HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MARCH 23, 2015 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2015-0147 2410 E. 11^{TH} STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1940 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, irregular-plan, front-gabled frame house with a partial-width, front-gabled independent and partially-inset porch on plain square wood posts; single 6:6 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1940 although there is no building permit for the construction of the house. The house displays an earlier style – it is more in line with the bungalows of the 1920s - but the Colonial Revival-style 6:6 windows tend more towards a 1940 construction date. The first known owners and occupants were George and Virginia Stewart, an African-American couple. They had lived on Emerson Street prior to moving into this house, and the address does not appear in city directories prior to 1942. George Stewart was a porter and in the State Auditor's Office, who is then listed as a janitor and a laborer; in the early 1950s, city directories show him referenced as the Rev. George Stewart, and the city directory of 1955 shows him as the pastor of the Live Oak Grove Church, which is not listed in the directory. After 1955, he has no occupation listed in the directories. It is not known when George Stewart passed away; Virginia Stewart died in 1997 – there was only a death notice in the newspaper, no obituary, and no mention of any surviving family.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is in an extremely deteriorated state – most of the windows have been boarded up, and there is damaged or missing siding and foundation skirting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations (after the windows have been uncovered), a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. Although a fairly substantial house, it does not appear to have sufficient architectural nor historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, and is in too deteriorated a state to warrant a recommendation for rehabilitation and re-use.

2410 E. 11th Street ca. 1940





OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2410 E. 11th Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office March, 2015

1992	Rev. George Stewart, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that George Stewart was a new resident at this address.
1981	The address is not listed in the directory.
1977	The address is not listed in the directory.
1973	Rev. George and Virginia Stewart, owners Retired
1968	Rev. George and Virginia Stewart, owners Retired
1962	Rev. George and Virginia Stewart, owners No occupation listed
1959	Rev. George and Virginia Stewart, owners No occupation listed
1955	Rev. George and Virginia Stewart, owners Pastor, Live Oak Grove Church (not listed in the directory)
1952	George and Virginia Stewart, owners Laborer
1949	George and Virginia Stewart, owners Laborer
1947	George and Virginia Stewart, owners Janitor
1944-45	George Stewart, owner Porter, State Auditor's Office
1941	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: George and Virginia Stewart are listed at 2004 Emerson Street; he had no occupation listed.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

George and Virginia Stewart (ca. 1940 -)

George and Virginia Stewart appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of the house in the rear of 2005 Whittier Street. George Stewart was 45, had been born in Texas. Virginia Stewart was 41, had been born in Texas. They had 7 children, ranging in age from 19 to 2. Neither George nor Virginia Stewart had an occupation listed; their oldest son did yard work for a private family, the second oldest was a car washer at a filling station.

STEWART, Virginia, 92, of Austin died Saturday. Services 11 a.m. Thursday, St. John Tabernacle. Burial Evergreen Cemetery.

Death notice for Virginia Stewart Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, March 26 1997

Geo. Stewart

2410 E. 11th St.

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Grandview Place

frame garage

20766 - 11-12-40

None

Building permit to George Stewart for the construction of the garage (1940)

Virginia Stewart

2410 East 11th St.

28-B

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Grandview Place

Frame addition to front of residence.

42852 1-3-50

\$1500.00

J. D. Dillingham

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Building permit to Virginia Stewart for the construction of an addition (1950)