HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION AUGUST 22, 2011 PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS NRD-2011-0065 3400 HAPPY HOLLOW LANE OLD WEST AUSTIN

PROPOSAL

Demolish rear wall and increase roof height to accommodate a new rear 1-story addition, and replace existing garage doors with masonry wall and windows.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

This is a c. 1949 asymmetrical, Ranch-style home with low-pitched roof and limestone walls laid in a coursed ashlar pattern. The house has multi-paned windows and a front facing garage.

The applicant proposes to demolish the rear wall and construct a 1-story rear addition that will include a new garage that will open to the north side of the house. The rear addition requires an increase in the height of the roof ridge to accommodate the increased footprint of the house.

The existing garage opening will be closed in with a masonry wall and windows to match the materials and patterning on the remainder of the house.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is contributing to the Old West Austin National Register District. The Old West Austin National Register Historic District has no design guidelines for additions. Design guidelines in other historic districts address size, scale, massing, fenestration patterns, and materials. Applicable general design review guidelines state:

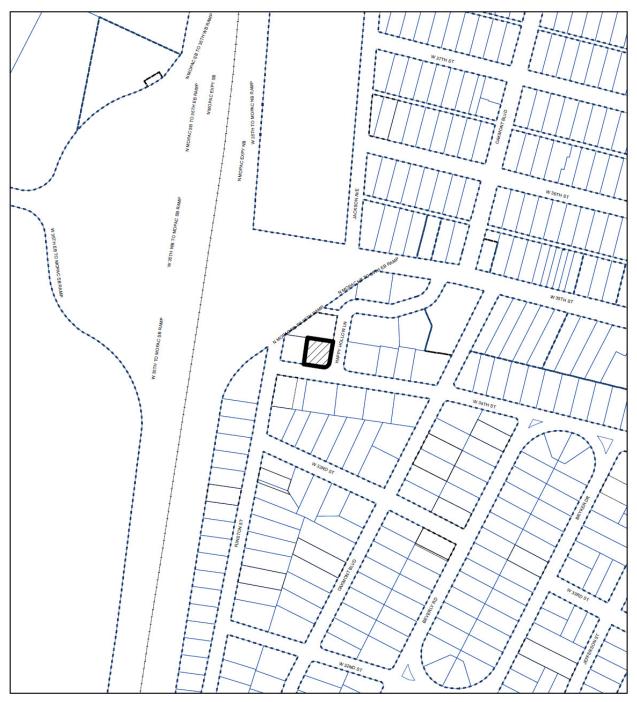
- The distinguishing original qualities or character of a property and its environment shall not be destroyed. Removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided.
- All properties shall be recognized as products of their own time. Alterations which have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance shall be discouraged.
- Changes, which have taken place in the course of time may have acquired significance in their own right, and shall be recognized and respected.
- Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship, which characterize a property, shall be treated with sensitivity.
- Deteriorated architectural features shall be repaired rather than replaced whenever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. Repair or replacement of missing architectural features should be based on an accurate duplication of features, substantiated by historical, physical, or pictorial evidence.

- Surface cleaning of structure shall be undertaken with the gentlest means possible.
 Sandblasting and other cleaning methods that will damage the historic building materials shall not be undertaken.
- Contemporary designs for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and are compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.
- Whenever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if such additions or alterations were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure would not be impaired.
- The installation of protective or code-required mechanical systems shall be concealed
 whenever possible so as not to intrude upon or detract from the property's aesthetic and
 historical qualities except where concealment would result in the alteration or
 destruction of historically significant materials or spaces.
- Reconstruction of a part or all of a property shall be undertaken only when such work is essential to reproduce a significant missing feature in a historic district, and documentation exists to ensure an accurate reproduction of the original.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The project as proposed meets these design guidelines and maintains the property's status as contributing to the National Register District. Staff recommends that the project be approved as proposed.

LOCATION MAP





NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT

CASE#: NRD-2011-0065 LOCATION: 3400 HAPPY HOLLOW LANE

GRID: H25

MANAGER: ALYSON MCGEE



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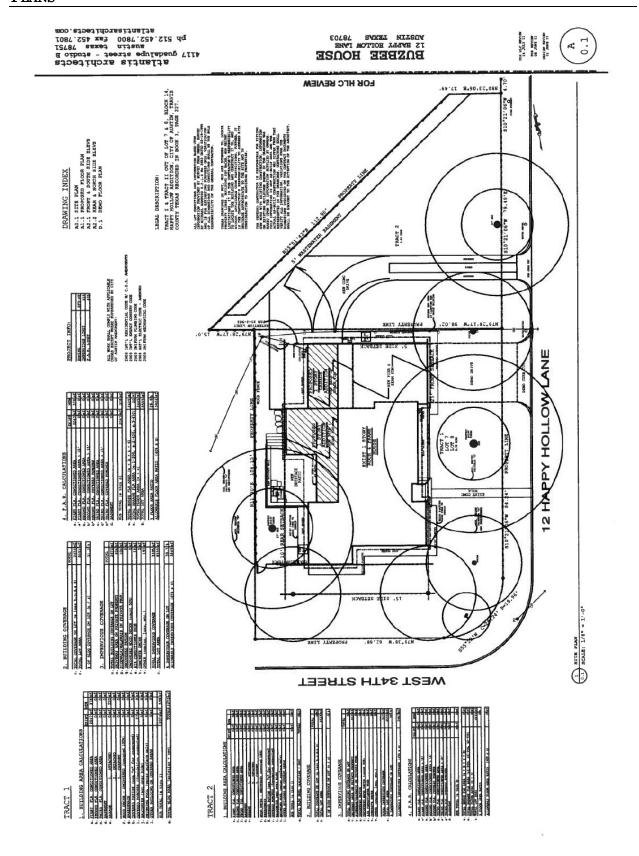




3400 Happy Hollow – Front elevation



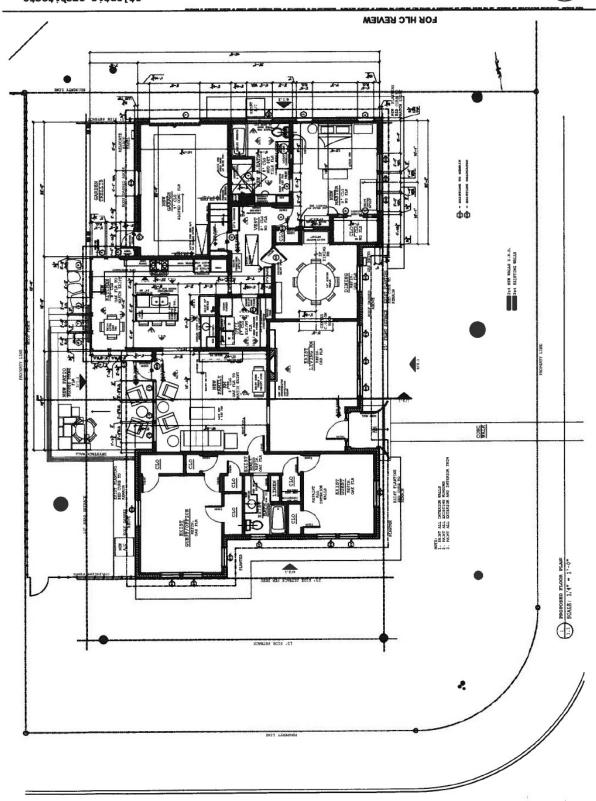
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