HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION OCTOBER 22, 2018 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2018-0543 1105-09 N. IH-35

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1965 former supermarket and a ca. 1972 former drug store.

ARCHITECTURE

The ca. 1965 former grocery store is a one-story, rectangular-plan, barrel-vaulted roofed masonry commercial building with a plate-glass storefront. The building reflects the corporate identity for Safeway supermarkets of the era. The ca. 1972 former drug store is a one-story, rectangular-plan, flat-roofed masonry commercial building with a stepped parapet and a plate-glass storefront.

RESEARCH

This land was the site of the original campus of Samuel Huston College in Austin. The land was purchased by benefactors for Samuel Huston College in 1880; the school remained on this site until it merged with Tillotson College in 1952 and the original site was sold.

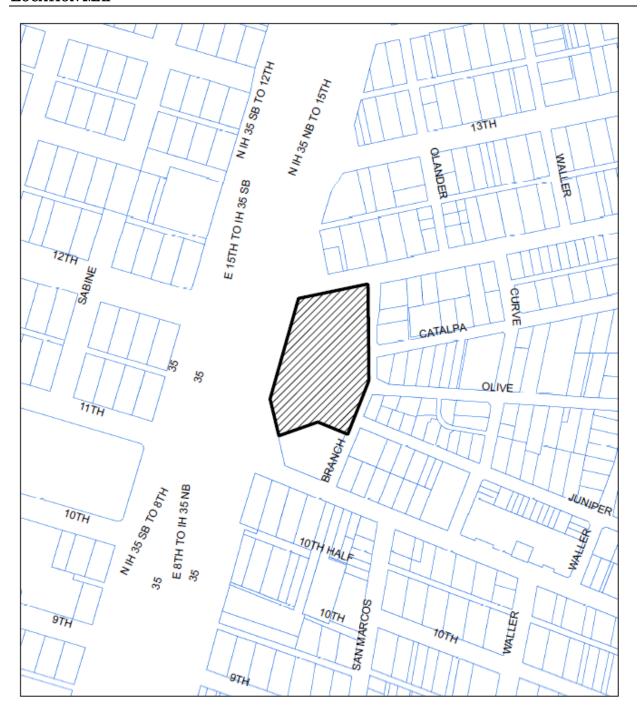
What became Samuel Huston College started with the Methodist Episcopal church desire to construct a college for African-American students in Texas. The school was initially established in Dallas in 1878, but moved to Austin in 1880 with the purchase of this property. Although the school experienced starts and stops in the early years of its existence, it opened permanently in 1900 with Reuben S. Lovinggood as the president. Samuel Huston College was intended to be a liberal arts school, with emphasis on training teachers for the many new grade schools for African-Americans at the time. The school was named for an Iowa farmer, Samuel Huston, who donated property to the school. In 1952, Samuel Huston College merged with Tillotson College, another African-American college dating from the 1870s, and moved to the Tillotson campus on Chicon Street. The buildings on the Samuel Huston College were razed and the land sold. It remained vacant for many years through the construction of IH-35 over what was then East Avenue, until the construction of the Safeway supermarket here in 1965. The drug store to the south followed in 1972.

STAFF COMMENTS

Although neither of these buildings qualify as historic landmarks, the site is very significant as the original site of Samuel Huston College, and should have an archeological assessment to determine the existence of artifacts from the Samuel Huston College era or before.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit with the condition that the applicant conduct an archeological investigation of the site to ensure that any artifacts or other buried materials are excavated and preserved to provide information about the lifeways of the people associated with Samuel Huston College, located here from the late 19th century until 1952.





Subject Tract
Base Map

CASE#: HDP-2018-0543 LOCATION: 1105 N IH 35 SVRD NB

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1105-09 North IH 35 ca. 1965 for 1109 N. IH-35; ca. 1972 for 1105 N. IH-35



The ca. 1965 Safeway grocery store, 1109 N. IH-35



Ca. 1972 Eckerd's Pharmacy (later CVS), 1105 N. IH-35

OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1105-09 North IH 35

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office October, 2018

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Sewer service permit, 1105 N. IH-35 (1971)

The old Eckerd Drugs became a CVS Pharmacy in 2004.

New Safeway Store Opens Here Monday

A new Safeway store, featur-years. Other department heads ing some 19,000 square feet of are James Burnett, assistant sales area, will open its doors for the first time Monday.

Located at 1109 Interregional, the store is the second of three new stores opening in Austin in 1965.

Included in the complex will vided for 148 cars. be a spacious non-foods department, occupying 6,000 square feet. The convenient shopping facility contains numerous home and yard needs.

off with exposed laminated beams and decorated in custom display. shades of pink, red, green, blue and gold. Other features include automatic entrance and exit doors, seven checkstands, and a glass front with covered entrance.

be J. W. Dunn, who has served county and as many as five the company as manager of its counties in a board, depending

manager: Claude Gann, meat department manager; Robert Spruill, produce; and James Walker, non-foods manager,

Parking facilities are pro-

Facilities in the various departments include 65-foot refrigerated cases for meat; 60-foot refrigerated produce and 72foot dry produce displays; 124 The interior of the store is set feet of frozen food display; and dairy products with 65 feet of

> The third of the new stores, located at Burnet Road and Whatley, is scheduled for a December opening.

There are as many as eight The new store manager will Selective Service boards in a East Sixth Street store seven | upon the population of the area.

News story on the opening of the Safeway grocery store at 1109 N. IH-35 Austin American-Statesman, November 21, 1965



American-Statesman/UPI

New Safeway

Bill Dunn, left, manager, and James Burnett, assistant manager, stand in front of their new Safeway store at 1109 North Interregional. The new store opened for business Monday. Dunn lives at Route 5, Box 77, and Burnett lives at 1909 Ridgecreek.

Manager Bill Dunn and assistant manager James Burnett outside of the new Safeway grocery store at 1109 N. IH-35

Austin American-Statesman, November 25, 1965

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Samuel Huston College (ca. 1880 – ca. 1952)

Samuel Huston College was established in Dallas in 1876 by the Methodist Episcopal Conference for the education of African-American students. In 1878, the school moved to Austin, where it first held classes in a church. Approximately 6 acres of land on Robertson Hill was acquired for the original campus in 1880. The school closed in the 1890s due to financial difficulties, but reopened in 1900 on the Robertson Hill site. Several prominent buildings, including Burrowes Hall, the main building, and the Eliza Dee Home for girls, were constructed on the campus. Samuel Huston College merged with Tillotson College in 1952; the buildings were demolished and the school moved to the Tillotson College site on Chicon Street. The new school was known as Huston-Tillotson College.

Samuel Huston College was named for Samuel Huston, a farmer from Marengo, Iowa, who donated property to the school. Burrowes Hall, the main building on the old Samuel Huston College campus, was dedicated to another major benefactor, E.T. Burrowes, of Maine.

The school depended upon the generosity of many Austinites of both races, for its survival. When the school first opened, there was no furniture, books, or other supplies. Austin citizens of both races donated money, goods, and services to the struggling institution until it was stable. The first president was Reuben S. Lovinggood, a native of South Carolina, who came to Austin to oversee the administration of the school after teaching and leading in the Birmingham, Ala. public schools and Wiley University.

Samuel Huston College was a liberal arts school, with a particular emphasis on training teachers for the segregated schools of Texas and the South. Women were trained in domestic science at the Eliza Dee Home on the campus.

No Sanborn maps show the buildings on the old Samuel Huston College campus.



BURROWES HALL, SAMUEL HUSTON COLLEGE



Eliza Dee Home, Samuel Huston College