

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JULY 24, 2017  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2017-0357  
4703 BURNET ROAD

## PROPOSAL

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Demolish a ca. 1938 commercial building.

## ARCHITECTURE

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One-story, rectangular-plan, flat-roofed stone-veneered commercial building with a central entry, a large fixed sash window on either side of the entry, and a full-width, shed-roofed metal canopy on wood posts.

## RESEARCH

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This building appears to date from 1938. It was first a beer tavern, then a drive-in restaurant in the 1940s. It was the Rosedale Café in the 1950s and the Rosedale Tavern from the early 1960s through the mid-1970s.

Around 1980, the building was converted to commercial use, with Foreign Auto Parts occupying the space in the early- to mid-1980s. Pilar's Antiques and Imports was located here from the mid-1980s through the early 1990s; it was the home of a knife shop from the 1990s until the present.

## STAFF COMMENTS

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

The building only partially meets the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

- a. **Architecture.** The building is a vernacular stone-veneered commercial building that is typical of its period of construction, but has become a rarity in Austin. While the current windows may not be original, the original openings are intact.
- b. **Historical association.** The building housed a series of neighborhood businesses, including a restaurant and a beer hall, later an auto parts store and an antiques store, before its latest identity as a knife shop. However, there do not appear to be significant historical associations.
- c. **Archaeology.** The building was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
- d. **Community value.** The building does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group, although its stone veneer construction is typical of the residential architecture in the adjacent Rosedale neighborhood.
- e. **Landscape feature.** The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

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## LOCATION MAP



1" = 333'



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2017-0357

LOCATION: 4703 Burnet Road

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4703 Burnet Road  
ca. 1938



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By Victoria Haase, Thrower Design  
June 14, 2017

1996	Knife Sharpest
1992	Pilar's Antiques & Imports, tenant Stanley Smoot & Pilar I. – Residence @ 9001 Scottsman Drive
1990	Pilar's Antiques & Imports, tenant Stanley Smoot & Pilar I. – Residence @ 9001 Scottsman Drive
1988	Pilar's Antiques & Imports, tenant Stanley Smoot & Pilar I. – Residence @ 9001 Scottsman Drive
1985	Foreign Auto Parts, tenant Clayton & Elizabeth Brantley – Residence @ 1414 Ridgehaven Drive
1983	Foreign Auto Parts, tenant Clayton & Elizabeth Brantley – Residence @ 1808 Madison Avenue
1980	Public X-Change, tenant Jack A. Stewart, Anita Puckett – Residence @ 1717 E 8 <sup>th</sup> Street
1977	Consignment House, restaurant, tenant Randy B. Barten – No address listed.
1974	Vacant

1971	Martin's Rosedale Tavern, tenant Martin W. Shuler, Mobelle – Residence @ 403 Philco Drive
1968	Mike's Rosedale Tavern, tenant Mike G. Lavas, Frances – Residence @7002 St. John's Circle
1965	Rosedale Tavern, tenant Wilbur D. Tabor, Virginia – Residence @ 4806 Ramsey Avenue
1959	Rosedale Café, tenant John Wood, Rhonda – Residence 3313 Glenview Avenue
1952	Rosedale Café, tenant John Wood, Rhonda - Residence 3313 Glenview Avenue
1947	Lytton's Drive In, restaurant
1942	Lytton's Drive In, restaurant John L. Lytton, Mary owner
1939	Shield FW, beer Shield Fritz W. – Residence @ 604 W 18 <sup>th</sup> Street
1937	The address is not listed in the directory.

## DEED HISTORY

**DATE:**

**CONVEYED TO:**

2017, November 4	4705 Burnet Road LP
1981, July 1	Thomas H. Greene
1981, June 1	Ezell Flick Investments
1953, August 18	Lucille Pearson Dye
1936, March 18	James E. Dye
1918, September 16	Washington & Eva Barrow, Conveyed by Ella Corzine, Widow





1953 Sanborn Map



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