HISTORIC NAME: Bradford-Nohra House
WATERSHED: Waller Creek

## ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 4213 Avenue G

## ZONING FROM: SF-6-NCCD to SF-6-NCCD-H

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff does not recommend the proposed zoning change from Townhouse-Condominium Residence - Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (SF-6-NCCD) to Townhouse-Condominium Residence - Neighborhood Conservation Combining District - Historic (SF-6-NCCD-H) Combining District zoning. Staff recommends release of the demolition permit. The 1908 wood-frame house was completely obliterated when the house was stuccoed over and all of the windows were replaced with jalousie windows. A test for whether a building retains its integrity of materials and design is whether a figure from the historic period of the house would recognize it today, and staff believes that that house has lost its historic wood-frame appearance to such an extent that the house associated with the Bradfords has been completely lost. To qualify as an individual landmark, the Land Development Code states that a structure must maintain its historic appearance, and this house clearly does not. Therefore, while recognizing that the house has significance to the Hyde Park neighborhood groups who have pushed constantly for its preservation, the house does not qualify as a historic landmark because of the massive changes to its exterior. The current owner has no plans for restoration of the house because of its deteriorated state, and staff cannot recommend a building for landmark designation without a restoration of its historic appearance.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: September 27, 2010: Initiated a historic zoning case. Vote: 6-0 (Leary absent). October 25, 2010: Recommended a zoning change from SF-6-NCCD to SF-6-H-NCCD. Vote: 5-1 (Leary opposed; Hansen absent).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: Pending.
DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: The house is listed as potentially contributing to the Hyde Park National Register Historic District.
CITY COUNCIL DATE / ACTION: December 16, 2010
ORDINANCE READINGS:
CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky
NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION:
Hyde Park Neighborhood Association
NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

## BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The house does not maintain its historic appearance, and staff cannot recommend a house that does not maintain its historic integrity to this extent. The original frame house has been stuccoed; all the original windows have been removed and replaced with jalousie-type windows; the sleeping porches on the south side of the central block have been enclosed, and an unsympathetic non-historic addition has been built to the southeast of the main house at an odd angle. The house is not contributing to the Hyde Park National Register Historic District with all of these modifications and therefore does not maintain sufficient integrity of materials and design to qualify as a historic landmark.

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association has been extremely diligent in researching the property and has found several photographs from the early part of the century which show the original appearance of the house; the photographs confirm the vast difference in the historic and current appearance of the house.

## Architecture:

The building was originally a two-story frame house with a two story porch wrapping around the front and south side. Full-length columns embellish the façade, with jalousie windows arranged two on each side and six above the simply pedimented door. The house is capped by a hipped roof with dormers on the north and south sides. A two-story addition is set at an unusual diagonal angle off the back with a style reminiscent of the 1940 s , including metalframe windows and a rooftop with an open metal railing. It is difficult to assess exactly when these changes were made - the 1922, 1935 and 1962 Sanborn maps all show the structure with the two-story wrap-around porch but without the angled addition.

## Historical Associations:

The first known owner of the house was William A. Stewart, a real estate man, as evidenced by the listing in the 1909-1910 city directories. By 1912-13, the house was occupied by the Bradford family, who lived here for over 30 years. Clyde A. Bradford formed and become the president of Bradford-Dorflinger Company (later, the C.A. Bradford Company), which sold paints, oils, varnishes, and wall papers at 705 Congress Avenue.

Dewey C. Bradford was born in 1896 in Round Rock, was a former heavyweight boxer, a chariot driver, a football player for the U.T. Longhorns and served in the U.S. Marines during World War I. As a youth, he was interested in acting and spent time in Hollywood before returning to assume duties in the family business. He was also a patron of the arts, having introduced Porfirio Salinas, Charles Berkeley Normann and G. Harvey Jones to the art world. He assisted President Lyndon Baines Johnson and Lady Bird in selecting paintings for the White House. The Country Arts Store Gallery, located at 1304 Lavaca, was one of his businesses. Dewey Bradford lived in this house with his parents in the 1920 s, and then he and his wife Josephine lived here until around 1944. The present owner purchased the property around 1944 and has lived here ever since. Helen Nohra, the current owner, is the widow of Charles Nohra. Charles Nohra was a restaurateur who owned or managed several cafes downtown. The Nohras lived here in the late 1940 s, then rented the house out in the early 1950s; Helen Nohra operated the Parkview Nursing Home at 56 East Avenue, where she lived for several years, as well as the Shady Oaks Nursing Home on $\mathrm{S} .1^{\text {st }}$ Street before returning to this house.

PARCEL NO.: 02200614060000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 1-5, Block 20, Hyde Park Addition No. 1.
ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: $\$ 2,715$ (owner-occupied); city portion: $\$ 1,358$ - no AISD or ACC participation.

PRESENT USE: Residence
CONDITION: Poor

## PRESENT OWNER:

Helen Nohra
Sylvia Dudney, Trustee
4211 Avenue G
Austin, TX 78751-3815
DATE BUILT: ca. 1908
ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: Several additions; the house has been covered in stucco, the windows are not original, and the gable on the south has been removed. The second story porch has been enclosed and is shown as a wrap-around porch by the Sanborn maps rather than a side porch. An odd diagonal addition appears to have been added in the 1940s.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): William A. Stewart
OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: None.


## PROPERTY INSPECTION REPORT













## ADDTIONAL INFORMATLON PROVOED BY INSPECTOR:

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## MAXFELL EMVIROTECH INC.

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Date: July 24, 2008
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To: Sylvia Dudncy
4211 Avenue 1
Austin, Texas 78751
Re: IAQ Investigation
4213 Avenue $\mathrm{G}^{6}$
Austin, Texas
Dear Mrs. Dudney:
Maxwell Envirotech, Inc. porformed Phase I Mold Bulk Sampling and Air - O - Cell Total Mold on the above referonced project July 14 and 21, 2008.

## Inapection Summaty

The initial visual inspection found water damage apparantly attributable to various plumbing leaks (see photographs attachied). The bulk sampling (Quantem Set ID 163971 attrached) Samples SD. 1-8 showed concentrations of mold in all rooms teated except the $2^{2 d}$ floor porch and north kitchen. The Air-O-Cell Total Mold air monitoring (Quantem Set ID: 164297 attached) showed elevatod levels of sevaral genasses of airbome mold in the Kitchen (Sample SD-10) elovated 73\% the outside ait (Sample SD-12) and the living room (Sample SD-11) elevated 185\% the outside air. Of particular concern was the presence of genuses (esp. Aspergillus/Pamicllitum) reportod inside that were not preseat in the outside air.

## Detenardon

The presence of elovated mold in indoor air samples is a signpost of poor indoor air quality and a reason for concem. When disturbed by vibration, air movemeat or maintenance, etc., the presence of fuagal contamination can result in inoreased episodic exposume. Occupancy of the arca is not recommended for persons very young, old, pro-disposed to fungal aeroallergens or otherwise imnumo-compromised.

## Becomenendations

The residence camot be remodiated for mold without prior extensive renovation of the structural, plumbing and mechanical systoms which are beyoud the scope of this report. In addition to the parameters causing the mold problems the facility does not moet codo in mumerous areas also boyond the scope of this report. It is the opinion of Maxwell Envirothech, Ino. the restoration of the facility to livable space is not economically feasible.

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## Total Bionexosol Sampling

Total bioaerosol/particulate sampling was performed to identify and characterize general fingal and particulate concentrations. Total bioserosol exposure is the result of both viable and non-viable airbome fractions. Samples were collected using Zefon Air-O-Cells linked to a vecurm prump calibrated at a flow rate of 15 liters per minute. Indoor collections were made over a 5 -minute period. Morphologically distinct fungal components were identified to genus. Fungal spores having a spherical shape between 1.3 microns are reported asAspargillus/Pentelllum-like. Other particulate was identified into general categories of Mycelial debris and fibers when appropriate. All components wore individually reported in particles per cubic meter ( $\mathrm{Part} / \mathrm{m} 3$ ). A total Particle/m3 was provided for each sample site. No scientific peer reviewed research is currently of recond that indicates typical and/or acceptable levels for total (culturable and nonculturable) indoor fingal bioaerosols. Case studies published in leading industry joumals and papers, gonerally suggest that total bloserosols within indoor environments should be below 2000 particles (Part) per cubic meter (m3) and ganerally $50 \%$ of outdoor levels. No individual concentration criterion for these organisms has boen established to date. This value is considered to be a "reactionary threshold". The principle fractions of the total concentration are typically due to the presance of AspergillusIPenicillium-like and Cladosporium components. Concentrations exceading 2000 Part/m3 and/or having unusual populations of fungi that are not mentioned in the outdoor air should incite some additional level of investigation with respect to a potantial bias from prominent outdoor bioaerosols, inadequate alr filtration, poor housekecping, excessive indoor humidity and/or micro-humidity environments, and/or potential indigenons contamination sources. These recommendations aro suggested as general guidelines only the author cautions on the indiscriminate use of any bionerosol deta and/or any specific remedial recommendation based solaly on bioaccosol findings. Additionally, the $>2000 \mathrm{Parth} 3$ is not intended to represent a threshold value having a medical or health significance with respect to exposure, nor is it necossarily representative of an unacceptrable indoor environment. Rather, it is intended to be a "reactionary threshold" to incite further investigation as to the canse(s) of what is considered to be an above average concentration for total indoor bloaerosols.

To date, there is no data that supports a threshold limit or dose / response relationship for exposure to fungal accoallorgens. The Occupational Safery and Health Association (OSHA), The National Institute of Oceapational Safety and Health (NIOSH), as well as other Occupational health related associations, have not established permissible exposure levels (PEL's), recommended exposure limits (REL's), or other limit values for arroallergens.

## Bull /Tape Samplea

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## Statcment of Cortification:

The undersigned certify that to the best knowledge and belief.
The statements of fact contained in the report are true and correct.
The reported analyses and conclusions are limited only by the availability of documentation and limiting conditions and are our personal, unbiased professional analyses, opinions and conclusions.
No other warranty either expressed or implied is hereby made.
Our compensation is not contingent on an action or event resulting from the analyaes, opinions or condusions in, or the use of this report.

Scott A. Maxwell is a Texas Licansed Mold Consultant and BPA Certified Inspector \& Management Planner and NIOSH 582 Air Monitor, personally reviowed the available documentation and made porsonal inspection of the stte.

Respectfully submitted,
MAXWEHL ENVIROTECH, INC.

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## Occupancy History <br> 4213 Avenue G

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office March, 2007


Dewey C. and Josephine H. Bradford, owners President, Bradford Paint Company, $9^{\text {th }}$ and Colorado Streets

Dewey C. and Josephine H. Bradford, owners
President, Bradford Paint Company, 201-03 W. $9^{\text {th }}$ Street (corner Colorado Street)
Dewey C. Bradford, owner
President, Bradford Paint Company, 201-03 W. $9^{\text {th }}$ Street (corner Colorado Street).
NOTE: Josephine Bradford is not listed in the directory.
Carleton F. and Thelma Card, renters
Salesman, Swift \& Company
Dewey C. Bradford, owner
Vice-President/Secretary, The Bradford-Barrett Company, Inc. (C.E. Barrett, President; wholesale and retail paint, wall paper, window glass, picture frames, 201-03 W. $9^{\text {th }}$ Street, corner Colorado Street).

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Salesman, Swift \& Company
NOTE: It appears that Thelma Card was the former Thelma Bradford, residing at this address while a student.

Dewey C. Bradford
Employed by C.A. (Clyde A.) Bradford, paint, glass, wall papers, 201-03 W. $9^{\text {th }}$ Street, corner Colorado Street

Mrs. Lula V. Bradford, owner
Widow, Christopher C. Bradford
No occupation listed
Also listed are Dewey C. Bradford, an employee of Clyde A. Bradford, paints, glass, and wall papers, 201-03 W. $9^{\text {th }}$ Street; and Thelma Bradford, no occupation listed.
NOTE: Carleton F. Card is not listed in the directory.
Mrs. Lula V. Bradford, owner
Widow, Christopher C. Bradford
No occupation listed
Also listed are Dewey C. Bradford, a salesman for C.A. Bradford (paints, glass, and wall papers), 705 Congress Avenue, and Thelma Bradford, no occupation given.

Mrs. Lula V. Bradford, owner
Widow, Christopher C. Bradford
No occupation listed
Also listed are Dewey C. Bradford and Thelma Bradford; neither listed an occupation.

Clyde A. and Myrtle Bradford, owners
President, C.A. Bradford Company, paints, glass, and wall papers, 705 Congress Avenue.
Also listed are Mrs. Lula V. Bradford, the widow of Christopher C. Bradford, no occupation given; Dewey C. Bradford, a student, and Thelma Bradford, a student.

Clyde A. Bradford
President, C. A. Bradford Company, wall paper and paints, 705 Congress Avenue.
Also listed is Lula V. Bradford, the widow of Christopher C. Bradford, no occupation given; Dewey Bradford, a student; and Thelma Bradford, a student.
NOTE: This house is the only house in this block on both sides of the street.
Clyde A. Bradford
President, Bradford-Dorflinger Company, paints, oils, varnishes, wall papers, 705 Congress Avenue Also listed is Lula Bradford, the widow of Christopher C. Bradford, no occupation given.

Clyde A. Bradford
Lands and city properties, 418 Littlefield Building
Also listed is Lula V. Bradford, the widow of Christopher C. Bradford, no occupation given.

George E. Christian
President, Austin Lumber Company, 220 W. and Street.
Also listed is George E. Christian, the secretary-treasurer of Austin Lumber Company.
NOTE: The Bradfords are not listed in the directory.
William A. Stewart
Real estate
NOTE: House is listed as 4215, and is the only house on this block.
NOTE: George Christian (no occupation given) is listed as living at $310 \mathrm{~W} .10^{\text {th }}$ Street; George E. Christian, a student at the University of Texas, is listed at the same address.





The 1922 Sanborn map shows the house with a two-story wraparound porch as shown in the historic photographs.


The 1935 Sanborn map shows the two-story wraparound porch and a one-story rear addition.


The 1962 Sanborn map shows the same configuration as the 1935 map; the current rectangular addition to the southeast is not shown on this map.

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September 21, 2010

Chair Laurie Limbacher and Commission Members<br>Historic Landmark Commission<br>City of Austin<br>sent via e-mail<br>Re: Bradford-Nohra House

Dear Chair Limbacher and Commission Members:

The Board of Directors of the Heritage Society of Austin would like to show our support for the preservation of the historic Bradford-Nohra House, located at 4213 Avenue G. This home is a stately 100 -year-old building that is graciously sired on a prominent gateway lot in the historic Hyde Park neighborhood. It is clearly worthy of preservation because of its historic character and its well-established value to the community, evidenced through the heroic efforts of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and demonstrated support from other community leaders. In fact, a member of out board ned architect, Emily Justle, FAIA, has provided assistance to the neighborhood association to determine some site development options that would allow keeping the historic house and garage while maintaining the front and aide yards. Sensitive rehabilitation of the property would nut only preserve an important piece of our city's history, but also promote our shared community values so reduce waste and protect the historic character of our inner-city neighborhoods.

It is fortunate that the Bandford-Nohra House is a contributing historic property in the pending Hyde Park Local Historic District application. We encourage the City to shepherd that application through to matifation in $n$ timely manner in order to provide guidance relative to this property disposition and others in this exceptional neighborhood. Should the owners elect to rehabilitate the building at approved in accordance with the Design Standards created for the District, they will be eligible for a rehabilitaion-based tax benefit so offset the costs of this work. The program benefits the owner and the community by encouraging reinvestment and maintenance in our historic properties.

Specifically related to the pending demolition permit that has spurred this hearing, we know that the potential loss of the Bradford-Nohra House would be felt deeply not only in Hyde Park, but throughout the City. We respectfully encourage the property owners in reconsider their demolition proposal, and the City of Austin so pursue the
appropriate measutes to recognize this valuable resource. We will be glad to assist in 2ny way that we can.

Thank you all for your many hours of hard work to presecve what is best about Ausin for futute generations.

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