

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MAY 22, 2017  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2017-0201  
1101 BELMONT PARKWAY**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1962 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, irregular-plan, brick-veneered frame house with a projecting front-gabled entry and projecting, front-gabled carport; single 8:8 fenestration.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1962 by Richard F. ("Dick") Brown and his wife, Ann Jarvis Brown. There is no indication of an architect for the house, which was built by Johnson Brothers Construction Company. Dick Brown, who had been voted Austin's Most Outstanding Young Man of 1961, was the executive vice-president of Newspaper, Inc., the publishers of the Austin American and Austin Statesman, as well as the acting managing editor of the newspapers. The company, Newspapers, Inc., was founded by Brown's family in Waco, and owned the newspapers in Waco, Austin, and Port Arthur. Brown came to Austin in 1956, and in addition to running the newspapers, was very active in civic and philanthropic activities in the city, including the United Fund, the YMCA, the Headliners Club, the Red Cross, and the Chamber of Commerce. He was noted for his work in broadening the city's economic base to include research and electronics. He became the publisher of the Austin newspapers in the mid-1960s, a position he held until the papers were sold to Cox Enterprises in 1976. His wife, Ann Jarvis Brown, was also very active in local philanthropies and civic cases, including the Junior league, Campfire Girls, the Settlement Club, and the Travis County Women for Nixon. After the Browns moved from the house in the 1980s, it was inhabited by their daughter, Beth Weber.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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

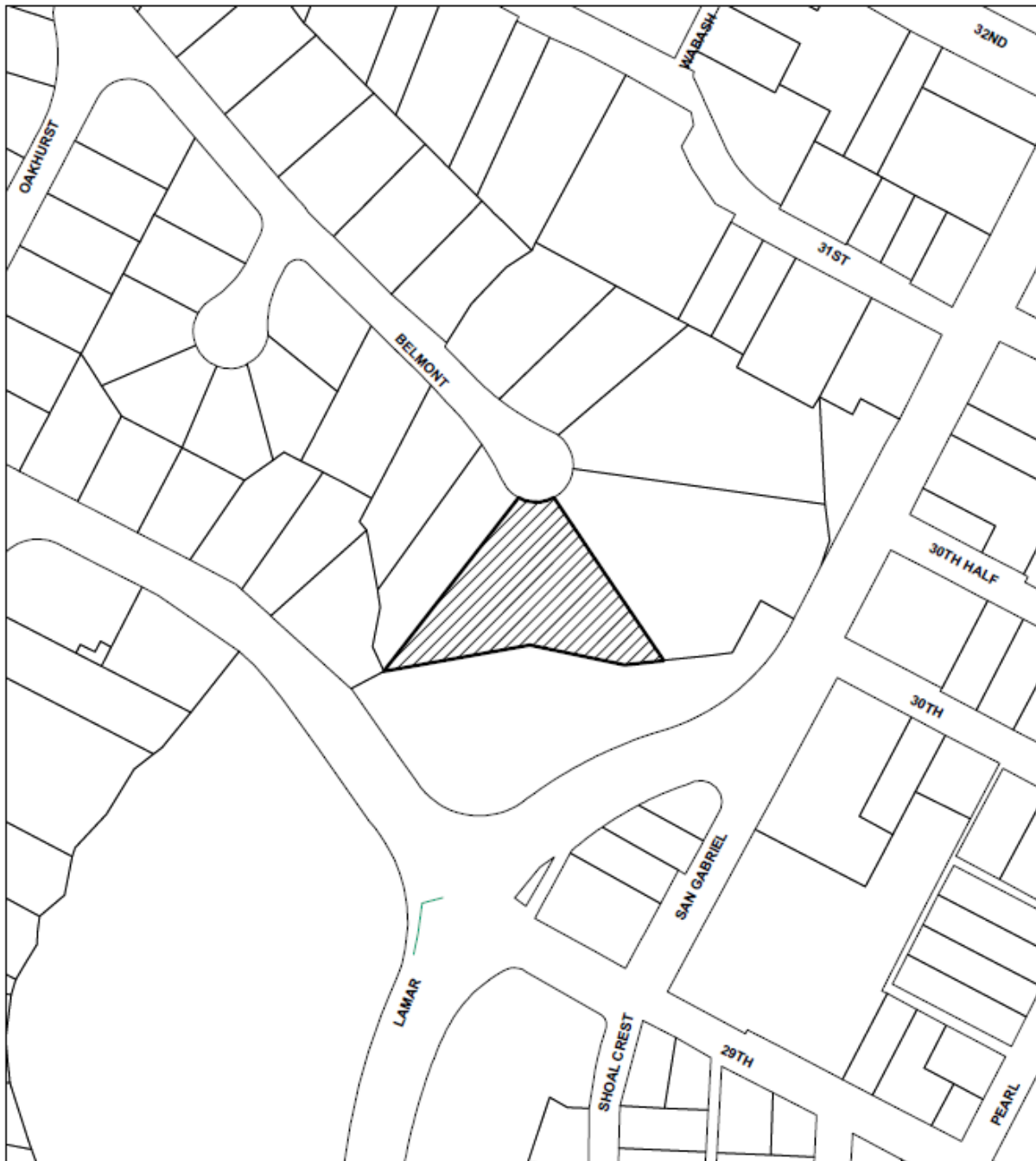
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**




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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, and especially consideration of a restoration of the original appearance of the house. The house has had a number of unsympathetic non-historic additions that have compromised its original 1960s design, but has strong associations to Dick and Ann Jarvis Brown, who built the house and lived here for over 20 years. If the Commission votes to release the demolition permit, then staff recommends as a condition the 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



1" = 171'

-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2017-0201  
LOCATION: 1101 Belmont Pkwy



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1101 Belmont Parkway  
ca. 1962



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1104 Belmont Parkway

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
May, 2017

- 1992 Elizabeth Weber, owner  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The directory indicates that Elizabeth Weber was a new resident at this address.  
NOTE: Elizabeth Weber was the daughter of Richard F. and Ann Jarvis Brown.
- 1985-86 Beth A. Brown, owner  
Tech, Century Animal Hospital (not listed in the directory)  
NOTE: Beth A. Brown was the daughter of Richard F. and Ann Jarvis Brown.
- 1981 Richard F. and Ann J. Brown, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1977 Richard F. and Ann J. Brown, owners  
President, Newspapers, Inc., publishers of the Austin American-Statesman, 308 Guadalupe Street.  
NOTE: The listing for Newspapers, Inc shows James Fain as the president.
- 1973 Richard F. and Ann J. Brown, owners  
Publisher, Austin American and Austin Statesman, 4<sup>th</sup> and Guadalupe Streets.

- 1968 Richard F. and Ann J. Brown, owners  
Publisher, Austin American and Austin Statesman, 4<sup>th</sup> and Guadalupe Streets.
- 1965 Richard F. and Ann J. Brown, owners  
Executive vice-president, Newspapers, Inc., publishers of the Austin American  
and the Austin Statesman, 4<sup>th</sup> and Guadalupe Streets.
- 1964 Richard F. and Ann J. Brown, owners  
Executive vice-president, Newspapers, Inc., publishers of the Austin American  
and the Austin Statesman, 4<sup>th</sup> and Guadalupe Streets.
- 1963 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Richard F. and Ann J. Brown are listed at 5701 Susie Court. He was the  
executive vice-president of Newspaper, Inc., publishers of the Austin American  
and the Austin Statesman, 4<sup>th</sup> and Guadalupe Streets.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

**Richard F. and Ann Jarvis Brown (ca. 1962 – 1983)**





American-Statesman/UPI

**AUSTIN'S OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN OF YEAR**

Dick **Brown's** career is meteoric.

# *Dick Brown*

## *'Man of 1961'*

**Richard** F. (Dick) Brown—a stranger in Austin five years ago—Thursday afternoon was named the city's outstanding young man of 1961.

The selection of **Brown**, The American - Statesman's 30-year-old acting managing editor, was disclosed at the Junior Chamber of Commerce's annual Distinguished Service awards luncheon.

A distinguished panel of five judges picked **Brown**, a young man constantly on the go for the betterment of his chosen community, from among 15 nominees for the Jaycee-sponsored award.

The choice was made Tuesday but not announced until early Thursday afternoon.

**Brown** was born into a newspaper family. He is a nephew of Harlon M. Fentress of Waco, president of Newspapers Incorporated, publishers of The Austin Statesman and The Austin American, as well as the daily newspapers in Waco and Port Arthur.

**Brown's** rise to community prominence and civic leadership

has been phenomenal. The quick smiling, brisk-moving young executive was unknown when he came to Austin in 1956.

Now—in addition to his time, talent and energy consuming newspaper position—he is chairman of the **United Fund's** public

relations and promotion committee, president of the Young Men's Christian Association, president of the Headliners Club, president of Young Men's Business League, a Chamber of Commerce director, and a director of the local Red Cross.

**Brown** learned the newspaper business by working day and night at it, and in many employee capacities. Since joining the staff in 1956, he has worked in the editorial, classified advertising, display advertising, accounting, and circulation departments.

He is one of the prime movers behind the campaign to broaden Austin's economic base through industry, with emphasis on research and electronics.

**Brown** was one of the organizers of the Chamber of Commerce drive to raise \$120,000 for a three-year program of advertising the city's attractions to industry. He pushed the drive in three capacities, as a chamber director, member of the executive committee of the chamber's industrial council, and as a member of the administrative board of the chamber's Economic Development Council.

Says Tom Perkins, the chamber's industrial manager: "Our success in raising the fund is due largely to Dick's dynamic leadership and his determined efforts in publicizing the need and informing the business community, which made the plan possible."

**Brown** has served two years as chairman in charge of public relations for the United Fund. Roger M. Busfield, UF public information director, says of his work: "The results of the 1960 and 1961 United Fund campaigns reflect the terrific job he and his committee did. In each campaign more money was raised than ever before. This year the total will exceed \$600,000."

George Hill, director of the local Red Cross, credits **Brown** with raising an emergency \$23,000 quota for Travis County following Hurricane Carla. "This is the first time in history that an emergency quota has been raised in Travis County. The success of the drive goes to **Brown** and the committee which he headed," Hill says.

Although affiliated with the YMCA only four years, **Brown** has served as both vice president and president. As vice president he handled programming for the annual Hi-Y Youth and Government program involving 500 boys and girls from all over the state.

"As president, he coordinated the entire YMCA program, with emphasis on youth programs," says the YMCA's executive director, B. R. Reynolds.

**Brown** was also interested in youth work as YMBL president. He inaugurated a Christmas party at the Pan-American Center for underprivileged children. It will be an annual affair. As a YMBL vice president he was in charge of the club's Sunshine Camp for underprivileged children, broadening the camp's crafts program. During his year as YMBL president, the club raised a record fund for operation of the camp.

**Brown's** administration as Headliners Club president saw the club's activities expanded to include a program for better relations with Latin America. This included a Fiesta Mexicana and the honoring of diplomatic representatives from Latin American countries.



The year's outstanding young man is a native of Corsicana and a graduate of SMU. In Brown's senior year at SMU he won an "M" award for service to the school. After graduation he spent two years with the Air Force in Scotland, being commissioned a second lieutenant.

Brown lives with his wife, the former Ann Jarvis of Troup, and their two children, Beth and Abby, at 5701 Susie Court.

The award judges were: L. D. Haskew, University of Texas vice-chancellor; John Allen, former judge of the County Court-at-Law; the Rev. Albert Jesse, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church; Earl T. Howell, president of Austin Savings and Loan Association; and Ed St. John, Chamber of Commerce president.

News story on Richard F. Brown being named Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1961  
Austin Statesman, January 11, 1962

## Brown to leave post as publisher of A-S

American-Statesman Publisher Richard F. Brown announced Friday that he will leave the twice-daily Austin newspaper he has headed since 1966.

"Years of close association with the people who create The Austin American-Statesman each day, and with the people of Central Texas, have been the most satisfying experience of my lifetime," Brown said.

"My departure from the position of publisher allows me to pursue personal

endeavors in which I have become involved.

"Under the leadership of the new owners, Cox Enterprises, Inc., I am quite sure the American-Statesman will continue to grow in service and leadership to the Central Texas area, and to the people who make it great," Brown said.

Cox Enterprises, Inc., of Atlanta, Ga., acquired the four daily newspaper properties of Newspapers, Inc., in Waco, Austin, Port

Arthur and Lukin this Tuesday.

Brown, who also was president of Newspapers, Inc., said he will remain in Austin.

Publisher Brown's brother, Tim Brown, production director of the American-Statesman, will remain in his present position.

American-Statesman General Manager Bill Meroney also will remain with the Austin newspaper.

News story on the departure of Richard F. Brown from his position of publisher of the Austin  
American-Statesman  
Austin American-Statesman, January 10, 1976

**Ann Jarvis Brown**

Ann Jarvis Brown, age 71, passed away Friday, September 24, 2004, in Austin, Texas. She was born March 16, 1933, in Troup, Texas, to Gus and Velma Jarvis. Ann attended Ward Belmont School in Nashville, Tennessee, and later received a degree from Southern Methodist University in 1954. She was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. She married Richard F. Brown, former Austin American-Statesman Publisher, in 1954. Along with her busy family life she devoted considerable time to a great number of charity and civic organizations. She served on the Boards of the Junior League, United Fund, Child & Family Services, Campfire Girls, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority Alumnae, Settlement Club and Junior Helping Hand. She chaired such political organizations as the Travis County Women for Nixon and the George Bush for Senate Campaign. She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Abby Hendrix. She is survived by her daughter, Beth Weber of Warwick, New York; son, Brian Brown and wife, Tracy of Austin, Texas; grandson, Christopher St. John and granddaughter, Courtney St. John, both of Houston, Texas; granddaughter, Samantha Brown and grandson, William Brown, both of Austin, Texas. She was a loving, devoted and generous mother and grandmother as well as a dear friend to many. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, September 26, 2004, at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, September 27, 2004, in the Colonial Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 28, 2004, at Pinecrest Cemetery in Troup, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Junior League of Austin or Ronald McDonald House.

Obituary of Ann Jarvis Brown

Austin American-Statesman, September 26, 2004

**Richard Brown**

**1101 Belmont Pkwy**

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**Belmont Sec. 2**

**Brick Veneer & Frame Residence & Att. CP In front**

**84454**

**7-2-62**

**54,000.00**

**Johnson Bros. Const.**

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**RESIDENCE**

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Building permit to Richard Brown for the construction of this house (1962) and to Richard Brown for a frame patio cover (1976)

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**SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT**  
Austin, Texas

N<sup>o</sup> 38153

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Received of RICHARD BROWN Date 7-2-62

Address 1101 BELMONT PARKWAY

Amount FIFTY \$ 50.00

Builder or Owner SAME Plumber ACME

Lot 5 Block -- Subdivision BELMONT SEC 2 Plat No. 62

Date of Connection	<u>11-13-62</u>	No. Fittings	<u>6</u>	Price	<u>150</u>
By City	<u>193 - Edw. in. Eam</u>	Pipe	<u>6"</u>	Size	<u>6"</u>
By Plumber	<u>J. W. Eam</u>	Wyes	<u>1</u>	Price	<u>98</u>
Checked By	<u>L. W. Eam</u>	Bends	<u>6"</u>	Size	<u>6"</u>
Size Main	<u>8"</u>	Reducers		Price	
Depth	<u>5'</u>	Plugs		Size	
Main Assign.	<u>2.5' W OF ELL</u>	Sand		Price	
Stub Depth		Gravel		Size	
Prop. Line	<u>2</u>	Remix		Price	
Stub Location	<u>anywhere along ELL</u>	Stoppers		Size	
Book No.	<u>A-3480</u>	Castings		Price	
Paving Cut	<u>10-23-62</u>	Other		Size	
No.	<u>80</u>	Labor	<u>12</u>	Price	<u>15.60</u>
			<u>1</u>	Size	<u>2.55</u>
			<u>1</u>	Price	<u>1.50</u>
				Total	<u>\$ 23.11</u>

Sewer service permit to Richard Brown for this house (1962)

There was a permit for a bathroom addition and to remodel the existing house issued in 1993.