HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION APRIL 23, 2012 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2012-0101 4804 SHOALWOOD AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1954 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story L-plan stone veneered frame ranch house with an integral garage, metal-framed multi-light casement windows, and a partial-width inset porch.

RESEARCH

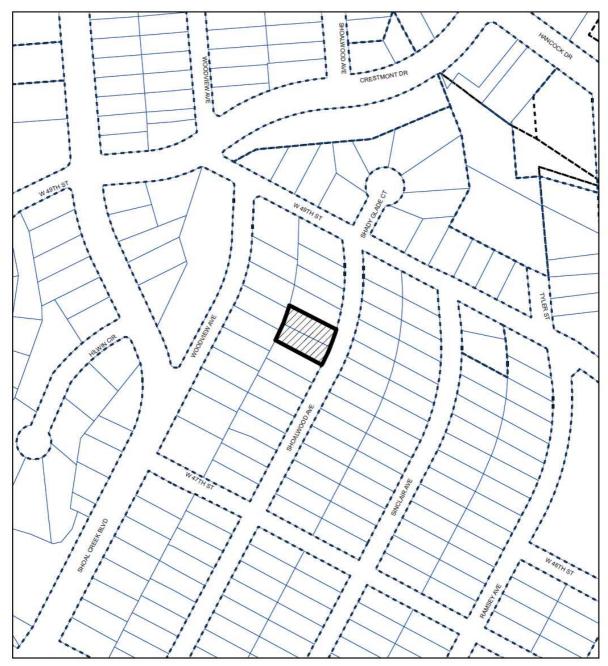
The house was built in 1954 by Knox Kyler, the manager of a roofing company. Kyler had grown up in Arkansas, the son of the owner of a tin shop. By 1930, he and his wife Sally were living in Weslaco, Texas, where he was the superintendent for a roofing company. They built this house in 1954 and lived here until around 1960. The house was rented and then owned by Estelle Wolfe, a widow, until the early 1980s.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any city survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage the applicant to consider rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of the house if its structural condition permits. The house is a good example of a mid-1950s sprawling ranch house with natural stone veneer, but does not warrant individual designation as a historic landmark. If rehabilitation and adaptive re-use are not feasible, staff recommends the completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all four elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history of the house for archiving at the Austin History Center, prior to release of any permit for removal of the structure.





CASE#: HDP-2012-0101 LOCATION: 4804 Shoalwood Avenue



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4804 Shoalwood Avenue ca. 1954





OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4804 Shoalwood Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office April, 2012

April, 2012	
1992	Douglas Cunningham, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Douglas Cunningham was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Mark A. and Patricia Z. Wentworth, owners Physician, Austin Regional Clinic NOTE: The directory indicates that Mark A. and Patricia A. Wentworth were new residents at this address.
1981	Estelle Wolfe, owner No occupation listed
1977	Estelle Wolfe (not listed as owner) Widow, Jack Wolfe No occupation listed
1973	C.A. and Estelle Wolfe, renters Retired
1969	Jack and Estelle Wolfe, renters Retired
1963	Emery W. Nauert, owner NOTE: Emery Nauert is not listed in the directory. Also listed is Emogene S. Nauert, an accountant for the Veterans' Affairs Commission.
1958	E. Knox and Sallie C. Kyler, owners Manager, H.E. Little Company, sheet metal fabricators, roofers, 3500 E. 5 th Street. Also listed is Robert C. Kyler, a student.
1955	E. Knox and Sallie C. Kyler, owners Manager, Hamilton Roofing Company, 6225 Lamar Boulevard.

The address is not listed in the directory.

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Building permit to Knox Kyler for the construction of the house. Logan Melton is noted as the contractor (1954)

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Water service permit to L. Melton for this house (1954)

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Application for a sewer connection by L. Melton for the house at 4804 Shoalwood Avenue (1954)

An addition was made to the house in 1985.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Knox Kyler shows up as the 15-year old son of Hugh and Rosalie Kyler in the 1920 U.S. Census report. The family lived in Stuttgart, Arkansas, where Hugh Kyler was the owner of a tin shop. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Knox and Sally Kyler living in Weslaco, Texas. Knox was then 25 and had been born in Arkansas. He was the superintendent for a roofing company. Sally Kyler was then 26 and had also been born in Arkansas. She had no occupation listed. The couple had a young son and a young daughter. Knox Kyler died in Jefferson County, Texas in April, 1989.