

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
APRIL 25, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0231
804 GARNER AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1940 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled stone-veneered cottage with a partial-width, front-gabled independent porch on ornamental metal supports; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1940 by William A. and Hermina Butts, who lived here until around 1971. William A. Butts was a service station attendant for Willie Kocurek, at his Magnolia Service Station on San Jacinto. Butts then, around 1950, opened his own service station, just up the street from Kocurek's. By the mid-1950s, William A. Butts was working as a clerk at the Post Office, a job he kept for all the time he and Hermina lived in this house. The house was vacant in the early 1970s, then became a rental property.

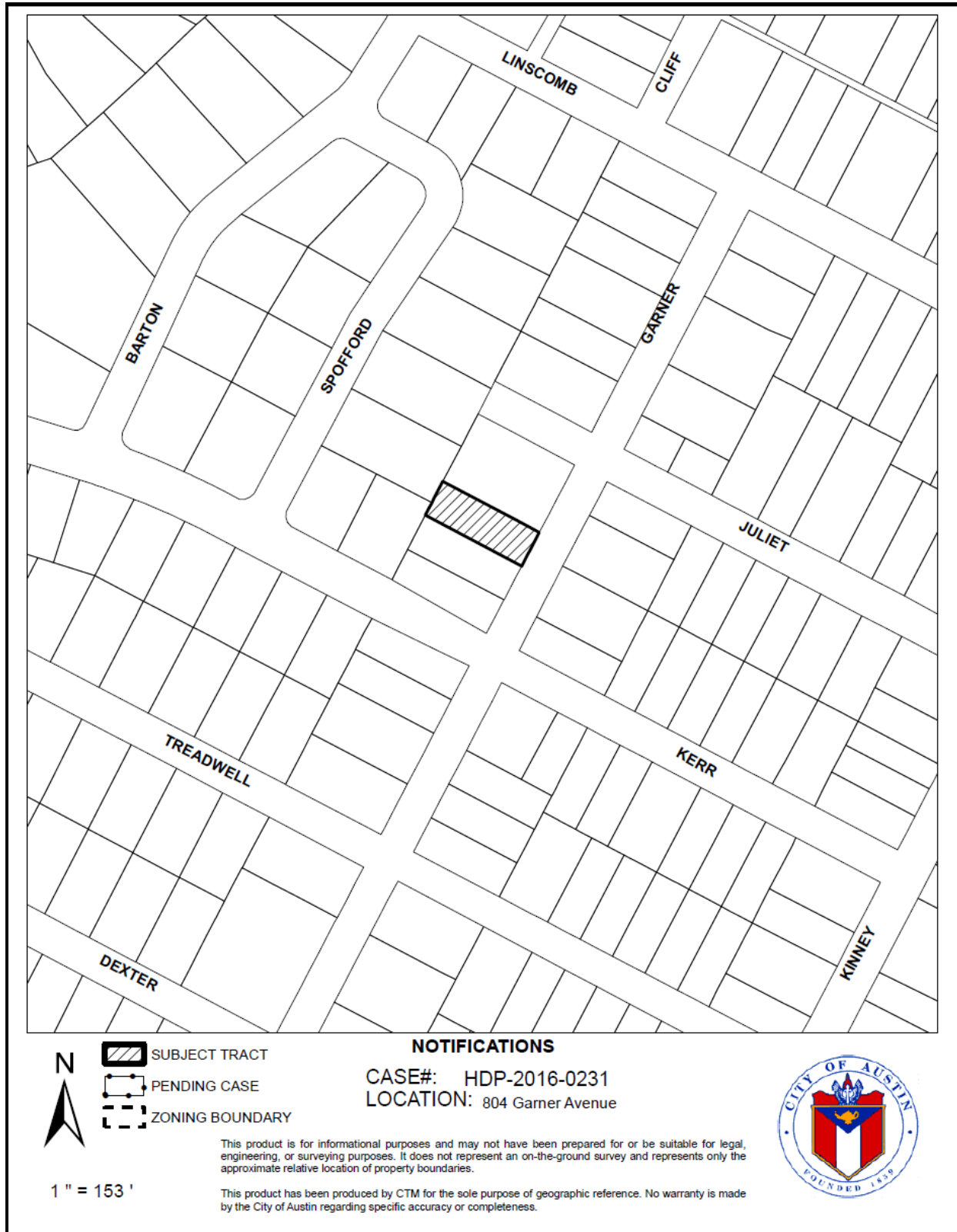
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use; while the house does not meet the threshold for consideration as a historic landmark, it is a stone-veneered cottage that is typical of the neighborhood and much of South Austin, and every consideration should be given by the applicant to preserve, rehabilitate, and re-use the existing structure. If the Commission votes to release the permit, then staff recommends 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



804 Garner Avenue
ca. 1940



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
804 Garner Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
April, 2016

1992	B. and Linda Kadish, renters No occupation listed
1985-86	Linda Kadish, renter Nurse
1981	No return
1977	Gaward F. and Jo Ellen Caveness, renters Gaward: Instructor, Manor Independent School District Jo Ellen: Employed by the public schools
1973	Vacant
1968	William A. and Hermina A. Butts, owners Clerk, Post Office
1962	William A. and Hermina A. Butts, owners Clerk, Post Office

- 1959 William A. and Hermina A. Butts, owners
Clerk, Post Office
- 1955 William A. and Armenia Butts, owners
Clerk, Post Office
- 1952 William A. and Hermina Butts, owners
Proprietor (with Donald D. McLeod), San Jacinto Service Station, 1822 San Jacinto Boulevard.
- 1949 William A. and Hermina Butts, owners
Attendant, Kocurek's Service Station and Auto Supply, 1818 San Jacinto Boulevard.
- 1947 William A. and Hermina Butts, owners
Manager, Kocurek's Service Station and Auto Supply, 1818 San Jacinto Boulevard.
- 1944-45 Edward E. and Elizabeth DeFord, renters
U.S. Army
NOTE: William A. and Hermina Butts are not listed in the directory.
- 1942 William A. and Hermina Butts, owners
William: Attendant, Kocurek's Magnolia Service Station, 1818 San Jacinto Boulevard.
Hermina: Cashier, Austin Hotel Pharmacy, 7th Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1941 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: William A. and Hermina Butts are listed in the directory, but without a residential address. William A. Butts was the station attendant for Kocurek's Magnolia Service Station, 1818 San Jacinto Boulevard.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

William A. and Hermina Butts (ca. 1940 – ca. 1971)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows William A. and Hermina Butts as the renters of the house at 607 Ruiz Street (now Lamar Boulevard) in Austin. William A. Butts was 22, had been born in Texas, and was a service station attendant. Hermina Butts was 23, had been born in Texas, and was a clerk in a retail chain store. They had no children listed with them. William A. Butts had lived in Lampasas, Texas in 1935. Hermina Butts had lived in Granger, Texas in 1935.

Hermina A. Butts

Hermina A. Butts, 82, of Austin, passed away on January 20, 1999.

She was employed by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax examiner for over 25 years before retiring in 1980.

Her family will always remember her as a beloved wife, loving mother and caring grandmother. She will be truly missed.

Mrs. Butts is survived by her husband of 59 years, William A. Butts, of Austin; sons, Larry Butts, of Austin, Gary Butts, of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Clinton Butts and wife, Caroline, of Austin; and eleven grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 1999, at Cook-Walden Forest Oaks Funeral Home, where funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 23, 1999, with Reverend Charles Long officiating. Interment to follow at Cook-Walden Forest Oaks Memorial Park.



6300 West
William Cannon Dr.
512/892-1172

Obituary of Hermina A. Butts
Austin American-Statesman, January 22, 1999

BUTTS, William A.

Age 96, of Austin, passed away Sept., 27, 2013. Service Oct., 3, 2 p.m., Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks, Austin, TX.

Obituary of William A. Butts
Austin American-Statesman, October 2, 2013

W.A. Butts

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Building permit to William A. Butts for the construction of the house (1940)