

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 17, 2012
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2012-0415
1216 RIO GRANDE STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish the ca. 1939 annex building to the old Austin High School.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-story, rectangular-plan, flat-roofed brick institutional building with a central shaped parapet at the east and west ends of the building; two-story cast stone moldings around the door bays on the south side of the building; cast stone cornice, corbeling, and tablets in the east and west parapets; round-arched cast stone window surrounds on the second story of the east and west elevations; modern replacement windows.

RESEARCH

The annex building was built in 1939 by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works and designed by the local architectural firm of Giesecke and Harris. It was built to relieve overcrowded conditions in the main building of Austin High School and provided space for additional classrooms and the home-making education program.

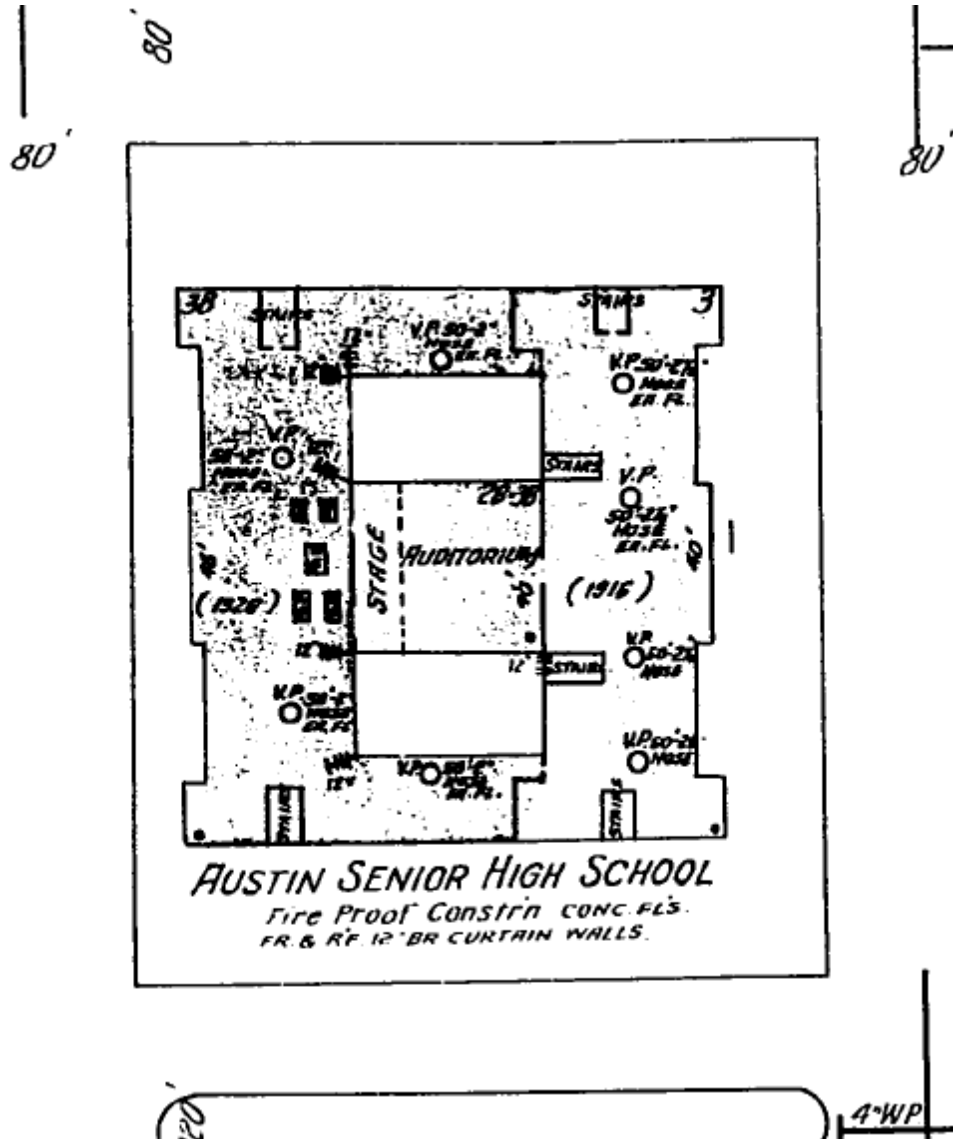
STAFF COMMENTS

The annex building is not within the historic zone of the adjacent landmark.

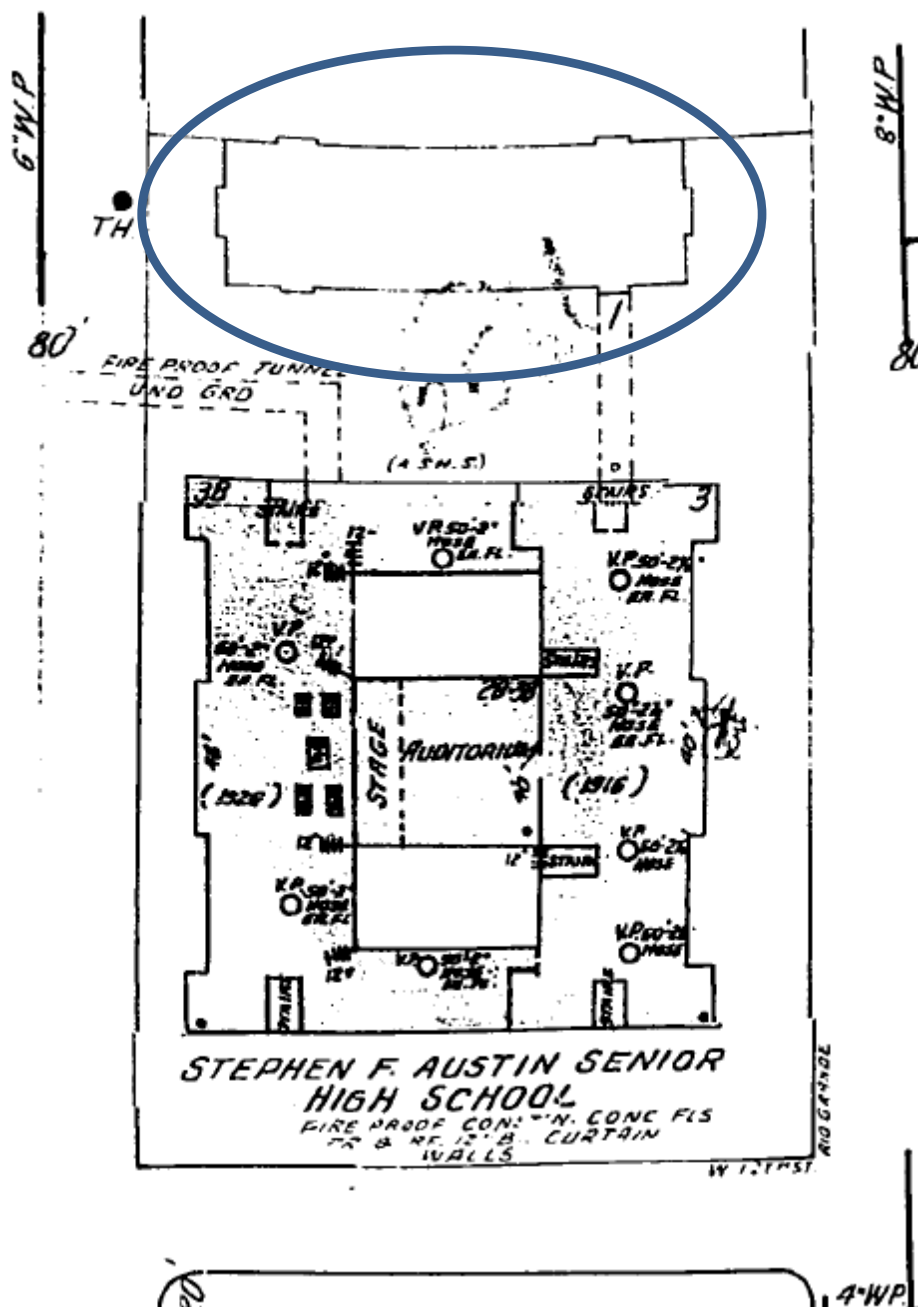
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history of the building for archiving at the Austin History Center. The building is not crucial to the interpretation of the adjacent landmark and lacks the historical and architectural significance to be designated independently.

LOCATION MAP



The building does not appear on the 1935 Sanborn map.



The 1961 Sanborn map shows the outline of the building.



West elevation



North elevation



Detail of north elevation entry bay containing raised brick tablets between the first and second floors, a projecting bay containing the recessed entry, and ornamental brickwork above the doorway.



Detail of the decorative brickwork surrounding a doorway on the north elevation.



East elevation



Detail of round-arched window molding containing the tablet featuring “AHS”; east elevation