

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0553
707 E. LIVE OAK STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1955 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed independent porch on ornamental metal supports; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

Determining the history of this house is difficult as the address of 707 E. Live Oak Street does not appear in city directories except for 1955, when the house is listed as under construction, and in 1992. There is no building permit for this house in city records, and the water service permit for this address dates from 1951. However, judging from its location and apparent date of construction, it appears that the city directory listings for 705 E. Live Oak Street apply to this house. The house was a rental property for its entire existence. The first tenants were Claude and Marguerite Hensley, who lived here until around 1960. Claude Hensley was a printer at the Statesman; Marguerite Hensley worked as a typist and clerk for civic organizations. The house had a large turnover in tenants after that – it has been rented by an office worker, an auto seat cover manufacturer, a salesman, and a retired widow.

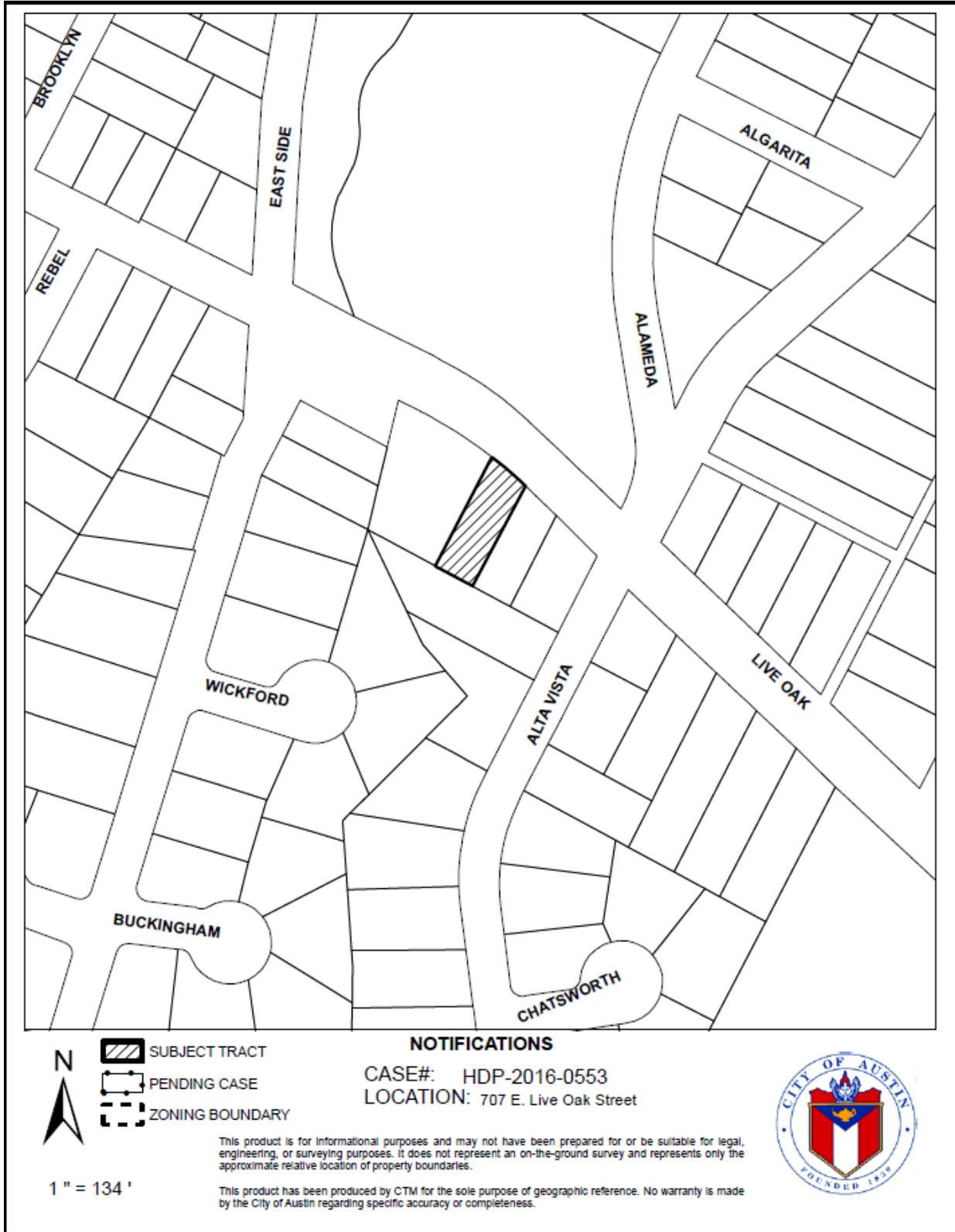
STAFF COMMENTS

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



707 East Live Oak Street
ca. 1955



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
707 East Live Oak Street

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

1992	James Hill, renter No occupation listed
1985-86	Vacant NOTE: The house is listed as 705 E. Live Oak Street.
1981	The address is not listed in the directory.
1977	No return
1973	Viola G. Hammond, renter Widow, T.C. Hammond Retired
1968	R. and Janie Hawkins, renters Employed by Wesley Pearson, auto seat covers, 313 S. Congress Avenue.
1965	G.E. and Viola Ferry, renters Salesman, White Stone Lime (no listing in the alphabetical section of the directory).

- 1962 Jane Callahan, renter
Business machine operator, Texas Employment Commission
- 1959 Claude H. and Marguerite Hensley, renters
Printer, Austin American-Statesman, newspaper.
- 1958 Claude and Marguerite Hensley, renters
Claude: Printer, Austin American-Statesman, newspaper.
Marguerite: Clerk, State Board for Registration for Professional Engineers
- 1957 Claude and Marguerite Hensley, renters
Claude: Printer, Austin American-Statesman, newspaper.
Marguerite: Typist, Travis Association for the Blind
- 1955 Under construction
NOTE: Claude and Marguerite Hensley are listed at 705 E. Live Oak Street; he was a printer at the Austin American-Statesman.

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WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

C No. **9332**

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Received of SEDMICK Date 6-14-57

Address 705 E. LIVE OAK ST.

Amount TWENTY AND NO/100 \$20.00

Plumber M. L. P. L. B. C. Co. Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection	<u>6-21-51</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>6" P.I.</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>25'</u>
From <u>E</u> - Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>27'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>CURB</u>
Type of Box	<u>L.O.C.W.</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>3'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>2'</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>12'</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>8-7-51 EC</u>

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock <u>5/8"</u>
1	Elbow <u>3/4" COP.</u>
1	St. Elbow <u>3/4" S.C.P.P.V.</u>
1	Bushing <u>3/4" COP.</u>
1	Reducer
1	Pipe <u>3/4" COP.</u>
	Lead Comp.
	Nipples
	Union
	Plug
1	Fee. <u>T.I.C.</u>
1	Stop <u>4.0.0.</u>
1	Box <u>L.O.C.W.</u>
	Lid
	Valves
1	Job No. <u>20-323-502</u>
	Req. No. <u>1106k</u>

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Water service permit purporting to be for this address (1951)