

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 23, 2017
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2017-0513
919 VALDEZ STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a 1939 church building.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled wood-frame building constructed in a vernacular style with a shed-roofed addition. The building is clad in shiplap wood siding and features 8-light wood-sash windows and a partially enclosed entry porch. A small gable-roofed bell tower sits atop the ridge line.

RESEARCH

919 Valdez Street was moved onto the property in 1957 for use as a church. The building's original location, construction date, and use are not known. It does not appear that it was used previously as a church, as the building permit for the relocation notes work to include "repair and convert for church." After its relocation, the building was occupied by the Gethsemane Assembly of God in 1962-73, and Templo Getsemani de las Asambleas de Dios in 1977-86.

In 1961, a one-story frame addition was constructed on the north side of the building to house a kitchen and dining room. A one-story masonry addition at the northeast corner was proposed in 1977-78. However, it is not clear if it was built, as the entire building appears to be of wood-frame construction.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date. It is not designated at the state or national levels.

919 Valdez Street does not appear to meet the criteria for designation as a historic landmark.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old, having been constructed prior to 1957.
- 2) The building retains a low degree of integrity. Though the building's materials appear to be original, it sustained a large side addition and has been moved from its original location.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation. The property does not appear to demonstrate significance according to any of the designation criteria for historic landmarks listed in the City of Austin Land Development Code (Section 25-2-352).
 - a. **Architecture.** The building is built in a vernacular style. It does not appear to be architecturally significant.
 - b. **Historical association.** The building was associated with three different Assembly of God congregations from 1955 until at least 1986. However, there do not appear to be significant historical associations.
 - c. **Archaeology.** The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.

- d. **Community value.** The property does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the Montopolis neighborhood, or a particular group.
- 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

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use. If rehabilitation and adaptive re-use are not feasible, then encourage relocation over demolition and 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.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2017-0513
LOCATION: 919 Valdez Street



1" = 182'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Primary (west) façade of 919 Valdez Street



Detail of north elevation



Building, n.d. (Source: Austin's Montopolis Neighborhood, by Fred L. McGhee, p. 88)

Occupancy History

City directory research, Austin History Center
 By Historic Preservation Office staff
 October 2017

1955 Address not listed

1959 Address not listed

1962-73 Gethsemane Assembly of God
 Rev. Mary Powers is listed from ca. 1968 to ca. 1973.

1977-86 Templo Getsemani de las Asambleos de Dios

Occupant Notes

No information was found on Gethsemane Assembly of God or Templo Getsemani in newspaper archives, with the exception of a few funeral notices.

Staff initiated initial research on Rev. Mary Powers, but was not able to distinguish between many individuals with that name in historical records.

Building Permits

Assembly of God Church 919 Valdez St.
 680 10 8
 Chernosky #16
 Building onto lot _ repair & convert for church.
 68118 12/20/57 600.00
 owner 4
 13581 28335

OFF STREET PARKING AS PER ORDINANCE CHURCH

Permit to relocate, repair, and convert a building into a church, 12/20/1957.

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

Nº 28335A

Received of Assembly of God Church Date 12-20-57
 Address 919 Valdez
 Amount Sum of fine on 12/20/57
 Builder or Owner At Church Plumber Parsons
 Lot 10 Block 8 Subdivision Chernosky #16 Plat No. 680

No. Fittings	Size	Price
15	Pipe 6" Con.	3.75
1	Wyes	
1	Bends 6" Con.	.98
	Reducers	
	Plugs	
	Sand	
	Gravel	
	Remix	
	Stoppers	
	Castings	
	Other top 6" Con.	.98
Labor: 16 Hr.		20.00
Truck 1 Hr.		1.50
Person 1 Hr.		1.90
Total		\$29.11

Date of Connection 3-27-58
 By City 3 S of NLL ✓
 By Plumber _____
 Checked By Amato
 Size Main 8" Depth ±5 1/2'
 Main Assign. 35' EHWPL
 Stub Depth 6' Prop. Line 2.5'
 Stub Location to be @ NLL ✓
 Book No. A-4080 ✓
 Paving Cut No. 0432158 87 ✓

Sewer permit, 12/20/1959.

Assembly of God Church 919 Valdez St.
 680 10 8

Chernosky #16

Frame addition to church bldg.

79443 4-12-61 700.00

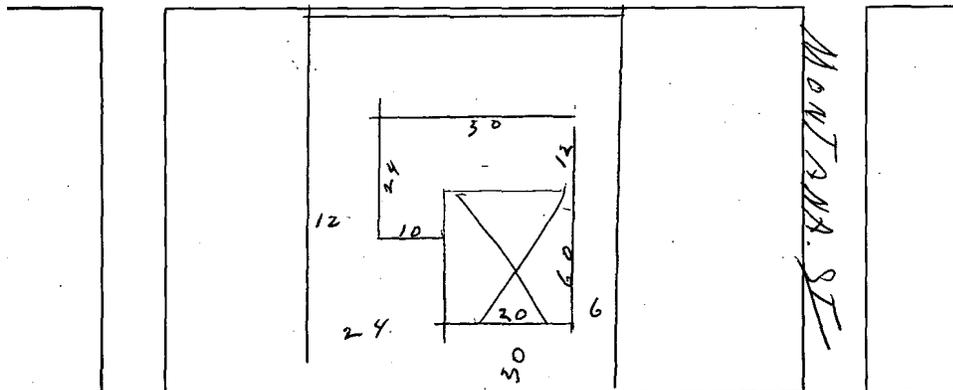
owners

1 sink

KITCHEN & DINING ROOM

Building permit for wood-frame addition, 4/12/1961.

ADDRESS: 919 VALDEZ ST.		LOT. 10	BLK. 8	SUB. Chernosky #16	
PLAT: 680	FIRE ZONE 3	USE DIST. A	H & A DIST. 1	OCCUPANCY KIT. B. DIN. R.M.	
4-24-61 LAYOUT	5-18-61	FRAMING	5-18-61	FINAL 7 944 3	
From Add. to Church.	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	SPECIAL NOTES
B.L.D.G. FOUNDATION	CON BLS	-	4 X 6 16	NECESSARY BLDG. CONN.	30 X 12 + 10 X 12
FR. SETBACK	30		2 X 6 26	ROOM VENTILATION	Church.
AGGREGATE & MIN. SIDE YD.	30		2 X 4 16	WATER & SEWER RELEASE	M.D. SIDING.
SIDE STREET YARD				PLMB. DEPT. RELEASE	
				HEATING & A/C RELEASE	
				ELECTRIC DEPT. RELEASE	
				ENG. DEPT. RELEASE	
				FIRE MARSHAL RELEASE	
				ROOF OVERHANG	F.C. Power.. 4-12-61
				PAVED PARK REQ. & NO.	Assembly of God Church.
50 X 119.20					



VALDEZ STREET
 W.A.S.
 INSPECTOR

Inspection form for wood-frame addition, 5/18/1961.

OWNER Assembly Of God Church ADDRESS 919 Valdez St.
PLAT 680 LOT 10 BLK 8
SUBDIVISION Chernosky #16
OCCUPANCY Church Classrm
BLD PERMIT # 161603 DATE 1-14-77 OWNERS ESTIMATE 2,500.00
CONTRACTOR Same NO. OF FIXTURES none
WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #

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Building permit for masonry addition, 3/7/1978. It is not clear if the addition was constructed.

Address: 919 VALDEZ ST Permit: 161603 Plat: 680

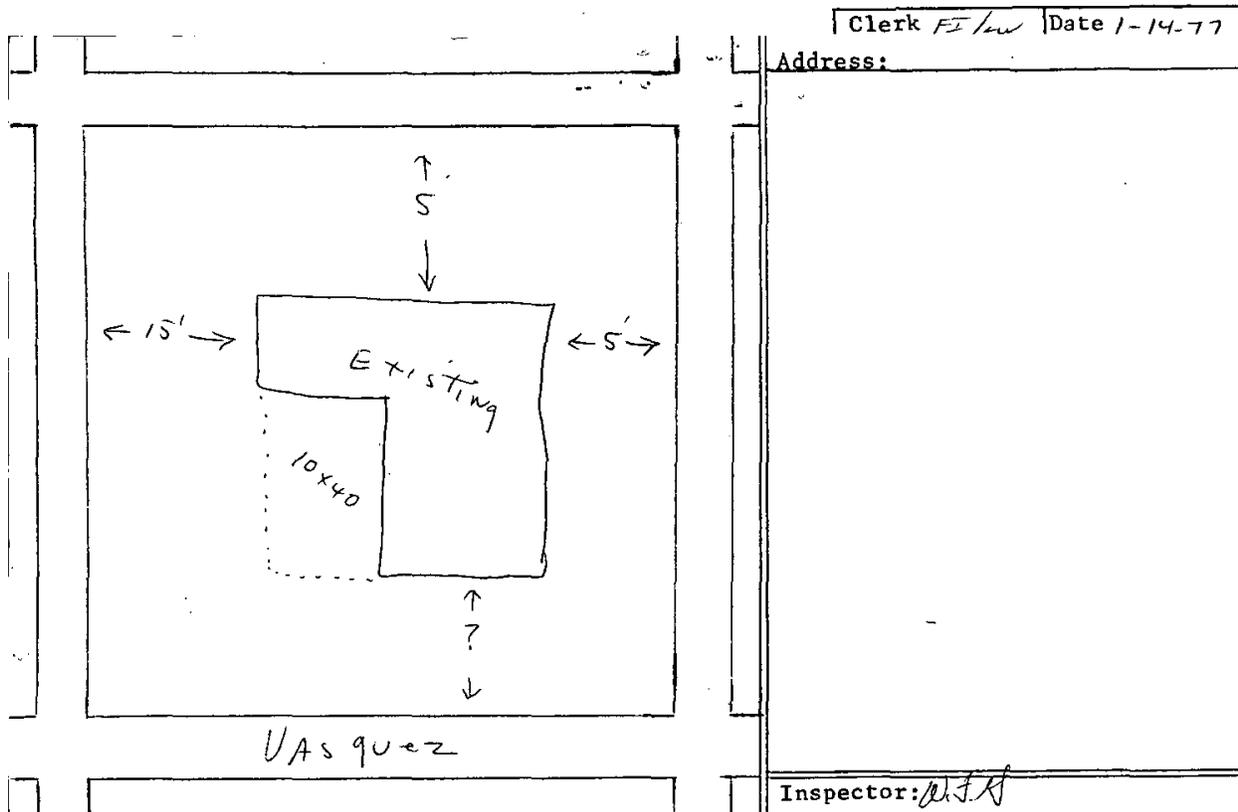
Lot: 10 Block 8 Subdivision: Chernosky #16

Outlot Occupancy: ONE STORY MASONRY ADDN TO EXISTING CHURCH

Fire Zone: 3 Use Dist. A & 1st

1-19-77	Layout	Framing	3-7-78	Final	Commercial
Foundation		Floor joist size & o.c.	Bldg. Conn.		Parking
Front setback		ceiling joist size & o.c.	Room Vent.		Exits
Total & Min. side yard		stud size & o.c.	Stairs		Exit lights
Side St. Yard			Rails		Fences
Type Const.		W. Insulation	Attic Vent.		Corridors
Spec. Permit #		Sheetrock	Insulation		
BOA		Commercial Sheetrock	Hood Vent.		
		Occup. Sep. Thru out	Glass		
			Deadbolts		
			Fireplaces		

Owner: Assembly of God Church Contractor: Owner



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