

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
APRIL 23, 2012
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2012-0093
1902 E. 8TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1929 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story rectangular-plan front-gabled frame bungalow with a front-gabled partially-inset independent porch on plain square wood posts; 1:1 fenestration. The rear porch was enclosed in 1946.

RESEARCH

Aubrey Davidson, an African-American farmer, obtained a water service permit for this address in December, 1928 and apparently built this house in 1929. The 1930 U.S. Census report shows Aubrey and Beulah Davidson living on a rented farm, and city directories from 1930 to 1935 show the house occupied by African-American tenants. The Davidson family moved into the house around 1936; Aubrey Davidson is listed as a laborer in city directories; he died in 1946. His widow, Beulah, lived here until around 1960. The house was then a rental unit again in the early 1960s, then the Davidsons' son, Robert Lee Davidson moved into the house; he was listed as the resident in city directories through the early 1990s.

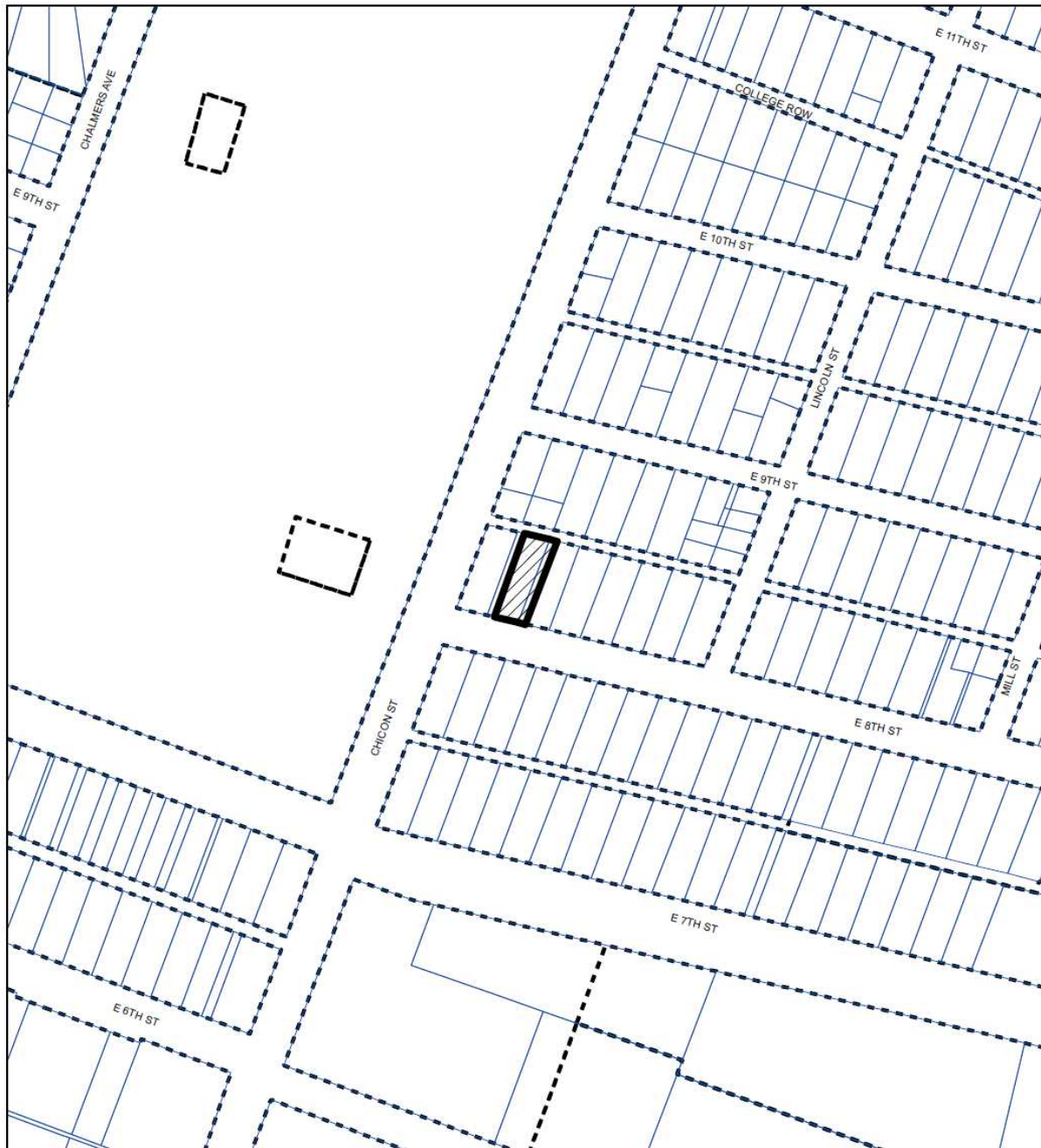
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is not listed in any city survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage the applicant to consider rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of the house. The house is a good and intact example of a late 1920s simple frame bungalow and is contextually and architecturally compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. If rehabilitation and adaptive re-use is not feasible on-site, staff recommends relocation over demolition, and in either case, 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 prior to release of the permit.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT

ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0093
LOCATION: 1902 E 8th Street



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1902 E. 8th Street
ca. 1929



OCCUPANCY HISTORY

1902 E. 8th Street

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

1992	Robert L. Davidson, owner Retired
1985-86	Robert L. Davidson, owner Retired
1981	Robert L. Davidson, owner No occupation listed
1977	Robert L. Davidson (not listed as owner) No occupation listed
1973	Robert L. Davidson (not listed as owner) No occupation listed
1969	Robert L. Davidson (not listed as owner) No occupation listed
1964	William and Clara Owens, renters Grader, Capitol Paper Stock NOTE: Robert L. Davidson is not listed in the directory.
1958	Beulah L. Davidson, owner Widow, Aubrey Davidson No occupation listed NOTE: Robert L. Davidson is not listed in the directory.
1953	Beulah L. Davidson, owner Widow, Aubrey Davidson No occupation listed
1949	Beulah L. Davidson, owner No occupation listed Also listed is Robert L. Davidson, a finisher for the Fritz Walker Furniture Works, furniture refinishing, 1818 E. 6 th Street.
1947	Aubrey and Beulah Davidson, owners Laborer NOTE: Robert L. Davidson is not listed in the directory.
1944-45	Aubrey and Beulah Davidson, owners Laborer Also listed is Robert L. Davidson, U.S. Army.

- 1941 Aubrey and Beulah Davidson, owners
No occupation listed
NOTE: Robert L. Davidson is not listed in the directory.
- 1939 Aubrey and Beulah Davidson, owners
No occupation listed
NOTE: Robert L. Davidson is not listed in the directory.
- 1937 Aubrey and Beulah Davidson (not listed as owners
No occupation listed
- 1935 Lettie Jackson, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: Aubrey and Beulah Davidson are not listed in the directory.
- 1932-33 Rosetta Durst, renter
No occupation listed
Also listed is Hattie Durst, no occupation stated.
- 1930-31 Rose Durst (colored), renter
No occupation listed
Also listed is Hattie Durst (colored), a maid at the Paramount Theater.
- 1929 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Rosa Durst (colored) is listed as a cook for a private famil; she lived at
1600 E. 8th Street.

Aubrey and Beulah Davidson are listed in the 1930 U.S. Census, living on a rented farm on the Cotton Mouth and Pierson Road in rural southeastern Travis County. Aubrey Davidson was then 48, had been born in Texas, and was a farmer. He could read and write. Beulah Davidson was then 43, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed in the census report. She also could read and write. The couple had 7 children, ranging in age from 1 to 22. Arthur, the oldest son, was listed as a farm laborer.

The Davidsons also appear in the 1920 U.S. Census, living on a rented farm in rural Hays County. Aubrey Davidson was listed as a farmer. According to the 1910 census report, the family was farming in Bastrop County. Aubrey Davidson died in 1947; there was no obituary in the Austin newspaper. Beulah Davidson died in 1967.

MRS. BEULAH DAVIDSON

Funeral for Mrs. Beulah Davidson will be Thursday at 4 p.m. at Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church, with Rev. N. W. Bacon officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery under direction of King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.

Survivors include daughters, Mrs. Lillie Mae Kincheon and Mrs. Vivian Carter; sons, Arthur Davidson, Rev. Vernon Davidson, Chester Lee Davidson, Robert Lee Davidson, Fred Davidson; sisters, Mrs. Clara Williams, Mrs. Stella Overton, Mrs. R. C. Hunter and Mrs. Edna Ates; 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren.

Obituary of Beulah Davidson
Austin American, April 20, 1967

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

No. A 2073

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

Austin, Texas

M. Aubrey Davidson Address 1902 E 8

Plumber Dehutz Size of Tap 1/2 Date 12/27/28

CHANGED TO 4" MAIN AND RENEWED
SERVICE WITH COPPER ON E-15263

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection	<u>12/27/28</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>1 1/2"</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>8'</u>
" " " "	<u>14'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>at curb</u>
Type of Box	<u>brick</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>12"</u>
" " Service Line	<u>16"</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>6' 8"</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>[Signature]</u>

No.	Fittings	Size.
1	Curb Cock	5/8"
1	Elbow	3/4"
1	St. Elbow	3/4"
1	Bushing	3/4"
1	Reducer	3/4"
1	Pipe	3/4"
1	Elbow Comp.	3/4"
1	Nipples	3/4"
1	Plug	3/4"
1	Tee	3/4"
1	Stop	3/4"
1	Box	3/4"
1	Lid	3/4"
1	Valves	3/4"
1	Reg. No.	1581

Foreman's Signature Barnum

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Water service permit to Aubrey Davidson (1928)

Aubrey Davis 1902 East 8th Street

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Grand View

Close in rear porch for bathroom

29001 2-5-46 \$150.00

Owner

None

Building permit to Aubrey Davidson to enclose the rear porch (1946)