

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JULY 22, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2013-0420  
2501 E. 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1945 church.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame church building with a rock veneer over the main body of the building and a stucco tympanum of the front gable; central, partial-width, front-gabled independent frame porch on ornamental metal posts; ogee-arched window openings on the sides of the building have been filled in with wood with small, rectangular windows.

**RESEARCH**

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City building and utility permit records indicate a ca. 1945 date of construction for the church, but the address does not appear in city directories until the edition of 1949, when it is listed as the Mexican Church of Christ under the pastorate of Rev. Hilario Zamorano, a native Mexican who was listed in the 1940 U.S. Census in Los Angeles, where he was a church pastor. Rev. Zamorano remained with this church until the early 1950s, when it was led by Rev. E.V. Rodriguez until the mid-1950s. From the mid-1950s through the mid-1970s, no pastor for the church was listed in city directories, and the building was listed as vacant in the city directory of 1977. Gethsemane Pentecostal Holiness Church took over the building in the early 1980s. Staff has not been able to locate a history of either of these congregations.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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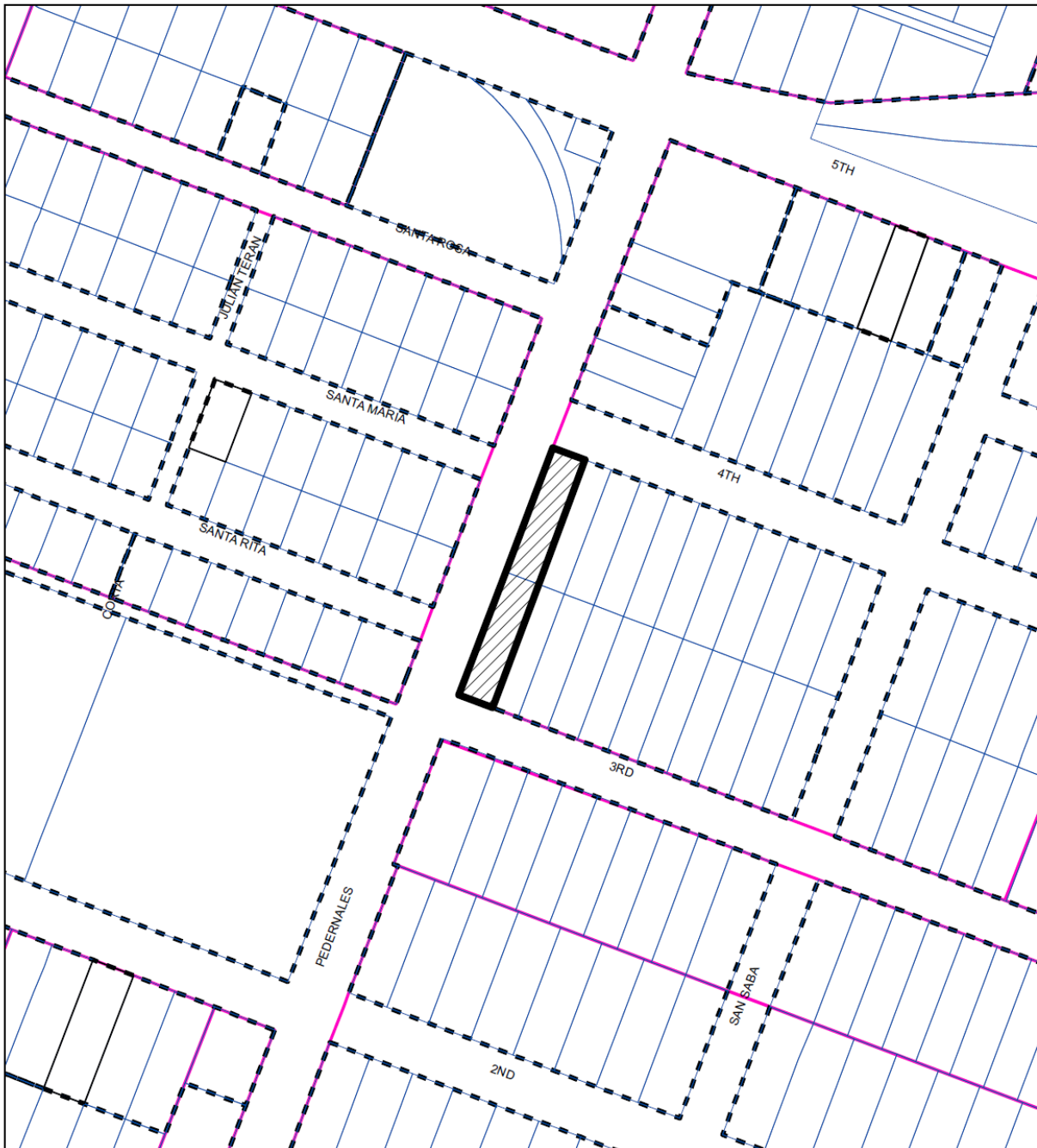
The building does not appear in any city survey.



**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

## LOCATION MAP



 SUBJECT TRACT  
 ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0420  
 LOCATION: 2501 E 4th Street



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2501 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1945







OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
2501 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

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

June, 2013

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|---------|---|
| 1992    | Gethsemane Pentecostal Holiness Church<br>Pedro Mendoza, pastor   |
| 1985-86 | Gethsemane Pentecostal Holiness Church<br>Pedro Mendoza, pastor   |
| 1981    | Gethsemane Pentecostal Holiness Church<br>No pastor listed  |
| 1977    | Vacant  |
| 1973    | Mexican Church of Christ<br>No pastor listed  |
| 1968    | Mexican Church of Christ<br>No pastor listed  |
| 1962    | Mexican Church of Christ<br>No pastor listed  |
| 1959    | Mexican Church of Christ<br>No pastor listed  |
| 1954    | Mexican Church of Christ<br>Rev. E.V. Rodriguez, pastor<br>NOTE: E.V. and Andrea Rodriguez lived at 1001 Jewell Street.   |
| 1949    | Mexican Church of Christ<br>Rev. Hilario Zamorano, pastor<br>NOTE: Hilario and Carmen Zamorano lived at 709 E. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street.  |
| 1947    | The address is not listed in the directory.<br>NOTE: There is no listing for the "Mexican" Church of Christ in the directory.<br>However, there are two listings for a Church of Christ that might have been the home to the congregation that built this church building: 1624 E. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street or 1115 Taylor Street, both locations in traditionally Hispanic neighborhoods.<br>NOTE: Rev. Hilario and Carmen Zamorano are listed as living at 2203 E. 2½ Street; he is listed as the pastor of the Church of Christ. |

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

Hilario and Carmen Zamorano appear in the 1940 U.S. Census for Los Angeles, California. Hilario Zamorano was then 35, had been born in Mexico, and was a pastor in a church. Carmen Zamorano was then 33, and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed. They had a 5-year old son, Hector, who had been born in Texas. By 1953, Hilario and Carmen Zamorano were living in Lubbock; he died in Dallas in 1973.

Mexican Church of Christ, 2501 E. 4th St.  
 25-B. 1 12

Chernosky

frame church

25851 6-21-44

\$1750.00

day labor

4

Building permit for the construction of the church (1944)

Church of Christ 2501 E. 4th  
 387 12 1

Chernosky

Fr. Addn. to Church

63183 3-13-56

\$

Thomas Bros.

10-26=70=119589-church classrooms

Building permit for the construction of a frame addition (1956)

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT** No. 20446 <sup>387</sup>

Austin, Texas

Received of MEXICAN CHURCH OF CHRIST Date 8-10-44

Address 2501 EAST 4TH

Amount TWO AND 50/100 \$ 2.50

Plumber PAUL D. BURLESON Size of Tap 5/8

Date of Connection 8-11-44

|              |                 |             |     |      |  |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-----|------|--|
| No. Fittings | 1               | Curb Cock   | 5/8 | Size |  |
| Elbow        | 1               | 3/4" COPPER |     |      |  |
| Bushing      | 1               | 3/4" SLAVE  |     |      |  |
| Reducer      | 1               | 3/4" COP    |     |      |  |
| Pipe         | 12'             | 3/4" COP    |     |      |  |
| Lead-Comp    | 1               | 3/4" COP    |     |      |  |
| Nipples      |                 |             |     |      |  |
| Union        |                 |             |     |      |  |
| Plug         |                 |             |     |      |  |
| Tap          | 1               | 5/8" = 1/2" |     |      |  |
| Stop         | 1               | 1/2" = 1/2" |     |      |  |
| Box          | 1               | 1/2" = 1/2" |     |      |  |
| Lid          | 1               | 1/2" = 1/2" |     |      |  |
| Valves       |                 |             |     |      |  |
| Job No.      | <u>W323-502</u> |             |     |      |  |
| Req. No.     | <u>PENSION</u>  |             |     |      |  |

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 12"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 10'6"

From VP Prop. Line to Curb Cock 10'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 4'

Depth of Service Line 3'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 9'6"

Checked by Engr. Dept. M.B.F. 9-12-44

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Water service permit (1944)

**SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT** No. 18993A

Austin, Texas

Received of Burleson Date 8/10/1944

Address 2501 E. 4th.

Amount \$                     

Builder or Owner Mexican Church of Christ Plumber                     

Lot 12 Block 1 O.L. 11 Subdivision Chernosky Plat No. 25b

|                    |                          |            |           |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Date of Connection |                          |            |           |
| By City            | <u>61' S/NLL</u>         |            |           |
| By Plumber         |                          |            |           |
| Checked By         |                          |            |           |
| Size Main          | <u>15"</u>               | Depth      | <u>6'</u> |
| Main Assign.       | <u>in Perdenales St.</u> |            |           |
| Stub Depth         |                          | Prop. Line | <u>3'</u> |
| Stub Location      |                          |            |           |
| Book No.           | <u>A-280</u>             |            |           |
| Paving Cut         |                          | No.        |           |

| No. Fittings | Size       | Price       |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 20' Pipe     | 4" con     | 2.00        |
| Pipe         |            |             |
| Wyes         |            |             |
| Bends        | 4" con     | .40         |
| Reducers     |            |             |
| Plugs        |            |             |
| Sand         |            |             |
| Gravel       |            |             |
| Remix        |            |             |
| Stoppers     |            |             |
| Castings     |            |             |
| 1 Other      | 4" con tap | .20         |
| Labor:       |            | 10.26       |
|              |            | total 12.86 |

Sewer service permit (1944)