

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 25, 2012
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2012-0142
5110 MARTIN AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a house of unknown age.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story wing-and-gable plan hipped roof frame house with a partial-width shed-roofed independent porch; 1:1 fenestration with a large Victorian-style window in the projecting front gable and a transom over the front door. The house was probably constructed in the 1910s.

RESEARCH

The house was moved to this site from an unknown location in 1950, by Dunning Bright who was the manager of Kelly Smith Cleaners, a dry-cleaning and laundry business. Kelly Smith is the applicant for the utility permits for the site, although it does not appear that he nor Dunning Bright ever lived in this house. The first known owner and occupant was Oleta Fletcher, who had been a school teacher in Bronte, Texas, and the widow of Homer Fletcher, an eyeglass salesman. Mrs. Fletcher is listed as a teacher in the 1952 city directory, and she lived in the house until around 1953. From the late 1950s through the 1990s, the house was owned and occupied by Cornelius Bedell, Jr., and his wife, Augustina. Cornelius Bedell is listed as a wood-cutter, a worker at the Serta bedding factory, and as a construction for underground utilities until his retirement.

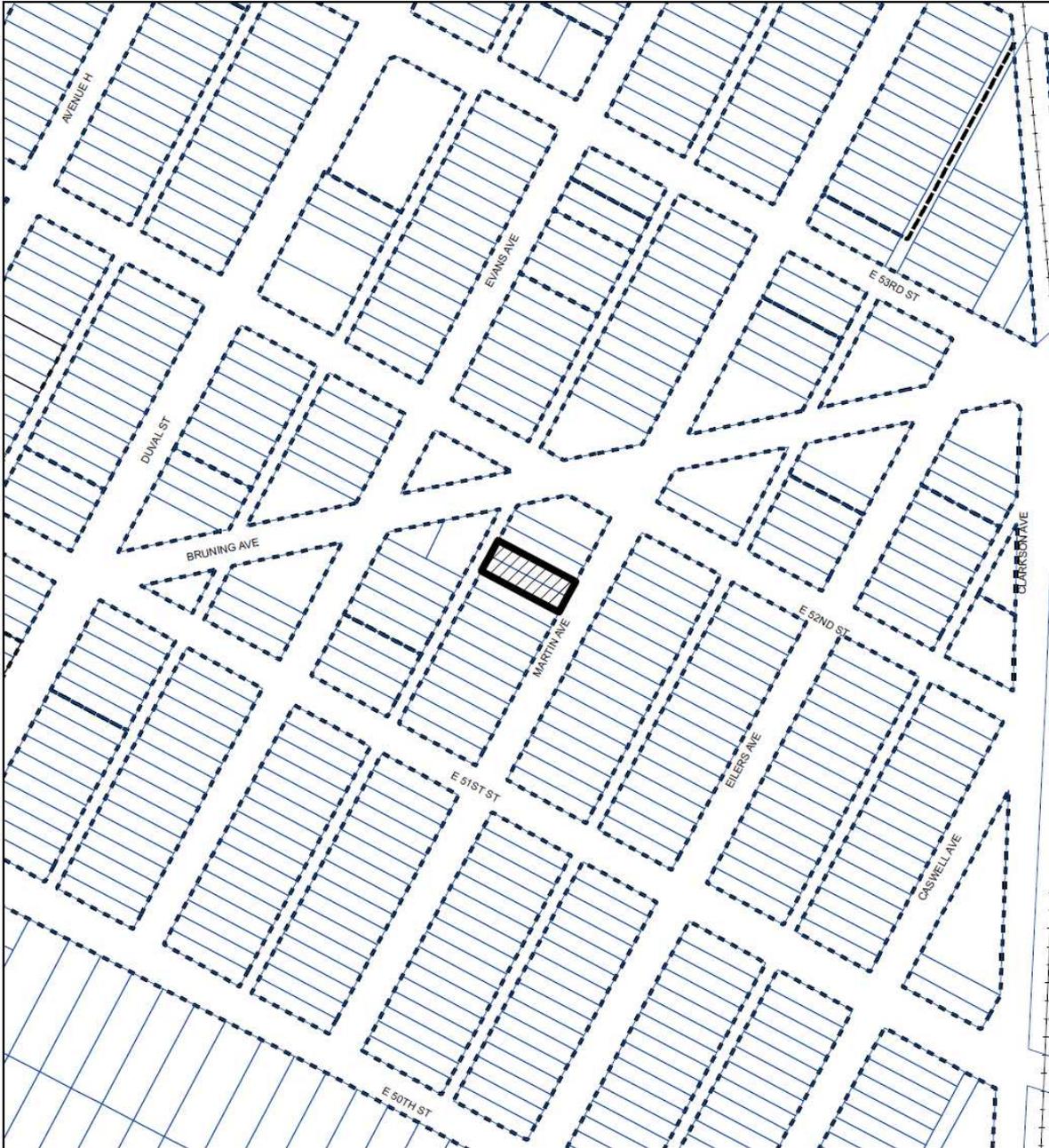
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the limits of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage relocation over demolition, but release the permit. Without being able to know the original location of this probable ca. 1915 house, the house cannot qualify for landmark designation with its post-move (1950) history.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT
ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0142
LOCATION: 5110 Martin Avenue



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5110 Martin Avenue

Date of construction unknown – moved to current site in 1950



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 5110 Martin Avenue

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

1992	Cornelius E. and Augustina Bedell, owners Retired
1985-86	Cornelius E. and Augustina Bedell (not listed as owners) Retired
1981	Cornelius E. and Augustina Bedell, owners Construction worker, Underground utilities
1977	Cornelius E. and Augustina Bedell, owners Construction worker, Underground utilities
1973	Cornelius E. and Augustina Bedell, owners Construction worker
1969	Cornelius E. and Augustina Bedell, owners Employed by Serta Bedding Company, 9313 McNeil Road

- 1964 Cornelius E. and Augustina Bedell (not listed as owners)
Wood cutter
- 1958 Vacant
NOTE: Cornelius and Augustina Bedell are not listed in the directory.
- 1953 Clarence and Selma Hawkins, renters
U.S. Air Force
- 1952 Oleta Fletcher, owner
Widow, H.T. Fletcher
Teacher
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory. The house was moved to this site in 1950.

Oleta McClesky Fletcher appears in the 1930 U.S. Census for Bronte, Coke County, Texas. She is listed as Oleta McClesky, the 26-year old daughter of Robert and Minnie McClesky. Robert McClesky was a shoe repairman in Bronte; Oleta was a public school teacher. With the McClesky family lived Homer T. Fletcher, an eyeglasses salesman. Homer T. Fletcher eventually married Oleta McClesky. Oleta Fletcher died in December, 1990 in Austin.

Cornelius Bedell, Jr.

Cornelius Bedell, Jr., 66, a lifetime resident of Austin, and member of St. Mary's Cathedral, died Sunday, March 22, 1992.

Mr. Bedell is survived by his wife, Augustina Bedell; sons, Ben Bedell, Gilbert Bedell, Danny Bedell, Chris Bedell, Paul Bedell; daughters, Mary Gonzales, Tonie Bedell, all of Austin, and daughter, Rosie Martinez of McGregor, Texas; brothers, Jancinto Garcia of Bastrop County, Texas, and Henry Bedell of Austin; sister, Mary Cloyd of Dallas; 18 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be said 7:00 PM, Tuesday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar Location. Mass will be celebrated 10:00 AM, Wednesday at St. Mary's Cathedral with Monsignor Edward Matocha officiating. Interment will be in Capital Memorial Hill.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.

Obituary of Cornelius Bedell, Jr.
Austin American-Statesman, March 24, 1992



Augustina E. Bedell

Augustina E. Bedell, 64, of Austin died Sunday, August 6, 1995.

Rosary will be said at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday in the Colonial Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 9, 1995, at St. Mary's Cathedral. Interment will follow in Cook-Walden/Capital Parks.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cornelius D. Bedell, Jr.; son, Leon L. Bedell; and her mother, Soledad Moncada.

Survivors include her sons and daughters, Rosie Martinez of McGregor, Ben Bedell, Sr., Mary Gonzales, Gilbert Bedell, Daniel Bedell, Chris Bedell, Toni Bedell and Paul Bedell; all of Austin; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Tony Gonzales, Concepcion Guzman, Espedionia Martinez, Blasa Garza, Janie Villela and Martin Escalante.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 N. Lamar.

Obituary of Augustina Bedell
Austin American-Statesman, August 8, 1995

Dunning Bright 5110 Martin Avenue
 212 14 and 15 13 - -
 The Highlands
 Move residence onto lot and repair.
 45403 7-17-50 \$2000.00
 L. C. Sharp

Relocation permit to Dunning Bright, the manager of Kelly Smith Cleaners, to move the house onto the site and repair it (1950)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT C No. ²¹² 7330
 Austin, Texas

Received of KELLY SMITH Date 9-21-50
 Address 5110 MARTIN AVENUE
 Amount TWENTY AND 1/100 \$ 20.00
 Plumber BROUGHTON PLB Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection	<u>10-5-50</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>2" CF.</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>2.5'</u>
From N- Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>3.5'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>2029</u>
Type of Box	<u>LOW</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>2.5'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>2'</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>over main</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>11-20-50 RW</u>

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock 5/8"
1	Elbow 3/4" COPPER
1	St. Elbow 3/4" COPPER
1	Reducer 2" x 3/4" COPPER
4	Pipe 2" x 3/4" COPPER
	Lead Comp.
	Nipples
	Union
	Plug
1	Tap 1" W.P.
1	Box 4" COPPER
1	Lid
	Valves
	Job No. <u>W.323-502</u>
	Per. No. <u>N. Walker</u>

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Water service permit to Kelly Smith (1950)

Receipt No. 15385 Application for Sewer Connection No. 26937

Rush

Austin, Texas, 9-21-1950

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Kelly Smith at 510 Martin Street, further described as Lot 14+15 Block 3 Outlot — Division — subdivision The Highlands Plat 212, which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed sanitary fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 41000
I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. at 10-30-50

Depth at Prop. Line 2'

Respectfully,

Stub Out Connected } 7' N of S LL
(Location)

Broughton
Ed.

Date 11-3-50

By Joe Perry

NOTE: Connection Instruction 6' Sanitary 12" of 12" diam
Main 14.5" WATER A-1555

Sewer connection application to Kelly Smith (1950)