

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 17, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0923
3709 TAYLORS DRIVE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1968 house.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-story, irregular-plan, multi-gabled, stuccoed frame and concrete house with wood-framed plate glass fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1968-69 for Richard Kocurek, a securities broker. There is no record of an architect for this house, but the contractor was C.T. Schneider. Kocurek and his wife, Sandra, lived here from around 1970 to 1975. The house was then sold to Alfred A. and Ellen U. King. King, the son of Richard King of the King Ranch family in South Texas, moved to Austin in 1960, and became very involved in the arts here. He was a noted philanthropist and gave anonymously and generously to many arts organizations in the city, including the Austin Museum of Art, the Austin Lyric Opera, the Long Center for Performing Arts, and the Paramount Theater.

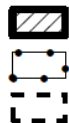
STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This very large house is a good example of late 1960s architecture, and is unusual for its extensive use of concrete, which was not a primary building material for residential structures. However, the house does not appear to have the extraordinary significance necessary for a building less than 50 years old to be designated as a historic landmark, so staff recommends release of 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

PENDING CASE

ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0923

LOCATION: 3709 Taylors Dr.

1" = 153'

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3709 Taylors Drive
ca. 1968



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3709 Taylors Drive

From City Directories, Austin History Center
Prepared by the City Historic Preservation Office
October, 2014

1992	Alfred A. and Ellen King, owners Personal investments, 2630 Exposition Boulevard.
1985-85	Alfred A. and Mary King, owners Estate manager
1981	Alfred A. and Ellen King (not listed as owners) Investor
1977	Alfred A. and Ellen U. King, renters Investor NOTE: The directory indicates that Alfred A. and Ellen U. King were new residents at this address.
1973	Richard J. and Sandra Kocurek, renters Broker, Rauscher Pierce Securities Corporation, American Bank, 123 W. 6 th Street. NOTE: Alfred A. and Ellen U. King are listed at 2327 Camino Alto in West Lake Hills; he was the chairman of the board of Management Research International, Inc. (not listed in the directory).
1971	Richard and Sandra Kocurek, renters Broker, Rauscher Pierce Securities Corporation, American Bank, 123 W. 6 th Street. NOTE: The directory indicates that Richard and Sandra Kocurek lived at 3932 Knollwood.
1970	Under construction

Austin philanthropist Alfred King dies Leader of opera, museum and other causes passed away Saturday

By Michael Barnes
AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF

Monday, March 27, 2006

Alfred King, one of Austin's leading philanthropists and great-great-grandson of King Ranch founder Richard King, died Saturday of lung infection. The private investor was 89. King is survived by his wife, Ellen, also a major contributor to charitable causes, and three children.

It's the passing of an era," said Laurence Miller, former director of Laguna Gloria Art Museum, which King helped mold into the Austin Museum of Art. "He was a kind of giant, not just because

he was tall and lanky. Alfred held things together." King sold his part of his family's ranching empire and moved with his wife from McAllen to Austin in 1960. They frequently visited Santa Fe, where the couple cultivated interests in music, opera and visual art.

"He was an absolutely devoted husband," Miller said. "He and Ellen were partners in life. They did everything together." When the Kings gave money, they did it the old-fashioned way, quietly or even anonymously. So, though they are credited with donating millions of dollars, no total can be tallied at this time.

King served as founding chairman of the Austin Lyric Opera board of directors, among his other leadership positions. "He was an unbelievable leader," said Helen Baxter, friend of the Kings and former president of the opera board. "He knew what you had to do to accomplish a goal, to create an organization." Earlier this year, the opera company named its next season for the Kings.

King, known for his dry, wicked sense of humor, played an early role in moving the arts — including the Austin Museum of Art and Long Center for the Performing Arts — downtown so they could be enjoyed by everyone, not just the elites. He served on the leadership teams of the Paramount Theatre, Austin Symphony Orchestra, St. David's Heath Care System and St. David's Health Care Foundation. He chaired several of those boards, as well as the University of Texas College of Fine Arts Foundation Advisory Council.

In 1991, the Austin chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives named King the Outstanding Philanthropist. Five years later, he was honored with the Allan Shivers Jr. lifetime achievement award from the Austin Chamber of Commerce. In 2003, he and Ellen were inducted into the Austin Arts Hall of Fame.

"He really believed in the future," Miller said. "Two of his great loves were technology and the arts. He was willing to explore almost anything. It was a really rich life."

Services will be held at 1 p.m. April 8 at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.
Published in Austin American-Statesman on Mar. 26, 2006

OWNER	Richard Kocurek	ADDRESS	3709 Taylors Drive
PLAT	172	LOT	3
SUBDIVISION	Herman Brown Addn2 Sec 3		
OCCUPANCY	Residence		
BLD PERMIT #	110493	DATE	11-14-68
OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$220,000.00		
CONTRACTOR	C. T. Schnieder	NO. OF FIXTURES	see plans
WATER TAP REC #	E56937	SEWER TAP REC #	52092
2 story frame residence w/ att garage			
13,442 Sq. Ft.			

Building permit to Richard Kocurek for the construction of the house (1968)

LOT-3 BLD
 Herman Brown
 add 25ccs

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

E N° 57041

172

Received of

Richard Kocurek

Date

11-26-68

Address

3709 Taylor Dr

Amount

Forty Dollars

\$40.00

Plumber

unsubscribed in size

Size of Tap

2"

RESIDENTIAL WATER

Date of Connection 12-12-68
 Size of Tap Made 2"
 Size Service Made 2"
 Size Main Tapped 6" C.I.
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 8'
 From No. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 3'
 Location of Meter CURB
 Type of Box Round (1)
 Depth of Main in St. 3'
 Depth of Service Line 3'
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 2'
 Checked by Engr. Dept. CMA 1/13/69

No. Fittings	Size
2	Pipe 2" Cop.
1	Corp. Cock
	Cop. to Iron ell.
	Cop. to Cop. ell.
1	Cop. to Iron Coupling 2"
	Cop. to Cop. Coupling
	Angle Stop
	Stop
	Bushing
2	Nipples 8" 1/2"
1	Service Clamp 6" 1/2"
1	Valve 2"
1	Meter Box Round (1)
	Lock Lid
2	Drain Tile
2	Drain Tile Lid
	Stop & Drain
	Job No. 82132300502
	Foreman J. Powell

Used 1/2 of stock #E40101

Water service permit to Richard Kocurek for this house (1968)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

N° 52092

Received of

C.T. Schneider

Date

11-14-68

Address

3709 Taylor Dr

Amount

7-90 Dollars

\$50.00

Builder or Owner

Farmer

Plumber

Talant

Lot

3

Block

D

Subdivision

Herman Brown

Order

Lot No.

172

Date of Connection

10-27-69

By City

INTO MH. 4+65. 38

By Plumber

I. H. ERSE @ RMA

Checked By

LUNA

Size Main

8" C.I.

Depth

45.0

Main Assign.

SEE

BACK

Stub Depth

2

Prop. Line

1'

Stub Location

WILL SPOT IN

Book No.

A 6749

FIELD

Paving Cut

No.

10-23-69 Lecky

No. Fittings

Price

Size

3

Pipe

4" 50.0

Wyes

Bends

Reducers

Plugs

Sand

Gravel

Remix

Stoppers

Castings

Other

PLOTTE

11-21-69

BY

Labor: 10-23-69 2250
 10-23-69 200
 10-23-69 345
 Total 2795

Sewer service permit to C.T. Schneider, the builder of this house (1968)