

## ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2022-0072

HLC DATE: May 4, 2022; June 1, 2022      PC DATE: June 28, 2022      CC Date: July 28, 2022

APPLICANT: Historic Landmark Commission (owner-opposed)

HISTORIC NAME: Carlson-Colunga House

WATERSHED: Urban—Waller Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 902 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street

ZONING CHANGE: TOD-NP to TOD-H-NP

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from transit-oriented development-neighborhood plan (TOD-NP) to transit-oriented development-neighborhood plan-historic landmark (TOD-H-NP) combining district zoning.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION: The 2016 East Austin Historic Resource Survey recommends the property as eligible for designation as a local landmark for architecture and historical associations, individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and contributing to potential local and National Register historic districts.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: **May 4, 2022:** initiate historic zoning based on architecture and historical associations (Koch, Little; 7-0). **June 1, 2022:** recommend historic zoning based on survey findings of architecture and historical associations (Koch, Valenzuela; 10-0).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: **June 28, 2022:** recommend historic zoning

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

CASE MANAGER: Kalan Contreras

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NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS: Austin Independent School District, Austin Lost and Found Pets, Austin Neighborhoods Council, Del Valle Community Coalition, East Austin Conservancy, El Concilio Mexican-American Neighborhoods, Friends of Austin Neighborhoods, Greater East Austin Neighborhood Association, Guadalupe Association for an Improved Neighborhood, Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation, Homeless Neighborhood Association, Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation, Neighbors United for Progress, Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods, Plaza Saltillo TOD Staff Liaison, Preservation Austin, SELTexas, Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group, Waterloo Greenway

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: The 2016 East Austin Historic Resource Survey recommends the property as eligible for designation as a local landmark, individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and contributing to potential local and National Register historic districts.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

**§ 25-2-352(3)(c)(i) *Architecture.*** *The property embodies the distinguishing characteristics of a recognized architectural style, type, or method of construction; exemplifies technological innovation in design or construction; displays high artistic value in representing ethnic or folk art, architecture, or construction; represents a rare example of an architectural style in the city; serves as an outstanding example of the work of an architect, builder, or artisan who significantly contributed to the development of the city, state, or nation; possesses cultural, historical, or architectural value as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian or vernacular structure; or represents an architectural curiosity or one-of-a-kind building.*

According to the East Austin Historic Resource Survey, the building is a good example of Folk Victorian architecture. 902 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street is a one-story L-plan Folk Victorian house clad in horizontal wood siding, with a metal cross-gabled roof and brick chimney. Its wood windows are 2:2 and transom, with operable shutters. Its door is also beneath a transom light. The partial width inset porch is supported by turned posts atop squared balusters and includes a jig-sawn and spindlework frieze and matching jig-sawn brackets. The lot is terraced, with a stone staircase matching the foundation skirting leads to a set of concrete steps to the street from atop the concrete retaining wall.

**§ 25-2-352(3)(c)(ii) Historical Associations.** *The property has long-standing significant associations with persons, groups, institutions, businesses, or events of historic importance which contributed significantly to the history of the city, state, or nation; or represents a significant portrayal of the cultural practices or the way of life of a definable group of people in a historic time.*

According to the East Austin Historic Resource Survey, the property is associated with residential development patterns in the area. The house was built between 1903 and 1906 by contractors Victor and Carl Carlson, Swedish immigrants to Texas.<sup>1</sup> Between 1906 and 1909, the property was rented to railway motorman August Lindahl, also of Swedish descent. The property was vacant in 1912, but by 1914, the Shipp family occupied the home. Jasper Shipp worked as a contractor, Dewey Shipp worked as a foreman, Nellie Shipp as a bookkeeper, and Madison Shipp as an insurance salesman; youngest sister Nina Shipp was a student.

After the Shipp's departure, a variety of short-term renters—most with middle- and working-class occupations—lived at 902 E. 7<sup>th</sup>. In the early 1930s, Librada Reyes Colunga began renting the house with her family. Daughters Noemi Colunga, listed as the property owner in City directories, and Genoveva Colunga Martinez lived there until at least 1970.<sup>2</sup> Noemi Colunga worked as a laundress, maid, and public-school janitor. In the early twentieth century, the Colungas also hosted younger relatives Alicia and Berta while they attended the University of Texas.

In 1943, Noemi Colunga filed a petition for U. S. citizenship, as she and her mother were originally Mexican citizens. Librada Reyes Colunga<sup>3</sup> died shortly after in 1949. Genoveva Martinez Colunga passed in 1970,<sup>4</sup> followed by Noemi Colunga in 1977.<sup>5</sup>

PARCEL NO.: 0206050221

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 9 BLK 4 OLT 1 DIV B ROBERTSON S & L M SOUTH PART

ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$4,921.53 total (non-homestead, no cap); city portion: \$1,727.77

APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,080,333

PRESENT USE: Rental property

DATE BUILT: ca. 1903-06

INTEGRITY: Moderate to high. The original 2:2 windows at the main façade were replaced with undivided and 1:1 windows in 2020, and historic-age screens appear missing, though shutters appear intact. Existing window openings do not appear to have been significantly modified.

PRESENT OWNERS: RPC East 7th St LLC  
1705 S Capital of Texas Hwy 400  
Austin, TX 78746

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): Victor and Carl Carlson

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: None

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<sup>1</sup> "DEATHS IN AUSTIN." The Austin Statesman (1902-1915), Oct 31, 1904.

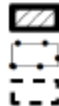
<sup>2</sup> "Deaths and Funerals." 1970. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973), Dec 14, 30.

<sup>3</sup> Obituary." 1949. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973), Aug 01, 11.

<sup>4</sup> "Deaths and Funerals." 1970. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973), Dec 14, 30.

<sup>5</sup> Deaths and Services." The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980), Aug 01, 1977, Evening ed.

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT

PENDING CASE

ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 250'

### NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 22-047410

LOCATION: 902 E 7TH STREET

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

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### *Photos*



*Google Street View, 2022*



*Applicant, 2022*





Zillow.com, [https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/902-E-7th-St-Austin-TX-78702/306640412\\_zpid/](https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/902-E-7th-St-Austin-TX-78702/306640412_zpid/)



Loopnet.com, <https://www.loopnet.com/Listing/902-E-7th-St-Austin-TX/15412540/>





*Texas Historical Commission. [Historic Property, Photograph 3491-07], photograph, Date Unknown; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph968071/m1/1/?q=%22902%20e%207th%22>: accessed April 15, 2022), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu>; crediting Texas Historical Commission.*



*Texas Historical Commission. [Historic Property, Photograph 3491-02], photograph, Date Unknown; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph960046/m1/1/?q=%22902%20e%207th%22>: accessed April 15, 2022), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu>; crediting Texas Historical Commission.*





*Texas Historical Commission. [Historic Property, Photograph 3491-08], photograph, Date Unknown; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph970097/m1/1/?q=%22902%20e%207th%22>: accessed April 15, 2022), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu>; crediting Texas Historical Commission.*



*Texas Historical Commission. [Historic Property, Photograph 3358-17], photograph, September 1, 1984; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph970947/m1/1/?q=%22902%20e%207th%22>: accessed April 15, 2022), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu>; crediting Texas Historical Commission.*





*Texas Historical Commission. [Historic Property, Photograph 3491-01], photograph, Date Unknown; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph959373/m1/1/?q=%22902%20e%207th%22>: accessed April 15, 2022), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu>; crediting Texas Historical Commission.*



*Texas Historical Commission. [Historic Property, Photograph 3491-03], photograph, Date Unknown; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph963292/m1/1/?q=%22902%20e%207th%22>: accessed April 15, 2022), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu>; crediting Texas Historical Commission.*





*Texas Historical Commission. [Historic Property, Photograph 3491-05], photograph, Date Unknown; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph963951/m1/1/?q=%22902%20e%207th%22>: accessed April 15, 2022), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu>; crediting Texas Historical Commission.*



*Texas Historical Commission. [Historic Property, Photograph THC 06-0333], photograph, Date Unknown; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph672261/m1/1/?q=%22902%20east%207th%22>: accessed April 15, 2022), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu>; crediting Texas Historical Commission.*





2016 East Austin Historic Resource Survey; HHM, Inc.

### *Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, March 2022

1959	Niami Colunga, owner Genoveva Martinez
1957	Noemi Colunga, owner Employee, public school
1955	Noemi Colunga, owner Janitor, University Jr High
1952	Noemi Colunga, owner
1949	Noemi Colunga, owner Maid
1947	Noemi Colunga, owner Employee, public school Mrs. Librada Colunga Genoveva Martinez
1944	Noemi Colunga, owner Presser, George Wesley Librada R. Colunga
1941	Neomi Colunga, owner Mangle operator, AL & DC Co. Genevieve Colunga Berta Colunga Student at the University of Texas Alicia Colunga Student
1939	Noemi Colunga, owner Operator, L & D Co. Genoveva Colunga Alice Colunga Student at the University of Texas Librada Colunga (widow of Refugio)
1937	Noemi Colunga, owner



	Employee, Austin Laundry & Dry Cleaner
1935	Librada Reyes, renter
1932	Librada Reyes, renter
1929	Emilio and Maria J. Davila, renters Jeweler, The Atco Co. Olivia Hernandez, renter
1924	Joseph J. and Lillian Badaracco, renters
1920	Andrew T. Scott, renter Mill hand, Nalle & Co.
1918	Ernest W. and Lillie Drennan, renters Vulcanizer, Austin Double Tread Tire Co.
1916	Jasper A. Shipp Contractor Madison A. Shipp Salesman Nellie Shipp Bookkeeper Nina Shipp Student O. Dewey Shipp Student
1914	Dewey O. Shipp Foreman Madison A. Shipp Insurance agent Nellie J. Shipp Bookkeeper Nina Shipp Student
1912	Vacant
1909	August Lindahl Motorman, Austin El. Railway Co.
1906	Claus August Lindahl Motorman Carl Carlson Contractor and builder Victor G. Carlson Contractor
	<i>Note: Charles and Victor Carlson, proprietors of Carlson Brothers general contractors and builders, and Mandy Carlson, widow of Gustav Carlson, are listed as residing at their office at 1006 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street in the directory cross-reference.</i>
1903	Address not listed Victor, Gustav, and Charles Carlson, contractors, at 1006 E. 7 <sup>th</sup> .

## Permits

**SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT**  
Austin, Texas

No. 2042 *A*

Received of \_\_\_\_\_ Date 2/28/1914

Address 902 E. 7th.

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Builder or Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Plumber \_\_\_\_\_

Lot 9 Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Plat No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Connection \_\_\_\_\_

*Sewer service permit, 1914*

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
Austin, Texas

E N<sup>o</sup> 21761

Received of \_\_\_\_\_ Date 7-24-58

Address 901 E. 7TH. Street

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$ pd. tap.

Plumber \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Tap \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Connection \_\_\_\_\_

*Water service permit, 1958*

## Historical information

**Carl G. Carlson.**

Carl G. Carlson, aged 51 years, a well known cabinet maker, died yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock at the residence, 1006 East Seventh street, after a lingering illness. He was well known in Austin, having lived here many years, being connected with the different lumber companies here. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church and the remains will be interred in the City cemetery.

*"DEATHS IN AUSTIN." The Austin Statesman (1902-1915), Oct 31, 1904.*



## MORTUARY.

### DEWEY SHIPP.

Dewey Shipp, formerly of Austin, died at Kansas City Nov. 2. He is survived by his father, J. A. Shipp; two sisters, Misses Nell and Nina Shipp, and three brothers, Tom, Dawson and Earl. Interment will be at Poteau, Okla.

## Nine File Petitions For Citizenship

Nine Central Texas residents have filed petitions for U. S. citizenship in the past 30-day period, U. S. district court records showed Friday.

The petitioners, their present addresses, and the countries of their former residence are as follows: Antonia Marie Kahane, Granger, Czechoslovakia; Naomi Colunga, 902 East Seventh, Mexico; Manfred Fritz Rosenbusch, 500 West 17th, Germany; Fannie Shaikevitz, 613 West 24 1-2, Russia; Luciano Torrez Cruz and Jose Carrasco Cruz, Lockhart, Mexico; Brunhilde Hedwig Frithlof, 103 East 14th, Germany; John Gallagher, Lampasas, Ireland; and Juan Aguilar, Bastrop, Mexico.

"MORTUARY." *The Statesman* (1916-1921), Nov 04, 1917.

"Nine File Petitions for Citizenship." 1943. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Oct 15, 18.

### MISS GENOVEVA MARTINEZ

Miss Genoveva Martinez, of 902 E. 7th St., died in a local hospital Monday. She was a member of the Salvation Army Church.

Survivors include a sister, Miss Noemi Colunga of Austin; two brothers, Refugio Colunga and Jaime Colunga, both of Dilley.

Funeral services are pending at Cook Funeral Home.

### MRS. LIBRADA R. COLUNGA

Mrs. Librada Reyes Colunga died at her residence, 902 East Seventh Street, Sunday morning. Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Genoveva Martinez and Miss Noemi Colunga, both of Austin; two sons, Refugio Colunga and Jaime Colunga of Dilley and a brother, Pablo Reyes. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the residence with the Rev. Isaac Perez officiating. Pallbearers were Humberto Colunga, Jesus Colunga, Felipe Colunga, Ramiro Colunga, Jose Salinas of Corpus Christi and Ricardo Lozano of San Antonio. Burial was in Memorial Park.

"Deaths and Funerals." 1970. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Dec 14, 30.

"Obituary." 1949. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Aug 01, 11.

COLUNGA, Miss Noemi, 82, 902 E. 7th St., died Sunday. Services 10 a.m. Tuesday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Survivors: brother, Refugio Colunga Dilley; several nieces and nephews.

"Deaths and Services." *The Austin American Statesman* (1973-1980), Aug 01, 1977, Evening ed.