Overlays

I, <u>D.B.JackSon</u>, JV. have checked for subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, -

(Print name of applicant)

restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays prohibiting certain uses and/or requiring certain development restrictions i.e. height, access, screening etc. on this property, located at

1505 Wooldnidge Dr. Austin Tr 78703

If a conflict should result with the request I am submitting to the City of Austin due to subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays it will be my responsibility to resolve it. I also acknowledge that I understand the implications of use and/or development restrictions that are a result of a subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays.

I understand that if requested, I must provide copies of any and all subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlay information which may apply to this property.

9-1-03

(Date)

NO

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#### TAX CERTIFICATE Tax Certificate Travis Collector P.O. Box 1748 Austin, Texas 78767 (512) 854-9473

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 01-1501-0803-0000 **PROPERTY OWNER:** PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: JACKSON OSCAR B JR 1505 WOOLDRIDGE DR AUSTIN, TX 78703-2531 CEN 104.74FT OF N 209.5 FT & 15 X 209.5 FT ALLEY FISHER JOSEPHINE L RESERVATION ACRES 0.000 MIN% .00000 TYPE SITUS INFORMATION: 001505 WOOLDRIDGE DR 00000 This is to certify that after a careful check of tax records of this office, the following taxes, delinquent taxes, penalties and interests are due on the described property of the following tax unit(s): TOTAL YEAR ENTITY 2002 AUSTIN ISD CITY OF AUSTIN (TRAV) TRAVIS COUNTY ACC (TRAVIS) \*ALL PAID\* \*ALL PAID\* \*ALL PAID\* \*ALL PAID\* TOTAL SEQUENCE \*ALL PAID\* Ω TOTAL TAX: UNPAID FEES: INTEREST ON FEES: COMMISSION: TOTAL DUE ==> \*ALL PAID\* \* NONE \* \* + NONE \* NONE \* \*ALL PAID\* ALL TAXES PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2002 EXCEPT FOR UNPAID YEARS LISTED ABOVE. TAXES PAID FOR YEAR 2002 \$21,828.36 The above described property may be subject to special valuation based on its use, and additional rollback taxes may become due. (Section 23.55, State Property Tax Code). Pursuant to Section 31.08 of the State Property Tax Code, there is a fee of \$10.00 for all Tax Certificates. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE ON THIS DATE OF 06/27/2003

Fee Paid: \$10.00

Nelda Wells Spears Tax Assessor-Collector By: Jarban Afort

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### HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION - DEED CHRONOLOGY

### 1505 WOOLDRIDGE

#### Transaction

### Vol./Page

S. W. (Budley) Fisher to Josephine L. Fisher January 15, 1925	Book 316, pp. 127-128
Josephine L. Fisher to S. Webb Ruff September 24, 1949	Vol. 1002, pg. 274
S. Webb Ruff to Linda and Michael Kahn September 29, 1967	Vol. 3359, pg. 2162
Michael Kahn to Linda Kahn May 13, 1969	Vol. 3656, pg. 1366
Linda Kahn to S.V. Stone, Jr. October 2, 1969	Vol. 3769, pg. 733
Frances Morgan Stone to O. B. Jackson, Jr. November 1, 1978	Vol. 6368, pg. 324

# The Josephine Fisher House

### AUSTIN HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION







The Heritage Society Austin

Is proud to present this Award of Appreciation

to

# O.B. Jackson

For their participation in the 11th annual Heritage Homes Tour in which the Lucille Fisher House, 1505 Wooldridge Avenue was showcased

Given on this ninth day of May, 2003 at the Heritage Homes Tour Twilight Preview Party

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### ORDINANCE NO.

#### AN ORDINANCE REZONING AND CHANGING THE ZONING MAP FOR THE PROPERTY GENERALLY KNOWN AS THE LUCILLE FISHER HOUSE LOCATED AT 1505 WOOLDRIDGE DRIVE FROM FAMILY RESIDENCE (SF-3) DISTRICT TO FAMILY RESIDENCE-HISTORIC (SF-3-H) COMBINING DISTRICT.

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### **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** The zoning map established by Section 25-2-191 of the City Code is amended to change the base district from family residence (SF-3) district to family residence-historic (SF-3-H) combining district on the property described in Zoning Case No.C14H-03-0023, on file at the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department, as follows:

A tract of land identified as Tract One and Tract Two out of the Josephine L. Fisher Reservation out of the George W. Spear League, in Travis County, the tract of land being more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A" incorporated into this ordinance,

generally known as the Lucille Fisher House, locally known as 1505 Wooldridge Drive, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and generally identified in the map attached as Exhibit "B".

Will Wynn Mayor

