

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 30, 2012
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2012-0150
2212 S. 3RD STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story rectangular-plan hipped-roof rock-veneered house with a central, partial-width front-gabled independent porch on brick posts; 1:1 fenestration; concrete block addition to the rear.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1946 by Alfred and Agnes Moreno, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Alfred Moreno was born in Mexico, and moved to Texas as a young man, settling near Austin. He worked initially as a sharecropper, and after his marriage, became a brick mason, stone worker, and carpenter. He purchased this property right after World War II and, according to family history, built this house with his own hands, using the skills he had learned in his life as a mason and carpenter. In the later part of his life, he was a school crossing guard for St. Ignatius School. He died in April, 1995. His wife, Agnes, born in Castroville, Texas, reared their family in this house. Agnes Moreno was an egg handler for Leonard East Produce in the 1940s, then worked as a cafeteria employee at Travis High School in her later years. She died 6 weeks after her husband, in May, 1995.

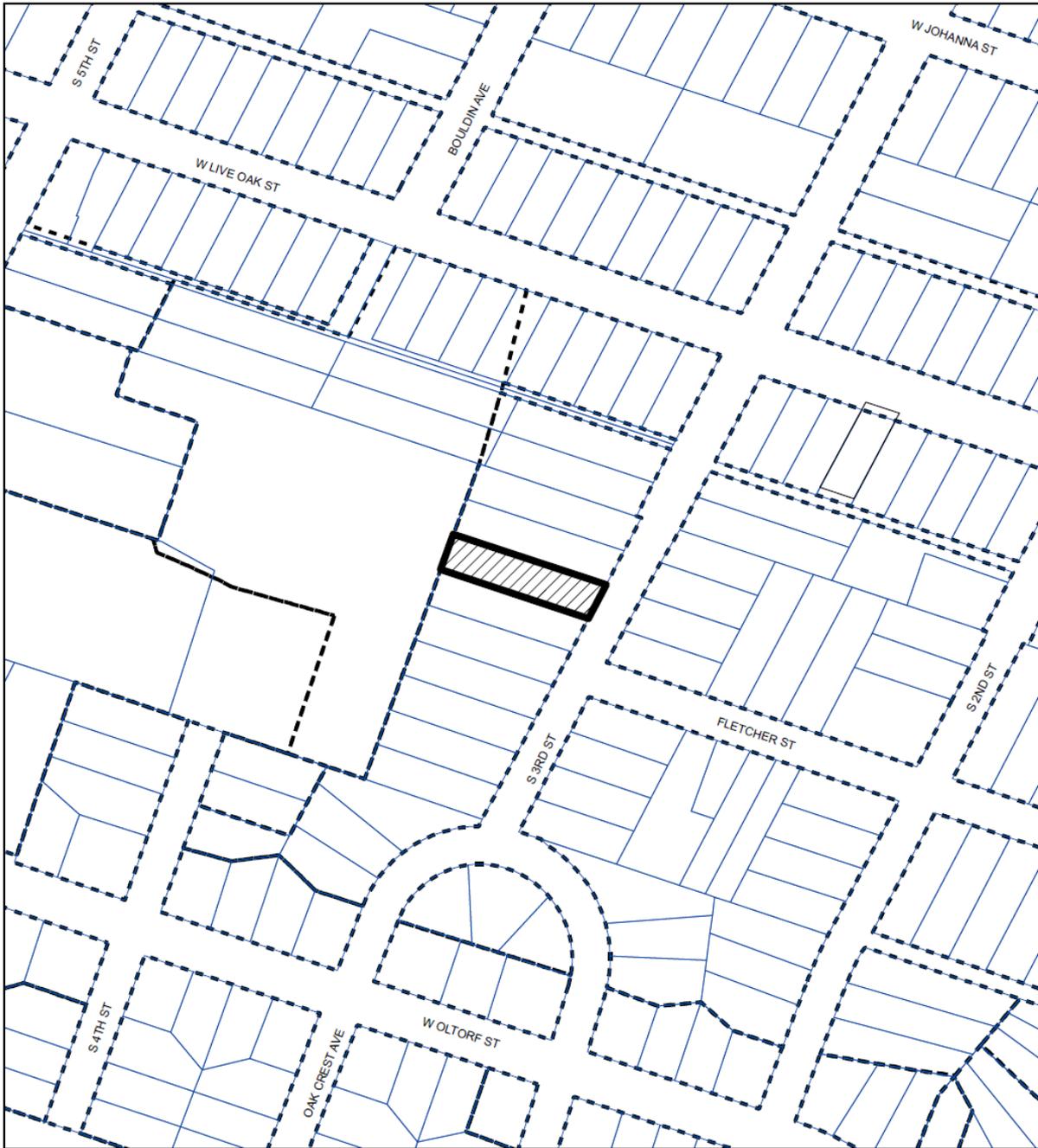
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is not listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit after completion of a City of Austin documentation package consisting of photographs of all four elevations of the house, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history of the house. This house has been modified with the construction of two rear additions that necessitated the complete removal of the back wall of the house, impinging its integrity of materials and design. Staff recognizes the requirements to landmark a house which is nominated as an example of vernacular architecture, and recommends against designation of this house which no longer retains its complete integrity, especially in the case where the house was built in 1946. Staff believes that a house designated as an example of vernacular architecture should maintain its complete integrity in addition to having a significant history. The Moreno house has a significant history, but the removal of the back wall to accommodate a frame and a cinderblock addition have compromised its architectural integrity to the extent that staff recommends documentation over preservation. Further, the applicant has agreed to incorporate some stonework from the existing house into his proposed project, preserving the craftsmanship exhibited on the house on the site.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0150
LOCATION: 2212 S 3rd Street



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2212 S. 3rd Street
ca. 1946





OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2212 S. 3rd Street

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

1992	Alfred and Agnes Moreno, owners Retired
1985-86	Alfred V. and Agnes Moreno, owners Retired
1981	Alfred V. and Agnes Moreno, owners Retired
1977	Alfred V. and Agnes Moreno, owners Retired
1973	Alfred V. and Agnes Moreno, owners Contractor, Ford-Wehmeyer, contractors for underground utilities, 2808 Industrial Terrace.
1969	Alfred V. and Agnes Moreno, owners Retired
1964	Alfred V. and Agnes Moreno, owners

Bricklayer

1958 Alfred V. and Agnes Moreno, owners
Bricklayer

1953 Alfred V. and Agnes Moreno, owners
Rock worker

1949 Alfred V. and Agnes Moreno, owners
Carpenter

1944-45 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Alfredo and Agnes Moreno are listed as living at 903 Sabine Street; he was a laborer; she was an egg handler at L. East Produce Company, 700-06 E. 8th Street.



Alfredo V. Moreno Sr.

Alfredo V. Moreno Sr., age 86, of Austin, passed away Saturday morning, April 15, 1995, in a local hospital.

Mr. Moreno was born May 3, 1908, in the village of Valle de Santiago, Guanajuato, Mexico. In 1920, at the age of 12, he migrated to Texas and settled in the outskirts of Austin. His first job in the United States was as a sharecropper. For 18 years he labored in the fields. It was during this time he met, and married, his only wife for the past 67 years, Agnes Vega. The next 37 years Alfredo spent developing his skills as a brickmason. During this time he prospered and, in 1938, bought a tract of land in South Austin adjacent to the Faulk house, the present site of Green Pastures Restaurant. The remaining 15 years of his total 70 years of employment were devoted to the City of Austin as a school crossing guard assigned to St. Ignatius School. Mr. Moreno was also a founding member and participated in the construction of the first San Jose Church.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Beatrice Moreno and great-grandsons, Michael Daniel Esquivel and Nicholas Nunez.

Mr. Moreno is survived by his loving wife, Agnes Moreno; four sons, Refugio Moreno and daughter-in-law Irene, Alfred Moreno Jr. and daughter-in-law Rosalie, Robert Moreno of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and daughter-in-law Abigail, and Jimmy Moreno and daughter-in-law Olga; four daughters, Carmen Zavala and son-in-law Edmundo, Dolores Garza and son-in-law, Louis, Estela Casas and son-in-law Israel, Gloria Luna of Houston, Texas, and son-in-law Sam. He is also survived by 34 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral mass will be at 10:00 AM, Monday, April 17, 1995, at San Jose Catholic Church. Burial will follow in

Assumption Cemetery.

A Rosary will be held at 7:30 PM, Sunday at Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are grandsons, Richard Moreno, Edward Zavala, Eric Moreno, Louis Garza Jr., Roy Moreno of Dallas, Texas, Chris Quiroz of Temple, Texas, Anthony Luna of Houston, Texas, and James Moreno.

The family would like to thank the caring staff of Brackenridge Hospital and Father Richard Tijerina of St. Mary's Cathedral.

Services under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home, 2620 S. Congress.

Obituary of Alfred Moreno
Austin American-Statesman, April 16, 1995



Inez V. Moreno

Inez V. Moreno, age 85, of Austin, passed away Tuesday evening, May 30, 1995, in a local hospital.

Mrs. Moreno was born April 14, 1910, in Castroville, Texas. In 1927, at the age of 17, she married Alfredo V. Moreno Sr., her husband of 67 years. She devoted her entire life to raising and caring for all her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She equally embraced, with love, all of their spouses. Along with her husband, Mrs. Moreno was a founding member of San Jose Catholic Church. She will also be remembered for her many years of service as a cafeteria employee at William B. Travis High School during the late 1960's and through the mid 1970's. To many people in South Austin she will always be "grandma".

Mrs. Moreno is survived by her sister, Estella Vasque of El Paso; four sons, Refugio Moreno and wife, Irene, Alfred Moreno Jr. and wife, Roselle, Robert Moreno of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and wife, Abigail, Jimmy Moreno and wife, Olga; four daughters, Carmen Zavala and husband, Edmundo, Dolores Garza and husband, Louis, Estela Casas

and husband, Israel, Gloria Luna of Houston, Texas and husband, Sam. She is also survived by 34 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Just six weeks ago, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Alfredo V. Moreno Sr. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Julia Guzman, her daughter, Beatrice Moreno and great-grandsons, Michael Daniel Esquivel and Nicholas Nunez.

Rosary will be 7:00 PM Thursday, Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be 10:00 AM Friday, San Jose Catholic Church with Reverend Richard Tijerina officiating. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery.

Pallbearers are grandsons, Richard Moreno, Edward Zavala, Eric Moreno, Louis Garza Jr., Roy Moreno of Dallas, Texas, Chris Quiroz of Temple, Texas, Anthony Luna of Houston, Texas, and James Moreno.

The family would like to thank the caring staff of Brackenridge Hospital and Father Richard Tijerina of St. Mary's Cathedral. We would also like to take a moment to especially thank our sister Estella Casas and her husband Israel for the care, comfort and companionship which made our mother so happy during her last weeks with us.

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photo: July 11, 2012
location: south side. Joint between original construction and additions



photo: July 11, 2012
location: southwest side. The entire rear of the house comprises later, inferior additions



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location: south side. The entire rear of the house comprises later, inferior additions



photo: July 11, 2012
location: north side. 2/3 of the north facade comprises later, inferior additions



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location: east (street) side. The original house is in a state of decay



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photo: July 11, 2012
location: east (street) side. The original house is in a state of decay. There is pervasive dry-rot at windows



photo: July 11, 2012
location: south side. Inferior & decayed bathroom addition