

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
AUGUST 22, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0508  
1203 COMETA STREET

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1957 duplex.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled brick-veneered concrete block duplex; all windows and doors, as well as an apparent entry hood have been removed.

**RESEARCH**

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The duplex was built by Dr. P.J. Paris as an investment property. The first owners of the house were Francis and Vivian Minter, who lived here until their deaths. Francis Minter was a laborer for Modern Supply, a welding business, later became an attendant at Brackenridge Hospital, and finally a painter for the Austin Housing Department. Vivian Minter was a maid at Brackenridge Hospital. Listed as tenants in city directories of the early to mid-1960s were Clarence and Tommie Bedford. Clarence Bedford was a driver for American National Bank; Tommie Bedford was a trainee at Tracor. They do not appear at this address after the city directory of 1965.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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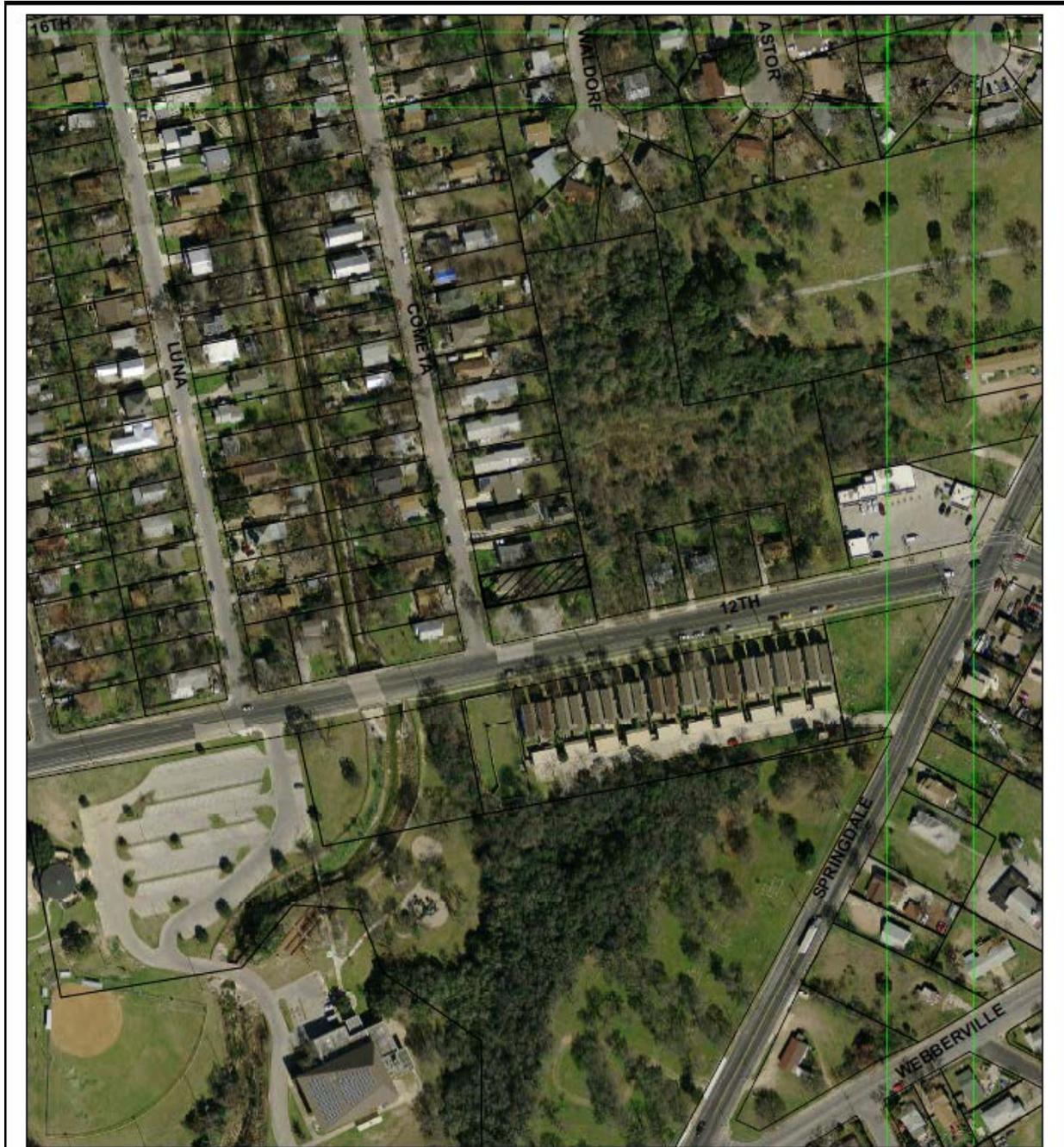
The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the permit. The house has been vandalized with the removal of doors and windows, and does not have the necessary historical or architectural significance to warrant designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2016-0508  
LOCATION: 1203 Cometa Street



1" = 197'

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1203 Cometa Street  
ca. 1957



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1203 Cometa Street

From City Directories, Austin History Center  
Prepared by the City Historic Preservation Office  
August, 2016

1992	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Painter, Austin Housing Department
1985-85	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Painter, Austin Housing Department
1981	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Painter, Austin Housing Department
1977	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Painter
1973	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Painter
1968	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Driver, Pearce Junior High School
1965	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Francis: Attendant, Brackenridge Hospital

Vivian: Maid, Brackenridge Hospital

Clarence and Tommie Bedford, renters

Clarence: Repairman, Western Auto Supply (multiple locations)

Tommie: Trainee, Tracor

1962

Francis and Vivian Minter, owners

Francis: Helper, Modern Supply Company, welding, 316 N. Lamar Boulevard.

Vivian: Maid, Brackenridge Hospital

Clarence and Tommie Bedford, renters

Driver, American National Bank, 117 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

1960

Francis and Vivian Minter, owners

Laborer, Modern Welding Supply Company, 316 N. Lamar Boulevard.

Clarence and Tommie Bedford, renters

Driver, American National Bank, 117 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

1959

The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Neither Francis and Vivian Minter nor Clarence and Tommie Bedford are listed in the directory.



**Vivian Minter**

Mrs. Vivian Minter was born December 26, 1926, in Taylor, Texas, to the late Alfred Bradford and Marie Riley Brooks.

She accepted Christ at an early age and later united with 12th Street Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Rev. S.L. Davis. Mrs. Minter was a member of 12th Street Junior Mission Society and choir until her health began to fail.

Vivian was united in holy matrimony to Francis Minter on December 23, 1952. She was preceded in death by both parents.

She is survived by her husband, Francis Minter, Sr.; one son, Francis Gary Minter (Trazelle); four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three sisters, Tommie (Clarence) Bedford, Earnestine Brooks, all of Austin, Texas, Barbara Sheffield of San Antonio, Texas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Interment Evergreen Cemetery.

King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.

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Obituary of Vivian Minter  
 Austin American-Statesman, November 10, 2002

**MINTER, Francis**, 77, of Austin died Friday. Services pending. Arrangements by King-Tears.

Death notice for Francis Minter  
 Austin American-Statesman, June 16, 2007  
 No other obituary was found in later newspapers.

**DR. P. J. Paris**

**1203 Cometa St**

**367**

**2**

**4**

**Chernosky # 9**

**Concrete Block Duplex No CP No Garage**

**65803**

**2-7-57**

**3000.00**

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**11627**

**Percolation Test OK in file**

Building permit to Dr. P.J. Paris for the construction of the duplex (1957)

*Let 2 Chernosky #9*  
*367 NE 1*

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
 Austin, Texas

**E No 11627 367**  
**INDEXED**

Received of Dr. P. J. Paris Date 2-4-57  
 Address 1203 COMETA ST  
 Amount TWENTY *20.00*  
 Plumber PET F Size of Tap 3/4

Date of Connection	<u>4-18-57</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>1"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>1"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>6" C.I.</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>2.5'</u>
From <u>50'</u> Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>23'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>CURB</u>
Type of Box	<u>LOCN</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>4'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>3'</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>34'</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>5-9-57 Bm</u>

No. Fittings	1 Corp. Cock	Size	1"
	1 Elbow		
	1 St. Elbow		
	1 Bushing		
	1 Reducer		
	1 Pipe		
	1 Lead Comp.		
	1 Nipples		
	1 Union		
	1 Plug		
	1 Tee		
	2 Stop		
	1 Box		
	1 Lid		
	Valves		
	Job No.		32-2700-502
	Req. No.		11627

**INDEXED**

Water service permit to Dr. P.J. Paris for this address (1957)

367

LOT 2  
 1326.4  
 367  
 NE II

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
 Chernosky #9 Austin, Texas

E No 16673  
**INDEXED**

Received of DR. P. J. PARIS Date 5-7-58  
 Address 1203 COMETA WEST APT.  
 Amount TWENTY \$ 20.00  
 Plumber CANALE'S Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection	<u>5-14-58</u>
Size of Tap Made	
Size Service Made	
Size Main Tapped	
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>25'</u>
From <u>NO</u> , Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>20'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>1023</u>
Type of Box	<u>22" x 24"</u>
Depth of Main in St.	
Depth of Service Line	
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>W.C.H. 6-16-58</u>

No. Fittings	
Pipe	
Corp. Cock	
Cop. to Iron ell.	
Cop. to Cop. ell.	
Cop. to Iron Coupling	
Cop. to Cop. Coupling	
Angle Stop	
Stop	
Bushing	
Nipples	
Service Clamp	
Valve	
Meter Box	<u>22" x 24"</u>
Lock Lid	<u>18" x 20"</u>
Drain Tile	
Drain Tile Lid	
Stop & Drain	
Job No.	<u>48-323-200-502</u>
Foreman	<u>[Signature]</u>

**INDEXED**

Separate water service permit for the apartment in the duplex (1958)

367

**SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT**  
 Austin, Texas

Nº 44545

Received of FRANCIS MINTER Date 8-2-65  
 Address 1203 COMETA ST  
 Amount Fifty \$ 50.00  
 Builder or Owner Owner Plumber Owner  
 Lot 2 Block 4 Subdivision Chernosky Plat No. 307

Date of Connection	<u>8-11-65</u>
By City	<u>2' S of NLL</u>
By Plumber	
Checked By	<u>SEARCY</u>
Size Main	<u>8"</u> Depth <u>7 1/2'</u>
Main Assign.	<u>20' E of WFE</u>
Stub Depth	<u>6'</u> Prop. Line <u>4'</u>
Stub Location	<u>TO BE AT SLL</u>
Book No.	<u>A-4714</u>
Paving Cut	<u>0.89-65 87m</u>

No. Fittings		Price
3.0 Pipe 6" Con		<u>7.50</u>
Pipe		
Wyes		
2' Bends 6" Con		<u>2.00</u>
Reducers		
Plugs		
Sand		
Gravel		
Remix		
Stoppers		
Castings		
Other 18" x 6" Con		<u>1.00</u>
Each 18" x 6" Con		
Labor: 12 - hrs		<u>1.500</u>
Spacers 1 - hr		<u>1.50</u>
Spacers 1 - hr		<u>1.50</u>
Total		<u>29.50</u>

Sewer service permit to Francis Minter for this address (1965)