

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 27, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0316
1710 GARDEN STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a central, partial-width, front-gabled independent porch on square wood posts and brick piers; single and paired Colonial Revival-styled 6:6 and 8:8 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1946 by Patricio Mendez, who lived here with his wife, Consuelo, until recently. Patricio Mendez was in the U.S. Army during World War II, and then was a student at the University of Texas when he and Consuelo purchased this property. He practiced law at 1105 ½ E. 6th Street through the end of the 1950s then moved his office into this house. From the mid-1960s onward until his retirement around 1980, he was an accountant with his office in this house. Consuelo Mendez was born in San Marcos, Texas and attended schools in Austin. After teaching in Bay City and Taft, Texas, she was hired in 1927 to teach at Comal School for 1st and 2nd grade Hispanic children. She obtained her elementary education certificate in 1937, and became a teacher at Zavala School. She and Patricio Mendez married in 1943. She translated the state PTA newsletters into Spanish and was active in several parent-teacher organizations. She was president of the Ladies' League of United Latin American Citizens in Austin, and became the state chairwoman of LULAC in 1961. Both Patricio and Consuelo Mendez were very active in fighting for the rights of Mexican-American citizens through the years, and worked on political campaigns and fund-raising for scholarships for Mexican-American students. Consuelo passed away in 1985; Mendez Middle School was named for her in 1987.

STAFF COMMENTS




The house is not listed in any city survey to date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Initiate historic zoning based upon the architecture of the house and the historical associations with Patricio and Consuelo Mendez. If the Commission does not initiate the historic zoning case, then staff recommends encouraging rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but 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. The house has architectural interest in that the 6:6 windows were not typical for this style of house and this time period and has significant historical associations with Patricio and Consuelo Mendez as noted above.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

NOTIFICATIONS

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1710 Garden Street
ca. 1946



Google Street View



Photographs taken June, 2016



OCCUPANCY HISTORY

1710 Garden Street

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

1992	Consuelo H. Mendez, owner No occupation listed
1985-86	Patricio J. and Consuelo H. Mendez, owners Retired
1981	Patricio J. and Consuelo H. Mendez, owners Retired
1977	Patricio J. and Consuelo H. Mendez, owners Accountant (office at the house)
1973	Patricio J. and Consuelo H. Mendez, owners Accountant (office at the house)
1968	Patricio J. and Consuelo H. Mendez, owners Accountant (office at the house)
1962	Patricio J. and Consuelo H. Mendez, owners Lawyer (office at the house)
1959	Patricio J. and Consuelo H. Mendez, owners Lawyer

- 1955 Patricio J. and Consuelo H. Mendez, owners
Lawyer, 1105½ E. 6th Street.
- 1952 Patricio J. and Consuelo H. Mendez, owners
Attorney at law, 1105½ E. 6th Street.
- 1949 Patricio J. and Consuelo H. Mendez, owners
Attorney at law, 1105½ E. 6th Street.
- 1947 Patricio J. and Consuelo H. Mendez, owners
Patricio: Student, University of Texas
Consuelo: Teacher, Zavala School
- 1944-45 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Patricio J. and Consuelo H. Mendez are listed at 1805 E. 3rd Street. He
was in the U.S. Army; she was a public school teacher.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Patricio and Consuelo Mendez (ca. 1946 – ca. 1985)

According to his 1981 death certificate, Patricio J. Mendez was living in this house at the time of his death at the age of 72. He was born in Texas and was a retired attorney.

MENDEZ, Patricio J., 72, 1710 Garden St., died Thursday. Services 10 a.m. today at Hyltin-Manor Funeral Chapel. Burial, Assumption Cemetery. Survivors: wife, Consuelo H. Mendez of Austin; mother, Andrea Mendez of Mission; sisters, Mrs. Mario deJesus Rodriguez of Salinas, Calif., Eva Cantu, Estelle Gonzales, Maria Anita deLaGarza, all of Mission, Rebecca Ortiz of San Antonio.

Obituary of Patricio Mendez
Austin American-Statesman, August 22, 1981

Consuelo H. Mendez

Consuelo H. Mendez, 81, of Austin died Thursday.

She was a retired teacher with the Austin Independent School District, member of the Emmanuel Methodist Church, member of the Emmanuel Ladies Lulac #202. She was honored by the Austin City Council P.T.A. in 1981 and by the Mexican American Business and Professional 'Women's Association as Woman of the Year' in 1984.

She is survived by brother, Gustavo A. Herrera, Saltillo, Mexico; sister, Miss Mary Grace Herrera, Austin; nephews, Rigoberto Herrera, California; Edward J. Herrera, Austin; nieces, Mrs. Elizabeth Valdez, San Benito; Mrs. Edelmira H. Saenz, Austin; thirteen great nieces and nephews; ten great grea-nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at Hyttin-Manor Funeral Chapel where evening prayer services will be held 7:00 PM, Saturday. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM, Sunday in the chapel with Reverend L.D. Lindgens officiating. Interment will be in the Assumption Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Thomas A. Saenz, Enrique J. Saenz, Edward J. Herrera II, Jimmy Castanedo, Robert Garcia, Ruben Garza. Honorary pallbearers are Henry Gonzales, Manuel Victor Romo, Ignacia Rosales.

Arrangements under the direction of Hyttin-Manor Funeral Chapel, 3000 N. Interregional at 30th, 476-5387.

Obituary of Consuelo Mendez
Austin American-Statesman, March 9, 1985

MENDEZ, CONSUELO HERRERA (1904–1985).
Consuelo Herrera, teacher and worker for Mexican-American rights, was born in 1904 in San Marcos to

Valentine and Josefa Durán Duron Herrera. Her mother worked as a seamstress and her father as a teacher in Mexico. She attended Palm Elementary and John T. Allen Junior High and graduated from Austin High, Austin, in 1923. After being denied a teaching position in Austin, she moved to Bay City, where she taught for two years; she then taught in Taft for a year. In 1927 she was hired to teach in Austin after the City Council of Parent-Teacher Associations persuaded Superintendent [Arthur N. McCallum, Sr.](#) She taught at Comal School, a segregated four-room house school, where Hispanic children attended first and second grade. In 1937 Consuelo Herrera received her permanent elementary certificate and began teaching at the newly constructed Zavala School. In 1943 she married Patricio J. Mendez; they had no children. She and her husband, an attorney, were founders and presidents of the Zavala Parent-Teacher Association. In 1956 she joined Brooke Elementary School, where she and her husband also became active in the PTA. She translated the state PTA newsletter into Spanish and wrote articles for it as well. After many years of attending college, she graduated in 1956 from the University of Texas, where she majored in education and minored in Spanish.

She was president of the Ladies [League of United Latin American Citizens](#) #202 and state chairwoman in 1961. She and her husband worked with LULAC

from the 1940s through the 1960s on political campaigns and fund-raising for scholarships for Mexican Americans. They worked to get voters to the polls for more than sixteen years. In 1951 her husband Patricio ran for city council. Consuelo supported the gubernatorial candidacy of Governor Allan Shivers and testified in an Austin school desegregation case. She retired in 1972, after forty-five years of teaching. She was a member of the National Education Association, the Austin Association of Teachers, the [Texas State Teachers Association](#), and the Association for Childhood Education. She was honored by LULAC in 1961, the PTA in 1962, the Austin City Council of PTAs in 1981, and the [Mexican American Business and Professional Women's Association](#) in 1984. The Austin Independent School District named Mendez Middle School in her honor in September 1987. She died in Austin on March 9, 1985.

From the [Handbook of Texas](#) online.

Patricio J. Mendez		1710 Garden Street	
20	48	0	15 "0"
Riverside Subdivision			
Frame residence and garage			
28541 12-27-45		\$3,000.00	
M. Medina			

Receipt No. 5332 Application for Sewer Connection N^o 19879

Austin, Texas, 1-14-1946

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

C.H. Mendez at 1910 Garden Street,
further described as Lot 15 Block 6 Outlot 48 Division "6"
subdivision Riverside Subd. Plat 20, which is to be used as a Res.

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 21300
I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3'-7½" at Main Respectfully,

~~Sub-Conn~~

Connected 6'-W of ELL

Date 3-11-46
(Location)

By Mendez

NOTE: Connection Instructions

6" trench in Alley - 6' deep
man on E of alley

Sewer connection application by Consuelo H. Mendez for this address (1946)