

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 22, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0487
5905 WOODVIEW AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1950 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a partially-raised roof over the central portion of the house, which is slightly recessed; the roof forms a entry hood with ornamental metal posts; single and paired 6:6 windows with a tri-partite picture window in the central section of the façade; integral garage.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1950 by Travis Weathers, who had moved to Austin from Abilene in 1948, and began work at the Trinity Testing Laboratories, a construction engineering firm. Weathers rose through the ranks of Trinity Testing (TETCO) and eventually became president of the company. He and his wife, Frances, lived here until around 1970. The house was then owned and occupied by Robert and Norma Koerschgen. Robert Koerschgen had been born in Los Angeles, the son of an ornamental iron worker. He served as a staff sergeant in World War II, and was a mail carrier and fire equipment salesman in Austin until his death in 1986. His widow, Norma, remarried, and remained in the house through the early 1990s.

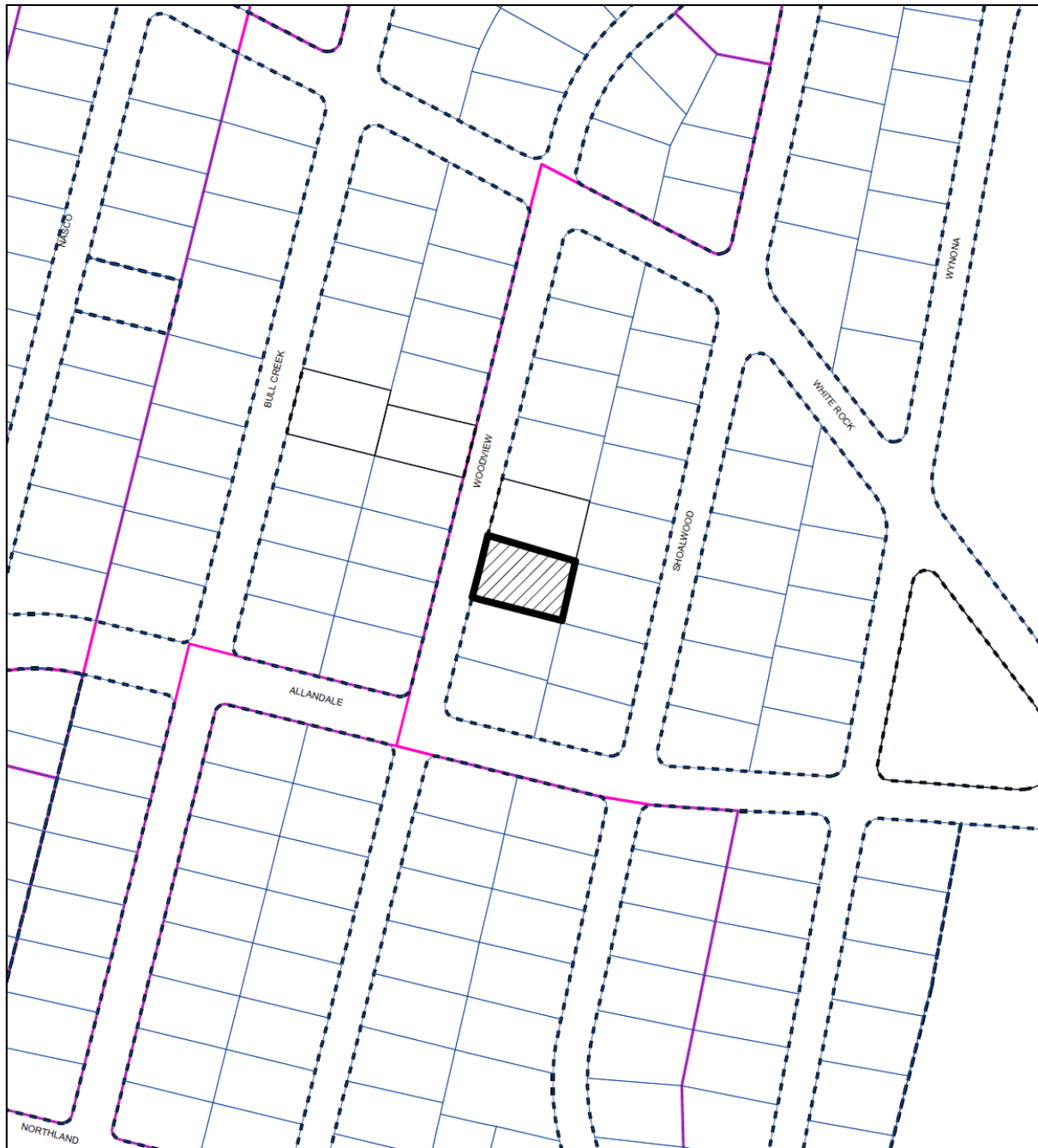
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon the 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-2013-0487
 LOCATION: 5905 Woodview Avenue



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5905 Woodview Avenue
ca. 1950



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
5905 Woodview Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
July, 2013

1992	Louis W and Norma Gummert, owners Retired
1985-86	Robert C and Norma Koerschgen, owners Retired
1981	Robert C and Norma Koerschgen, owners Retired
1977	Robert C and Norma Koerschgen, owners Salesman, Austin Ace Fire Equipment, 102 E. 31 st Street.
1973	Robert C and Norma Koerschgen, owners Robert: Mail carrier, Post Office Norma: Duplicating machine operator, State Comptroller's Office

- 1968 Travis and Frances Weathers, owners
President, Trinity Testing Labs of Austin, engineering construction testing, 3601 Manor Road.
- 1962 Travis L Weathers and Frances Weathers, owners
President, Trinity Testing Labs of Austin, 300 Allen Street.
- 1957 Travis L. and Frances Weathers, owners
Manager, Trinity Testing Labs, 300 Allen Street.
- 1954 Travis L. and Frances Weathers, owners
Manager, Trinity Testing Labs, 300 Allen Street.
- 1952 Travis L. and Frances Weathers, owners
President, Trinity Testing Labs, 300 Allen Street.
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Travis and Frances Weathers are listed as living at 4008 Burnet Road;
he was a co-manager of the Trinity Testing Laboratories.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Travis L. and Frances Weathers (ca. 1950 – ca. 1970)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Travis and Frances Weathers living in Abilene, Texas. Travis Weathers was then 22, had been born in Texas, and was an operator of a filling station. Frances Weathers was then 23, and had been born in Texas. They had an infant daughter, Judy.

Travis Leo Weathers

Travis Leo Weathers, loving Christian husband, father, grandfather and friend to many passed away after a very brief hospital stay on Tuesday, March 21, 2000, surrounded by the family he loved so dearly.

Travis was born in Upshur County, Texas, on May 13, 1917. He was raised in Abilene by his parents, Lee Erit and Ida Jane Weathers. Following high school graduation, Travis pursued various professions until finding his niche in construction and engineering.

In 1948, Travis and Frances and their family moved to Austin and he began a career with Trinity Testing Laboratories Inc., a firm specializing in civil engineering related testing of construction materials. He quickly learned the technical elements of the business and within a short time became a leader within the firm. In 1955, he became the president of Trinity Testing Laboratories of Austin, Inc., which later became Trinity Engineering Testing Corporation (TETCO). He served as president of TETCO until 1977, and chairman of the board until this past year.

Travis was a very successful businessman in Austin and he had a very significant influence on those with whom he worked and associated. He took great pride in his company and was considered to be a mentor, counselor, and encourager to many. He enjoyed his long time partnership with Cliff Knezek with whom he created K&W Development and built and managed a number of TETCO office buildings across the state. He had many friends throughout Austin and across the state of Texas and he always enjoyed meeting up with old friends and reminiscing about their past association.

Travis was a man of strong character that was founded in his Christian Faith which he developed early in life. His father, Lee Erit, was an Elder in the Church of Christ in Abilene. Travis too, served as an Elder at the Brentwood Church of Christ in Austin for many years. For the past 25 years, he and Frances worshiped at the University Avenue Church of Christ. His faith and character were revealed in many ways to his family and friends. Sometimes it was words of encouragement, sometimes admonishment, often by good advice, and always with understanding and concern for the person. Many have been profoundly blessed by their association with him.

Travis was a devoted husband to surviving spouse, Frances Russell, since their marriage on Easter Sunday, April 12, 1936. Together, they produced a loving family that has in turn loved and respected them throughout their life.

Children and spouses, all of whom live in Austin, include Judy and Charles Gentry, Jan and J.B. Hamilton, Jim and Carol Weathers and Jerry and Teri Weathers. Married grandchildren and spouses include, Terri and Donnie Gipson of Pflugerville, Rhonda and Terry Lawrence of Buda and Greg and Nancy Gentry of Austin. Other grandchildren, all of whom live in Austin, include Travis Weathers, Gannon Weathers, Caroline Weathers, Tracy Weathers, Tammy Weathers and Jerrod Weathers. Great-grandchildren include Britni and Brandon Lawrence, Lindsey and Tyler Gipson and Garrett and Nicole Gentry. Extended family includes the children, grandchildren and great-grandchild of son-in-law, J.B. Hamilton. Travis is also survived by his dear sister, Dot Yates of Odessa; and in-laws including Doris Russell, Bill Russell and Erby Weathers.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 24, 2000, at WeedCorley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, 452-8811, with Joe Baisden presenting the service. Graveside service will follow at Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will include the grandsons and grandsons-in-law.

Obituary of Travis L. Weathers
Austin American-Statesman, March 24, 2000

Robert and Norma Koerschgen (ca. 1970 – ca. 1986)

Robert Koerschgen appears in the 1940 U.S. Census for Los Angeles, California as the 21-year old son of Ernest and Rose Koerschgen. Robert Koerschgen had been born in California, and was a laborer for an insurance company. His father, who had been born in Germany, was a mechanic in an ornamental iron works. He died in Austin in 1986, and his wife, Norma, re-married.

T. L. Weathers

5905 Woodview Avenue

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\$9000.00

L. E. Weathers

136 WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

Received of TRAVIS WEATHERS Date 6-19-50
Address 5905 WOODVIEW
Amount TWENTY & NO/100 20
Plumber L.L. MYERS Size of Tap 3/4

Date of Connection 6-23-50
Size of Tap Made 3/4"
Size Service Made 3/4"
Size Main Tapped 6"
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 8'
From E Prop. Line to Curb Cock 25'
Location of Meter Curb
Type of Box Lock
Depth of Main in St.
Depth of Service Line
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main
Checked by Engr. Dept. 6-10-50

See Stub D-0102

No. Fittings	Curb Cock	Elbow	St. Elbow	Bushing	Reducer	Pipe	Lead Comp.	Nipples	Union	Plug	Tee	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Job No.	P-q. No.
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Water service permit to Travis L. Weathers for this address (1950)

Receipt No. 14624 Application for Sewer Connection No. 26232
Austin, Texas, 6-19-1950

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 T.L. Weathers at 5905 Woodview Street, further described as Lot 136 Block 326 Outlot 326 Division allandale subdivision 326 which is to be used as a residence. In this place there are to be installed 2 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 39205. I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 2'
Stub Out Connected 3' N. D.F.S. LL
(Location)
Date 7-3-50

Respectfully,

By Travis L. Weathers

NOTE: Connection Instruction

Main 13.5' E of W.R. 6" Stub 2.5' N of South St. B-1994

Sewer connection application by Travis L. Weathers for this address (1950)