

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 22, 2012
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2012-0334
1512 ALTA VISTA AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan, stone-veneered house with a partial-width independent porch on ornamental metal posts; metal-framed casement-style windows; half-basement level to the left of the main entry of the house; one-story, rectangular-plan side-gabled stone-veneered addition to the right of the principal block of the house; attached garage to the back of the house.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1951 by John T. Parker, a wholesale grocery merchant, who went into real estate with an office on South Congress Avenue in the mid-to late 1950s. Parker had also served as a County Commissioner in the early 1940s. He died in March, 1966; his wife, Louella died in May, 1966. The house was then owned and occupied by Lee M. and Agnes Brewster. Lee Brewster was the sales manager for Austin Carbonic, a fire and safety equipment business, before retiring in the late 1960s. For the remainder of the time that Lee and Agnes Brewster lived here, they were retired. They moved to Amarillo in 1993; Lee Brewster died there in December, 1993; Agnes died there in May, 1995.

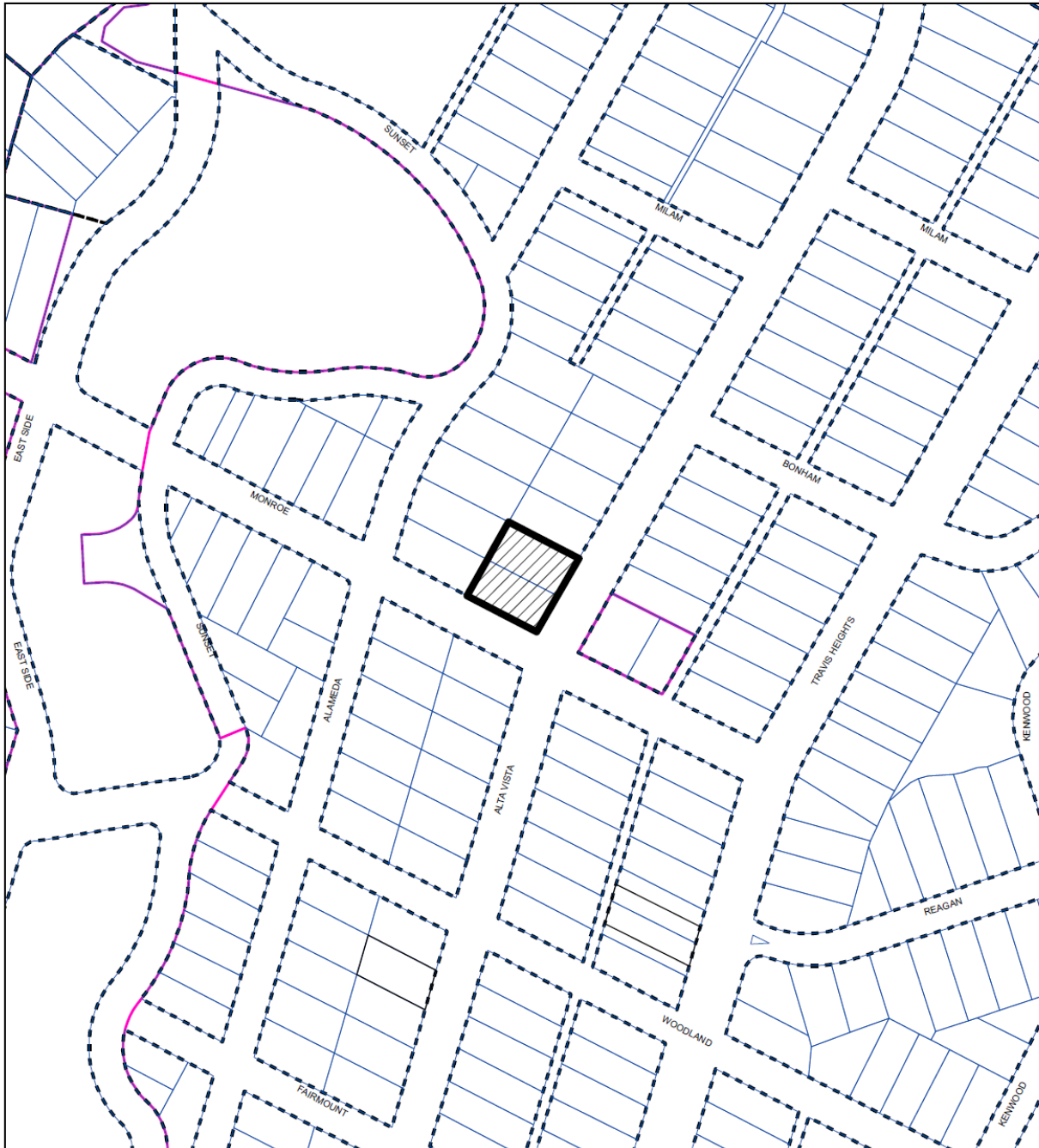
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any city survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit upon 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 property, for archiving at the Austin History Center. While the house is a nice example of a 1950s ranch house executed in stone, it is a fairly common housing type, and this house does not have the historical significance to warrant individual landmark designation.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0334
LOCATION: 1512 Alta Vista Ave



This product is for informational purposes and may not have been prepared for or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. It does not represent an on-the-ground survey and represents only the approximate relative location of property boundaries.

This product has been produced by the Planning and Development Review Department for the sole purpose of geographic reference. No warranty is made by the City of Austin regarding specific accuracy or completeness.

1512 Alta Vista Avenue
ca. 1951



OCCUPANCY HISTORY

1512 Alta Vista Avenue

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

1992	Lee M. and Agnes Brewster, owners Retired
1985-86	Lee M. and Agnes Brewster, owners Retired
1981	Lee M. and Agnes Brewster, owners Retired
1977	Lee M. and Agnes Brewster, owners Retired
1973	Lee M. and Agnes Brewster, owners Retired
1968	Lee M. and Agnes Brewster, owners Sales manager, Austin Carbonic, fire and safety equipment, 501 E. 3 rd Street.
1962	John T. and Luella Parker, owners No occupation listed NOTE: Lee M. and Agnes Brewster are not listed in the directory.
1957	John T. and Luella Parker, owners Real estate, 1518 South Congress Avenue.
1953	John T. and Luella Parker, owners Real estate, 1518 South Congress Avenue.
1952	John T. and Luella Parker, owners Real estate, 1518 South Congress Avenue.
1949	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: John T. and Luella Parker are listed as living at 808 East Riverside Drive; he was a salesman for Austin Distributing Company, wholesale groceries, 204 E. 4 th Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

JOHN T. and LUELLE PARKER (ca. 1951 – ca. 1965)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows John T. and Luella Parker at 112 E. Monroe Street, a house they owned, and which was worth \$6,500. John T. Parker was then 62, had been born in Mississippi, and was a County Commissioner. Luella Parker was then 57 and had been born in Texas. They had no children living with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows John T. and Luella Parker living on E. Monroe Street; their house was valued at \$5,000. John T. Parker is listed as a real estate agent. The couple had a 16-year old son, John T. Parker, Jr., who had no occupation listed in the census report.

The 1920 U.S. Census report shows the family living on E. Monroe Street; in addition to John T. Parker, Jr., the family included daughters Gladys, then 15, and Dorothy, then 13, who are not shown in the 1930 census report. John T. Parker is listed as a retail grocery merchant. With John and Luella lived his mother, 69-year old widow Mary A. Parker, a native of Alabama.

REGISTRATION CARD		REGISTRAR'S REPORT																					
SERIAL NUMBER 3316 ORDER NUMBER Q9049 John Thomas Parker 112 E. Milton, Austin, Travis, Texas Age in Years 41 Date of Birth May 22, 1877 RACE: White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negro <input type="checkbox"/> Oriental <input type="checkbox"/> Latin <input type="checkbox"/> American <input type="checkbox"/> U. S. CITIZEN: Active Born Naturalized <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citizens by Father's Naturalization <input type="checkbox"/> Declared <input type="checkbox"/> Alien <input type="checkbox"/> 15. I am a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject? PRESENT OCCUPATION Grocer EMPLOYER'S NAME Self 16. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 1512 S. Congress, Austin, Travis, Texas NEAREST RELATIVE Louella Parker, Wife 112 E. Milton, Austin, Texas I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE F. M. G. O. John Thomas Parker Form No. 1 (Self) (Registrar's signature at back) (11/1/18)		42-1-3-C DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">HEIGHT</th> <th colspan="3">BUILD</th> <th rowspan="2">COLOR OF EYES</th> <th rowspan="2">COLOR OF HAIR</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Tall</th> <th>Medium</th> <th>Short</th> <th>Slender</th> <th>Medium</th> <th>Stout</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>21</td> <td>72 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> <td>25 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>26</td> <td>27 Brown 28 Black</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> 21. Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he otherwise physically handicapped? No 22. I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of the answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows: D. W. Archer (Signature of Registrar) Date of Registration Sept 12, 1918 Board Austin City Austin, Texas (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD) (The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.) (11/1/18)		HEIGHT		BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR	Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout	21	72 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23	24	25 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26	27 Brown 28 Black
HEIGHT		BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR																	
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium			Stout																
21	72 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23	24	25 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26	27 Brown 28 Black																	

John T. Parker's World War I. draft registration card, showing that lived at 112 E. Milton Street, was married to Louella Parker, and was a self-employed grocer with a store at 1512 South Congress Avenue. John T. Parker had brown eyes and black hair, and was of medium height and build.

JOHN T. PARKER, SR.

John T. Parker, Sr., 88, died in a local hospital Friday. He was formerly County Commissioner of Precinct No. 4 for 16 years and a member of the First Baptist Church of Austin.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Louella M. Parker; two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Parker Boothe, Houston, and Mrs. Dorothy Parker Lewallen, Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Delia Boone, Dallas and Mrs. Lula Wezer, Brownfield, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be Sunday at 2 p.m. from Cook Funeral Home with Dr. William E. Denham, Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

MRS. LOUELLA M. PARKER

Mrs. Louella Mayne Parker, 84, of 1514 Ethridge, died in a local hospital Tuesday. She was the wife of the late John T. Parker, Sr. and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Parker Booth, Houston, and Mrs. Dorothy Parker Lewallen, Austin; two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Morley, Austin and Mrs. Willetta Warner, Hollywood, Calif.; brother, Clyde Mayne, Austin; four grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Funeral will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. J. Preston Bright and Rev. Mike Smith officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary of Louella Parker
Austin American, May 25, 1966

MRS. LOUELLA PARKER

Funeral for Mrs. Louella Mayne Parker, 1514 Ethridge, will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. J. Preston Bright and Rev. Mike Smith officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Harry Mayne, Boyd Moody, Lawson Boothe, Douglas Miles, Cloister Miles and Luther Leath.

Funeral notice for Louella Parker
Austin American, May 26, 1966

John T. Parker 1512 Alta Vista Ave.

~~131~~
130

1 and south 128' of 2

5

Travis Heights

Brick veneer residence and gar. attch.

47499 2-12-51

\$14,000.00

Wm. Peterson

8?

Building permit to John T. Parker for the construction of the house (1951)

5
land survey 28 of 25
Party 2-11-51
Replaces 165-30

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

Received of J. T. PARKER Date 2-23-51

Address 1512 ALTA VISTA AVE.

Amount THIRTY & NO. 1000

Plumber B. E. HOWELL & SON Size of Tap 1"

Date of Connection 2-23-51

Size of Tap Made 1"

Size Service Made 1"

Size Main Tapped 2" C.I.

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 3.5'

From S Prop. Line to Curb Cock 44.5'

Location of Meter OVER

Type of Box LOCN

Depth of Main in St. 2.5'

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 18'

Checked by Engr. Dept. MAR 30 1951

No. 8474132
INDEXED
SWI
51

No. Fittings	Curb Cock	1
Elbow	1/4" C.I.	1
St. Elbow	1/4" C.I.	1
Bushing	1/4" C.I.	1
Reducer	2" x 1 1/2" Tap	1
Pipe	10' 1" C.I.	1
Lead Comp.		
Nipples		
Union		
Plug	1" Tee	1
Stop	1" 1/2" 10'	1
Box	1" 1/2" 10'	1
Lid	1" 1/2" 10'	1
Valves		
Job No.	W-3323-502	
Per. No.	11-20	

Water service permit to John T. Parker (1951)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

No. 27913

Received of B. E. Howell & Son Date 2-14-51

Address 1512 Alta Vista Ave.

Amount \$

Builder or Owner J. T. Parker Plumber

Lot 1 & S. 128th of 2 Block 5 Subdivision Travis Hgts. Plat No. 131

12-8' 2nd water

Date of Connection 3-30-51

By City 15 1/2' N/SLL

By Plumber

Checked By Ramos

Size Main 6" Depth 5'

Main Assgn. 26' E/WPL

Stub Depth Prop. Line 3'

Stub Location

Book No. B-3

Paving Cut No.

No. Fittings	Size	Price
18' Pipe	4" Conc.	2.34
Pipe		
Wyes		
Bends		.60
Reducers		
Plugs		
Sand		
Gravel		
Remix		
Stoppers		
Castings		
1 hr Other truck		.40
4 hrs comp 1 ham		2.00
Labor: 20 hrs		16.00
1 hr		1.00

Sewer service permit to John T. Parker (1951)r