

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 27, 2018
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2018-0374
3401 Werner Ave

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, hip-roofed building built in the Minimal Traditional style. Clad in brick veneer and vertical wood siding, with half-width porch and covered carport; double-hung 12:12 wood-sash windows.

RESEARCH

The building at 3401 Werner Avenue was constructed around 1948. Dale D. and Ruth M. Hennig appear to have been the first homeowners; they lived there until around 1957. Dale worked as a sausage maker, while Ruth was a clerk at the Texas State Treasurer. By 1961, Robert F. and Nadine Parten occupied the house. Robert worked at Parten's Grocery (or Parten's Meat), while Nadine worked as a saleswoman at Rhealee Hat Shop before retiring. Robert died in 1971 and Nadine died in 1974, after which a succession of renters lived in the house until at least 1992.

STAFF COMMENTS

The building does not appear to meet the criteria for designation as a historic landmark.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is 50 years old, having been constructed around 1948.
- 2) The building retains a moderate degree of integrity.
- 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 criteria.
 - a. **Architecture.** The house is built in the Minimal Traditional style. It does not appear to possess distinction within the style.
 - b. **Historical association.** The Hennig and Parten families each lived in the house for approximately ten years; 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 appear to have a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, a 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 reuse of the building. If the Commission votes to release the permit, then staff recommends relocation over demolition, and 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

1" = 250'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2018-0374

LOCATION: 3401 WERNER AVE

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Primary (west) façade of 3401 Werner Avenue.

Occupancy History

Completed by Historic Preservation Office staff
August 2018

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| 1947 | Address not listed |
| 1949-57 | Dale D. and Ruth M. Hennig, owners
Dale worked as a sausage maker at Slaughter Packing Co. (211 Brazos Street), while Ruth worked as a clerk at the Texas State Treasurer |
| 1961-64 | Robert F. and Nadine Parten, owners
Salesman, Parten's Grocery (or Parten Meat), possibly located at 2944 E. 12 th Street |
| 1968-73 | Nadine Parten, owner
Saleswoman, Rhealee Hat Shop (1968); retired (1973) |
| 1977 | Donald A. Reyes, renter
Computer operator, Austin NB |
| 1981 | Virginia Hamilton, renter
No occupation listed |
| 1985-86 | Vacant |

1992 Jerald Lacey, renter
 No occupation listed

Background Research

Dale Dawson Hennig was born in 1921 in Travis County. He worked in the meat industry as a meat cutter and sausage maker, first at Stacy Meat Products (by 1942) and at the Slaughter Packing Co. by 1949. He died in 1995 in Manor.

Ruth M. Hennig was born in 1922. She married Dale Hennig prior to 1949, and they had at least one child. By 1949, she worked as a clerk at the Texas State Treasurer. It appears that she is still living.

Robert Franklin Parten was born in 1910 in Coryell, Texas. By 1930, he was living in Austin and working as an auto mechanic or "bodyman," work he continued until at least 1942. By 1959, he was working as a salesman at Parten Meat. Robert Parten died in 1991 in Falls County, Texas.

Nadine Genevieve Parten (nee Wright) was born in 1904 in Austin. She married Robert Parten between 1927 and 1929. Nadine worked as an operator at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1929, but city directories from the 1930s do not list an occupation for her. She may have been a stay-at-home mother during that time, as the Partens' son was born around 1930. By 1942, she was working as a saleswoman, work that she began again (or continued) in the late 1960s and early 1970s as a saleswoman at Rhealee Hat Shop. Nadine Parten died in 1974 in Austin.

OPEN HOUSE
FOR SOMEONE
STARTING AT U.T.

Small comfortable, close to U.T.
 All brick, hardwood floor, 2 bedroom, 1
 bath, large fenced yard, quiet street,
 shade trees.
 This is the house to buy and live in while
 going to school.
READY TO MOVE INTO

3401 WERNER AVENUE
, 2 PM TIL DARK

HENRY BROOKS

Sandlin & Co.

"Open House" advertisement, The Austin American Statesman, 2/23/1974.

Building Permits

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

C No 2077

Austin, Texas

Received of G. C. DANIELS Date 10-1-48

Address 3401 WERNER

Amount TWENTY TWO 10-0-0 20

Plumber L. L. MYERS Size of Tap 3/4

Date of Connection 10-11-48

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 2" C.I.

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'

From M - Prop. Line to Curb Cock 2.0'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 2.5'

Depth of Service Line 2.5'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main on main

Checked by Engr. Dept. 11-12-48 H. S.

INDEX

No.	Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock	5/8"
1	Elbow	3/4" Cop.
1	St. Elbow	3/4" Success
1	Brushing	3/4" 10.00
1	Reducer	2" x 3/4" Tap
1	Pipe	2" 3/4" Cop.
	Lead Comp.	
	Nipples	
	Union	
	Plug	Tap
	Tap	1" 10.00
	Box	Lock
	Lid	
	Valves	
	Job No.	W-323-502
	Req. No.	V-2000

SERVICE CHANGED TO 6" MAIN ON TAP 5-15-64

Water tap permit issued to G. C. Daniels, 10/1/1948.

Receipt No. 10742 Application for Sewer Connection No 25307

Austin, Texas, 10-11 1948

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by G. C. Daniels at 3401 Werner Street,

further described as Lot 8 Block 7 Outlot 7 Division 7

subdivision University Park Plat 68, which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 31750

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. 10-14-48

Depth at Prop. Line 3 ft

Stab Out Connected 16 ft N.A.S. PL (Location)

Date 10-28-48

By Munoz

NOTE: Connection Instruction to sewer in Werner + 7 ft side

Man 24 5 E 10 R 10-14-48

Sewer connection permit issued to G. C. Daniels, 10/11/1948.