# ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2011-0004

HLC DATE: PC DATE:

October 24, 2011
December 13, 2011

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APPLICANT: David P. Conner, owner

HISTORIC NAME: William T. and Valerie Mansbendel Williams House

WATERSHED: Waller Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 3820 Avenue F

ZONING FROM: SF-3-HD-NCCD to SF-3-H-HD-NCCD

<u>SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION</u>: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from family residence, historic district, neighborhood conservation (SF-3-HD-NCCD) combining district to family residence – Historic Landmark – historic district, neighborhood conservation (SF-3-H-HD-NCCD) combining district zoning.

# **QUALIFICATIONS FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION:**

Architecture: The house is an archetypal example of a mid-1930s Tudor Revival cottage, featuring a rock façade topped with half-timbered stucco gables, a segmental arch on either side of the projecting front façade, a prominent stone-clad chimney, and long, vertical casement windows, all hallmarks of the style.

Historical Associations: The house was owned from the time of its construction until this year by William T. and Valerie Mansbendel Williams and their heirs. William T. Williams was the Austin City Attorney and City Manager from 1951 through 1967 and oversaw many of the infrastructure improvements that resulted in a modern and planned city. Valerie Mansbendel Williams was the daughter of noted Austin stone- and wood-carver Peter Mansbendel, and was active in many civic, church, and philanthropic activities in the city. The house also has strong associations with the Mansbendel House just to the north, a ca. 1925 Tudor Revival house designated as a city historic landmark and listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its architecture and as the home of artisan Peter Mansbendel.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from SF·3·HD-NCCD to SF·3·H-HD-NCCD. Vote: 7-0.

# PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

<u>DEPARTMENT COMMENTS</u>: The house is listed as a Priority 2 for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984). It is contributing to both the Hyde Park National Register Historic District and the Hyde Park Local Historic District, and is historically associated with the Peter Mansbendel House, a designated city historic landmark, directly to the north.

CITY COUNCIL DATE: December 15, 2011 ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky

PHONE: 974-6454

# NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION: Hyde Park Neighborhood Association



# BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Architecture:

One-story, asymmetrical plan cross-gabled Tudor Revival cottage with rock veneer siding and stuccoed gable tympani with false half timbering. The house has a segmental arch on either side of the projecting front gable; fenestration in the projecting front gable consists of a triple set of multi-light casement windows. The house also has a partial-width inset porch to the right of the projecting front gable, with a rock wall surround, a rock-clad chimney, and a frame garage with false half timbering in the tympanum of the front gable. The house has stone- and wood carvings by Peter Mansbendel, including the faces of William T. Williams and his wife, Valerie Mansbendel Williams, the first owners of the house. All decorative ironwork in the house was crafted by Fortunat Weigl.

# Historical Associations:

The house was built in 1934 for William T. and Valerie Mansbendel Williams as a wedding present from her father, Swiss-born sculptor and woodcarver, Peter Mansbendel, who lived next door at 3824 Avenue F. Valerie Mansbendel had been born in Austin in 1913 and graduated from Austin High School and the University of Texas. On Valentine's Day, 1933, she married William T. Williams, a young attorney, who has practicing law with his father, a former state representative from Brazoria County. The house was completed in early 1934, and is a Tudor Revival house, which family lore has it that Valerie picked out of a magazine for the style of her house. Her father carved the faces of Valerie and William into the stone wall on the front of the house, and his woodcarving is seen throughout the interior of the house.

William T. Williams, a native of Angleton, Texas, moved with his family in 1920 to Austin when his father was serving in the state legislature. Williams attended Austin High School and earned his law degree from the University of Texas in 1930. In 1934, he became the assistant City Attorney, a position he held until 1940, and then again from 1946 to 1947, and from 1949 to 1951. In 1951, he became the city's fourth City Manager, replacing Walter Seaholm. During his tenure from 1951 to 1967, Williams oversaw expansion, construction, and improvement projects, much of which remain the core of Austin's infrastructure to this day. He was active in promoting the expansion of the city's library system, improvements to public health care at Brackenridge Hospital, and zoning ordinances for planned city growth. He retired in 1967, and went into business with local housing developers. After Valerie's death in 1976, he married Helen Steck Malone, a neighbor, and lived here until his death in 1989.

PARCEL NO.: 02190605100000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The Central 67 feet of Lot 9, Shadow Lawn

ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$3,848 (owner-occupied, with AISD

participation); city portion: \$1,144.

APPRAISED VALUE: \$400,453

PRESENT USE: Residence

**CONDITION**: Excellent

PRESENT OWNER:

David P. Conner 3820 Avenue F Austin, Texas 78751 DATE BUILT: ca. 1934

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: A rear addition was constructed in 1950.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): William T. and Valerie Mansbendel Williams (1934)

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: Contributing to the Hyde Park National Register Historic District and the Hyde Park Local Historic District.





Stone carvings of William and Valerie Williams on the front of the house – carved by her father, Peter Mansbendel

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# 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.

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# **E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM**

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

David P. Conner	have checked for subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions
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# F. 1: Historical Documentation - Deed Chronology

Deed Research for (fill In address) 3820 Avence F

List Deeds chronologically, beginning with earliest transaction first and proceeding through present ownership. The first transaction listed should date at least back to when the original builder of any historic structures on the site first acquired the property (i.e., should pre-date the construction of any buildings/structures on the site). Please use the format delineated below.

For each transaction please Include: name of Grantor/Grantee, date of transaction, legal description involved, price, and volume/page number of deed records. If there is a mechanic's lien please copy the entire document.

# Example:

## Transaction

John Doe to Mary Smith, Lots 1-3, Block B, Driving Park Addition March 13, 1882 \$2500

Mary Smith, estate, to Ingrid Jones Lots 1-2, Block B, Driving Park Addition January 12, 1903 Vol./Page

Vol. 52, pp. 22-60

Vol. 409, pp. 552-554

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David P. Conner Lot 9 67 ft July 18, 2011 \$ 388,500

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## F2 - Historical Documentation

# 3820 Avenue F - Occupancy History

(Source: City Directories-Austin History Center; Dee Dee Brown/William T. Williams III; Travis County Affidavits)

1934 William T. Williams (WTW)- Attorney – Private Practice, Valerie Williams(VW)

1940-1944 WTW/VW - Assistance City Attorney

1945 John Upham –Civil Engineer (3820 Avenue was rented out for a year and Valerie Williams and two children (DeeDee and William) lived at 3818 Ave F while WTW was overseas during WWII. He returned in 1945 and the family moved back into 3820 Ave F (source City Directories and Mrs. DeeDee Brown)

1946-1947 WTW/VW - Assistance City Attorney

1947-1949 WTW/VW - Travis County Tax Assessor

1949-1951 WTW/VW- Assistance City Attorney

1951-1955 WTW/VW-City Attorney

19S5-1967 WTW/VW -City Manager

1967-1969 WTW/VW-Executive Vice President – Carrington Enterprises

1969-1976 WTW/VW-VP Nash Copus

1977-1989 WTW and Helen Williams (Valerie died in 1976 and WTW married Helen Steck Malone, a neighbor next door and she moved into the house).

1990 to 2010 Helen Williams had life estate to house until her death. (Affidavit)

July 18, 2011 David Conner purchased house from Mrs. DeeDee Brown(sole heir)

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## Historical Narrative for 3820 Avenue F

# The William T. and Valerie Mansbendel Williams House

# William Thomas Williams Jr.

# **Blography Synopsis**

Born in Angleton, Tex. June 3, 1908 to William Thomas Sr. and Nannle (Borum) Williams

- Married Valerie Mansbendel on Feb 14, 1933 (Valentine's Day)
- Two surviving children, William Thomas Williams III and Clotilde (Dee Dee) Valerie Williams Brown (He married Helen Steck Malone, Jan. 1, 1977 after the passing of Valerie)
- Texas Fine Arts Association Board of Directors
- LLB U. Tex. 1930. Bar Tex 1930
- Practiced law In Austin 1930-1940
- Austin Assistance City Attorney 1940-42, 46-47, 1949-51
- Tax Assessor 1947-49
- City Attorney 1951-55
- Austin City Manager 1955 to 1967
- Exec VP Walter Carrington Enterprises 1967-69
- VP Nash Phillips Copus Co. 1969-81
  - Along with Valerie, President of the McCallum High School PTA from 1956-57
- Decorated Bronze star medal, Retired Colonel
- Treasurer and Chief Warden St. David's Episcopal Church)
- North Austin Lions Club (Pres 1948-49.)
- Former Board of Directors American Cancer Society
- Texas Bar Associate (Ilfe)



# William T. Williams Jr.

# Contributions to the culture and development of the City of Austin

William (Bill) Thomas Williams Jr., was a successful city leader and businessman who lived in the house until his death July 28, 1989.

Bill was born in Angleton, Texas, June 3, 1908 to William Thomas Williams (Senior) and Nannie (Borum). The Williams family moved to Austin in 1920. During this period, William Sr. represented Brazoria County and Travis County in the Texas State Legislator.

Bill graduated from Austin High School in 1924 and received his law degree from University of Texas Law School in 1930. He was in private practice with his father until 1940 when he then joined the city's legal staff. (Austin American – June 28, 1967).

Bill served in WWII four years and was stationed overseas in Europe primarily in France. He was a Colonel in the Army Reserve and received a Bronze star medal.

Bill worked for the City of Austin 15 years prior to getting the City Manager position (a total of 27 years service to the city of Austin). His employment with the city dates back when he was a lifeguard at Barton Springs while attending law school at the University of Texas. (Austin American – June 28, 1967).

While Assistant City Attorney, Bill was credited significantly with almost single-handedly saving a critical bond issue for the right-of-ways along the Interregional Highway route (I-35). The right-of-ways were to be financed with funds from a \$17 million bond issue. However, a provision in an old city charter was interpreted to require a 2/3(66%) approval vote from the city council. As the city council votes were tabulated, only 60% were counted for the approval.

Bill refused to give up on this issue and began an "all nighter" at the City Law Library. At 4 am, Bill called his boss, City Attorney Trueman O'Quinn and Mayor Tom Miller, and he concluded that only a simple majority was needed to pass the bond issue and the charter provision was invalid because it conflicted with Texas state law. (The Austin American 9/30, 1955).

Bill was the fourth city manager for the city of Austin accepting the position in 1955. He replaced Mr. Waiter Seaholm who was fired by the city council. Only Councilwoman Emma Long casted the only dissenting vote in the hiring of Bill. She felt that Bill did not have enough administrative experience as a lawyer and cried during the vote. Mr. Tom Miller was the mayor of Austin at this time.

Upon accepting the city management position in 1955, aculades and congratulations from the local society, governmental officials, and businesses owners were received. (Original letters of congratulations)

It is evident through volumes of city management-related documentation and the local newspaper, during the twelve years of being the city manager, Bill was a major player in driving Austin's growth and development.

Significantly, during the late '50's to mid '60s, Austin's population growth and services were supported by major bond proposals spearheaded by this city manager. Many of the Austin's infrastructure and cultural entities that still exists today was the results of Bill's insight and determination during his city management. There was not a day during the twelve years, that the Austin paper did not document Bill's activities related to the city's master planning activities during '50s' and early '60s.

Not withstanding controversy or the problems associated with tax increases to support city budget requests (as documented in the Austin paper), Bill was constantly submitting, presenting, and explaining to the general public and to the city council the bond issues. He presented reasons for them which were to support Austin's population growth and municipals needs related to infrastructure, parks, city utilities, recreation and health.

Significant accomplishments to the City of Austin include: (reference dates are from the Austin American/Austin Statesman newspaper (AS)):

1-23-59 — City Manager Williams spearheads city bonds that built the new power plant and dam at on Colorado River which created Town Lake June 1, 1959.

10-11-58 – 1/16/59 – City Manager Willams spearheads the bond sale to finance Austin Airport expansion.

3-6-59 - City Manager submitted bond proposals and city budget for the city's library system and other public entities.

Dec 29, 1961 (Austin American)

- City Manager Brackenridge Hospital Improvements
- City Manager Shoal Creek vehicular-pedestrian bridge

November 13, 1961 (Austin American)

- Sale of the Hancock East 40<sup>th</sup> to Sears and the lengthy trial that occurred. (AS 10/26/1961)
- Hoily Street Power Plant unit #2 (Austin Statesman 10/22/1961)
- New City of Austin Fiscal Review Policy (AS 9/28/1961) implemented.
- Record \$44.7 Million Budget included pay raises for city employees,
- Austin Library improvements. (AS 9/22/1961)

- Austin and MoPac Contract Agreements MoPac development from West 5<sup>th</sup> to along railroad. (AS 1961)
- City Manager Wiiliams implemented city contract bidding requirements implemented for bids accepted on projects. (AS 9/22/1961)
- City Manager Williams proposed increased money to Brackenridge (AS 9/26/1961) to improve operations.
- City Manager Williams prepares zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations with consultants. (AS 12/15/1961)

During Bili's tenure, Austin received a "AA" rating from Moody's Investor's Services. Also, under his leadership improved city retirement and pension plan changes were implemented. (AS June 9, 1961)

Upon the announcement of his resignation from the city in June 1967, Bili received, again, many congratulations from both social and business interests. As noted in many congratulatory letters, the accomplishments of the city during Bill's city management credits him for city's financial stability, the excellent utility systems supporting the population growth for two decades, the Brackenridge Hospital expansion, terrific bond seiling programs, Austin library systems upgrading and support, city parks and recreation expansion, and the Austin Airport expansion.

After resigning from the city, Bill entered private employment as an executive for local housing development companies: first with the Walter Carrington Enterprises and then with Nash Copus. In addition, Bill remained active in private life being on the Board of Directors for the Texas Fine Arts Association and for the America Cancer Society.

Besides these accomplishments, he was a loving husband and father who was always there for his family, a master electrician, plumber, and carpenter, and he possessed an attitude to solve a problem before leaving work for the day. According to his children, there was nothing he could not do with a little time and effort. (William T. Williams III)

He died in July 28, 1989 and is buried along with his wife Valerie in the Shipe Family plot in the Oakwood Cemetery.

# Valerie Mansbendel Williams

Valerie Mansbendel Williams was born in Austin in the year 1913 to Peter and Clotilde Shipe Mansbendel. Her familles, (Shipe, Mansbendel, Williams), contributed much to Austin's heritage in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Valerie attended Austin High School and graduated 1928. (1928 Comet Yearbook, page 63, Yearbook of Austin High School, Austin, Texas). She attended Hollins College and graduated from the University of Texas with BS Major in English and a Minor in French.

Valerie was active in both civic and church activities. She was President of the North Austin Ladles Lions Club, President of the Hyde Park Reading Club, and served as President of PTAs at McCalium High School (1956-57). She was also active in the Austin Women's Forum.

Her daughter, Dee Dee Brown, indicated that it was her mother who told her father, Peter Mansbendei, what type of house she wanted built. She selected the style out of a *Better Home and Garden* magazine. Her father complied with her wishes and helped built the house for her and his new son-in-iaw.

She was also key in protection the large heritage Red Oak tree in the front yard. She would inform the children not to harm it anyway. (interview Dee Dee Brown).

Valerie and her husband were friends with President Johnson and Ladybird Johnson. She presented gifts carved by her father to the Johnson family which still reside at the Johnson ranch.

When the current owner, David Conner, purchased the house in July 2011, he told the family heirs not to remove anything from the attic. During discovery, the attic was found to be full of family objects of endearments, furniture, pictures, periodicals and personal belongings of both the Shipe, Mansbendel and Williams families dating back to the early 1900's.

Many never-before-seen pictures of Hyde Park and the city during the late 1800's and very early 1900's were discovered in Mrs. Mansbendel's (the former Clotiide Shipe, Valerie's Mother) picture/scrapbook which was found in the attic. These were most likely Coi. Monroe Shipe's Hyde Park marketing pictures. These will be replicated and copies will be given to the Austin History Center.

Valerie kept decades of newspaper clippings (many boxes found in attic) when it mentioned her husband's Bill or children or significant local, state, or national events which peeked her interest. These newspaper clippings of significant events were used in preparing the historic zoning application for The William T. and Valerie Mansbendel Williams House.

Many of the documents and personal papers have been given to the Austin History Center and a Williams Family File has been created.

Valerie passed away July 1976.

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.

This house is considered one of the most prized houses in Austin's Historic Hyde Park neighborhood. The house was built by Peter Mansbendel and William Kutalek for his daughter Valerie and her husband William T. Williams as a wedding present. Construction was completed in 1934.

Peter Mansbendei decorated it with his carvings, including stone faces of the bride and groom carved into the front stonewall facade of the house. Weigi ironworks are noted in the fence-gate and front door.

William was City Attorney and City Manager and community leader during two decades of Austin's growth. Valerie, daughter of Peter Mansbendel, was a wife, mother, and a community leader in Austin.

2. Recognition as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, a National Historic Landmark, or entered into the National Register of Historic Places.

The house was entered in the National Register of Historic Places in 1990 but is not a registered landmark. It was nominated for its local architectural significance under Criterion C. (National Register Historic Places (NRHP) Nomination Form prepared by Martha Doty-Freeman – Historian July 1988: David Moore – Historian, July 1988)

3. Embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen.

The house is characteristic of the picturesque historicist architecture of the 1920s and 1930s. With motifs drawn from the design idiom of the Tudor Revival Style, the house includes examples of work of the local artisan Peter Mansbendel, whose residence next door may have provided stylistic impetus for this house. The house retains its historic identity as one of Hyde Park's most noteworthy examples of Tudor Revival style. (NRHP nomination document)

The house is one of a kind in Hyde Park and Austin, Texas.

Artistry and imagery in the front stonewall facade discovered by current owner David Conner.

4. Identification as the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of the city.

The house was constructed in 1933/34 by William Kutalek for Williams family. Clotilde I. Mansbendel (Valerie's mother), daughter of Monroe M. Shipe and wife of Peter Mansbendel, paid \$1000.00 to the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Land Company for the north 47.4 feet of lot 8 and all of lot 9 in the Shadow Lawn Addition on March 11, 1925 (NRD DR 497:244). She owned the unimproved lot until November 13, 1933 when she sold the central 67 feet of lot 9 to her daughter and son-in-law. (NRHP DR 497:245).

Soon after acquiring the lot, the newlyweds hired William Kutalek "to construct, erect, finish, complete and deliver in a true, perfect and workmanlike manner a 1-story stucco residence and garage" for \$5300.00 (NRHP DR 492:124).

William Kutalek and Peter Mansbendel were Czech and Swiss immigrants. William Kutalek, was a well-known and prominent general contractor in Austin who constructed buildings such as the Ritz Theater, Ridgetop Elementary, and his home on East Avenue.

Peter Mansbendel, was a renowned woodcarver whose work enhances many homes as well as buildings throughout Texas, including portraits of former University of Texas presidents in the Student Union Building at UT, as well as doors of the San Jose Mission and Governor's Paiace In San Antonio.

Peter Mansbendel was both famous for his carvings in wood and stone, and he worked with his friend Fortunat Weigl, another Swiss immigrant, who did fine iron work. They both contributed the exterior and interior details of the house and are still existing today.

5. Embodiment of elements of architectural design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship which represent a significant architectural innovation.

The house exhibits design features drawn from Tudor Revival style. Since its construction in 1933-34, the house has not changed except for a back addition in 1950 ( see Kutalek original biueprints/building permit).

The house is of frame construction with stucco and fieldstone veneers and the house features a U-shaped plan arranged around an enclosed courtyard. The asymmetrically arranged façade is comprised of living and utilitarian wings linked by a hyphen to the rear. The southern gable wing features wood casement windows with multi-pane glazing, while the northern wing houses a two-car garage enclosed by herringbone-patterned wooden doors. A massive stone

chimney rises within the courtyard which separates the wings and is enclosed by a low stone wall. Access to the courtyard is gained by an arched stone gateway, upon keystone is inscribed the house's address "3820".

The gentle sweep of the gable roof forms and the decorative half-timbering of the gable ends enrich a picturesque asymmetry typical of the Tudor Revival. Decorative Interior and exterior features include stone and wood carvings by Peter Mansbendel (NRHP nomination documentation July 1988 – Doty-Moore)

The house is completely original and intact.

The Travis County Property Information exemplifies that no major structural improvements have been made to the home, and the floor plan retains its historic character. The Tudor Revival house has many Mansbendel carvings throughout the Interior and the exterior. The living room has features that are almost identical to Peter Mansbendel's own house: vaulted ceilings 15 feet high with faux beams and a chandeller carved of wood and treated to mimic wrought iron, and tall casement windows. The living room floors are wide plank Bastrop long-leaf pine, with inlays to suggest butterfly and peg joinery. The windows have round curtain tiebacks with silhouettes of domestic scenes. In an arched recess above the fireplace is a carved a panel of a woman with the words "gratia plena" (thanks for all blessings). Carvings of acanthus and caricatures decorate the tops of doors and a built-in bookcase.

Up one step, a curved passage leads to the dining room, which is paneled in pine with a carved rope molding at the top of the walls. The ceiling beams are carved and painted with a flower motif. A built-in hutch is made of curly long-leaf plne that is carved along the sides and topped by a della robia swag. Four sconces like ships lanterns are the source of light.

Iron work by Peter Mansbendel's friend Fortunat Weigl, added interesting touches: the weathervane at the front peak of the roof that portrays "Peregrinus" the patron saint of the University of Texas Law School, (particularly fitting as Williams was a lawyer), as well as the andirons and tool rack for the fireplace and the hardware on the entrance gate and front door. (source www.Peter Mansbendel.com, Doug Oliver)

The house is undergoing stabilization, plumbing and electrical upgrades (completed August/September 2011).

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

In the Hyde Park Historic District. Complementary and related structures include the Shipe House and the Peter Mansbendel House.

7. Portrayal of the environment of a group of people in an area of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style.

# **Tudor Revival style**

- 8. Archaeological value in that it has produced or can be expected to produce data affecting theories of historic or prehistoric interest.

  NA
- 9. Exemplification of the cultural, economic, social, ethnic, or historical heritage of the City, State, or the United States.

Many of the city's managerial decisions were made in the back addition of the house (William's office). City documents and pictures were removed from the office and sent to the Austin History Center (under the Williams Family Files).

- 10. Location as the site of a significant historic event. NA
- 11. Identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the City, State or United States.

William T. Williams Jr, Valerie Mansbendel Williams, Peter Mansbendel, Fortunat Weigl, William Kutalek, and Col. Monroe Shipe.

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

Close proximity to the Mansbendel and Shipe Homes and is an iconic house in Austin, Texas. There is no other known residential house in Austin, Texas with carved faces of its original owners on the façade of the house.

13. Value as an aspect of community sentiment or public pride.

The house has been an endearing legacy structure to the neighborhood and community and has been owned by the Williams family since built (1934 to July 2011).

Carved faces of William and Valerie by Peter Mansbendel on the front stone façade.





Hyde Park neighbors will be pleased to learn that this house at 3820 Avenue F has a new owner, David Conner, former President of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and chair of the 2011 Hyde Park Homes Tour.



David is already using his talent and skills to do needed repairs to the house, which was built in 1934 by Peter Mansbendel for his daughter Valerie. Few changes are planned because David respects the integrity of the house, but he is busily bringing new vitality to the historic interior and exterior to make it shine.

A neighbor asked David why he didn't pay someone to paint the house, and he said "because this is the way I bond with my house. This way I know every inch of the house and what it needs." I wish every old house could have an owner who loves it the way David does this one and that every buyer could be as happy with their new home as David is with his!





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Valerie Williams (date unknown)



Mayor Lester Palmer, Mrs. Stuart Long, Louis Shanks, Chief of Police Bob Miles, City Manager W. T. Williams, City Attorney Doren Eskew, Travis LaRue.

Mayor Lester Palmar of Austin will soon hang this framed picture of "Heartbreak Lane" by Bill McClamanan in the City Hall. As Lester said when the picture was given to him: "Austin is 'the friendly city' to man and beast."



Photo of Valerie, Bill and daughter DeeDee Williams (1965)

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# LAW OFFICES HART, BROWN, SPARKS & ERWIN 902 BROWN BUILDING AUSTIN 1, TEXAS



September 30, 1955.

Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr., Municipal Building, Austin, Texas.

Dear Bill:

I want to express my personal gratification over your appointment. It is what I hoped would be done.

I wish you, and I know that you will have, great success.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. HART

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September 30, 1955

Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr. City Manager Municipal Building Austin, Texas

Dear Bill:

I was mighty pleased to read the newspaper reports of your selection as City Manager. I think the Council made a happy choice, and we're fortunate to have a man of your ability for the job.

I'm sure I'll be calling on you for help from time to time, and I hope you will let me know any time I can be of assistance to you.

Give my best regards to Valerie and the family.

Homer Thornberry

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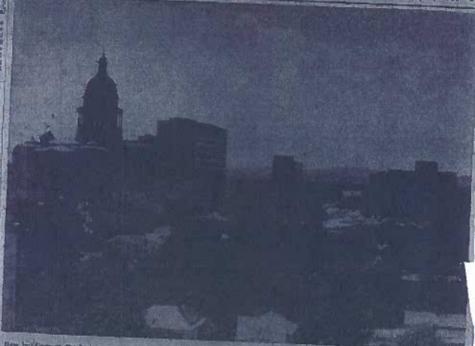
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# Austin's Population Goes Over 200,000

# The Austin Tens, Thursday, August 13, 1969 - Proge 25



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William Thomas Williams, Jr.

William Thomas Williams, Jr., retired City Manager of the City of Austin, died Friday.

Born in Angleien, Texas, June 3, 1906, he was the son of William Thomas and Mannie Borum,

He was preceded in death by his wife, Valerie Clotilds Manubendel.

Survivors Include his wife, Helen Stock Williams; children, Williams; Children, Williams; Thouties III; designings, Velorie Clottide (fire, Sidney C. Brown) and Mrs. Saruh Inkines Incree; six presented two presented in the presented from the presented fire of the presented from the presented from

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Private graveskie family services will be held.

Memorials may be given in lieu of flowers to Austin Hapken. The family requests no find, flowers or visibation.

ATTRAGEMENTS by Wood-Carley Poseral Home, 2125 N. Lamer, 453-621.

Obituary of William T. Williams, Jr. Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, July 30, 1989



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# Valerie Williams

Valerie Williams was an Austin contributor — a person who gave of herself to the community.

Not only of her wit, of her charm, and her sense of character, but of her time.

She gave of that time to her church — St. David's Episcopal — and to such civic organizations as the North Austin Lions Club, the Austin Women's Forum, and the Hyde Park Reading Club, an organization she also served as

president.

Her roots were early Austin. Her parents and grandparents helped develop the city, both through their personal efforts and through their community work.

In her lifetime, she two leved up to that femily legacy.

Last week, Valerie Williams died at age 63, a victim of cancer She will be remembered not only by her Friends but by all of Austin, a place that is better for her having been a part of it.

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