

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 27, 2017
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2017-0513
919 VALDEZ STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a church building moved onto the property in 1957.

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." Beginning in 1959, the building was occupied by the Gethsemane Assembly of God, later called Templo Getsemani de las Asambleas de Dios.

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 constructed, as the entire building appears to be of wood-frame construction.

The Gethsemane Assembly of God was chartered in 1957 and first located at 807 Montopolis Drive. Records from the General Council of the Assemblies of God show that the church was chartered as Gethsemane de las Asambleas de Dios, though Austin city directories list the name in English. The church changed its name twice: in 1971 to Gethsemani de las Asambleas de Dios and in 2006 to Gethsemani Assembly of God.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey. 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 was moved from its original location.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (City of Austin Land Development Code (Section 25-2-352). The property does not appear to demonstrate significance according to any of the criteria.
 - 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 an Assembly of God congregation from 1959 until 2016. However, there do not appear to be significant historical associations based on archival research and community inquiries.
- 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 [*sic*] 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 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 to fine on 12-20-57
 Builder or Owner Chernosky Plumber Plumber
 Lot 10 Block 8 Subdivision Chernosky #16 Plat No. 680

Date of Connection	By City	By Plumber	Checked By	No. Fittings	Size	Price
3-27-58	3 S of NLL ✓		Amaro	15	6" Con.	3.75
					Wyes	
				1	Bends 6" Con.	.98
					Reducers	
					Plugs	
					Sand	
					Gravel	
					Remix	
					Stoppers	
					Castings	
				1	Other Tap 6" Con.	.98
					Labor: 16 Hrs.	20.00
					Truck 1 Hr.	1.50
					Person 1 Hr.	1.90
					Total	\$29.11

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

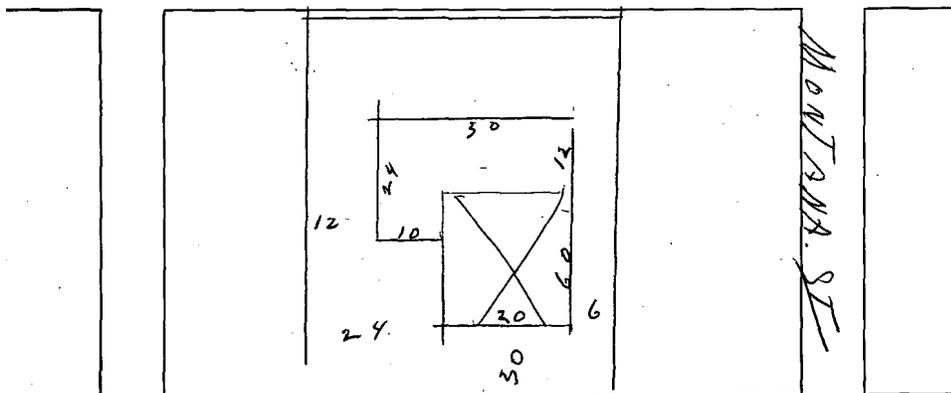
1 sink

KITCHEN & DINING ROOM

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

ADDRESS: <i>919 VALDEZ ST.</i>		LOT. <i>10</i>	BLK. <i>8</i>	SUB. <i>Chernosky #16</i>	
PLAT: <i>680</i>	FIRE ZONE <i>3</i>	USE DIST. <i>A</i>	H & A DIST. <i>1</i>	OCCUPANCY <i>KIT, D. DIN. R.M.</i>	
<i>4-24-61</i> LAYOUT	<i>5-18-61</i>	FRAMING <i>5-18-61</i>	FINAL	<i>79443</i>	
<i>Frame Addn to Church</i>	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	SPECIAL NOTES
<i>BLDG</i>	<i>CON</i>				<i>30X12-110X12</i>
FOUNDATION	<i>BLKS</i>		FLOOR-JOIST SIZE & O.C.	<i>2x6</i>	
FR: SETBACK	<i>30</i>		CEILING-JOIST SIZE & O.C.	<i>2x6</i>	<i>Church.</i>
AGGREGATE & MIN. SIDE YD.	<i>5</i>		STUD SIZE & O.C.	<i>2x4</i>	<i>W.D. SIDING.</i>
SIDE STREET YARD			MASONRY WALL	<i>16</i>	
			STAIRS REQ. AND NO.		
			ATTIC FIRE STOPS REQ.		
			FIRE WALLS REQ. & NO.		
			ROOF OVERHANG	<i>1</i>	
			NECESSARY BLDG. CONN.		
			ROOM VENTILATION		
			WATER & SEWER RELEASE		
			PLMB. DEPT. RELEASE		
			HEATING & A/C RELEASE		
			ELECTRIC DEPT. RELEASE		
			ENG. DEPT. RELEASE		
			FIRE MARSHAL RELEASE		
			ROOF OVERHANG	<i>1</i>	<i>F.O. Power 4-12-61</i>
			PAVED PARK REQ. & NO.		<i>Assembly of G.O.D Church.</i>

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

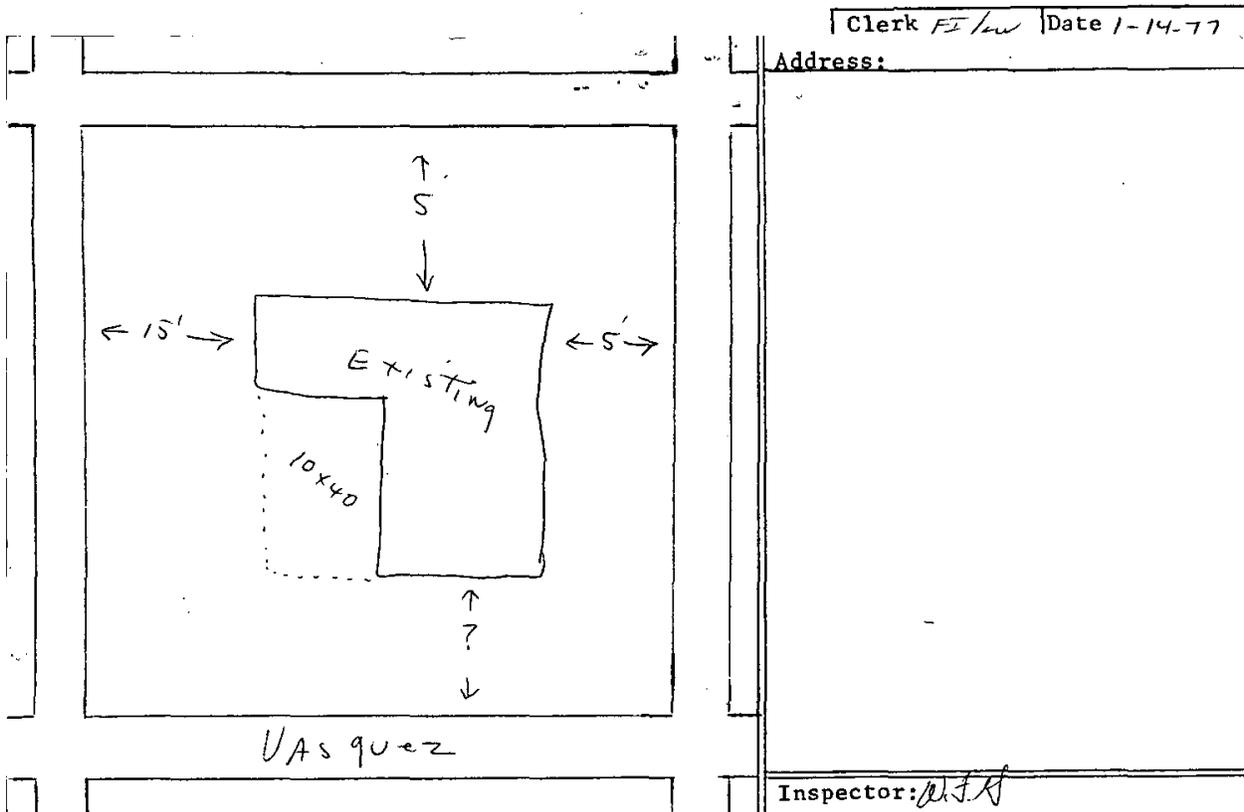
CONTRACTOR Same NO. OF FIXTURES None

WATER TAP REC # _____ SEWER TAP REC # _____

1 stry mas addn to existing church

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	
Fire Zone: 3	Use Dist. A & 1 st	Occupancy: ONE STORY MASONRY ADDN TO EXISTING CHURCH	
1-19-77	Layout	Framing	3-7-78 Final
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.	Corriders
Spec. Permit #	Sheetrock	Insulation	
BOA	Commercial Sheetrock	Hood Vent.	
	Occup. Sep. Thru out	Glass	
		Deadbolts	
		Fireplaces	
Owner: Assembly of God Church		Contractor: Owner	



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