## HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION OCTOBER 22, 2018 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2018-0516 2102 MAPLE AVENUE

### PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1952 house.

### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a faux-stone wainscot; single 1:1 fenestration; partial-width, flat-roofed, independent porch on ornamental metal posts.

### RESEARCH

The first owners and occupants of this ca. 1952 house were Eugene Bryn and Eddie Mae Cavanaugh, who lived here together from the time of the construction of the house until they divorced in the summer of 1969. Eddie Mae Cavanaugh continued living in his house until around 1990. Eugene B. Cavanaugh was born in Bastrop County in 1920 and worked as an auto mechanic; he also served as the pastor of the Little Zion Baptist Church in Manor for a time in the early 1960s. Eddie Mae Cavanaugh was born in Center, Texas, and worked as a maid while she was married to Eugene; after their divorce, Eddie Mae worked as a nurse's aide at Brackenridge Hospital.

### STAFF COMMENTS

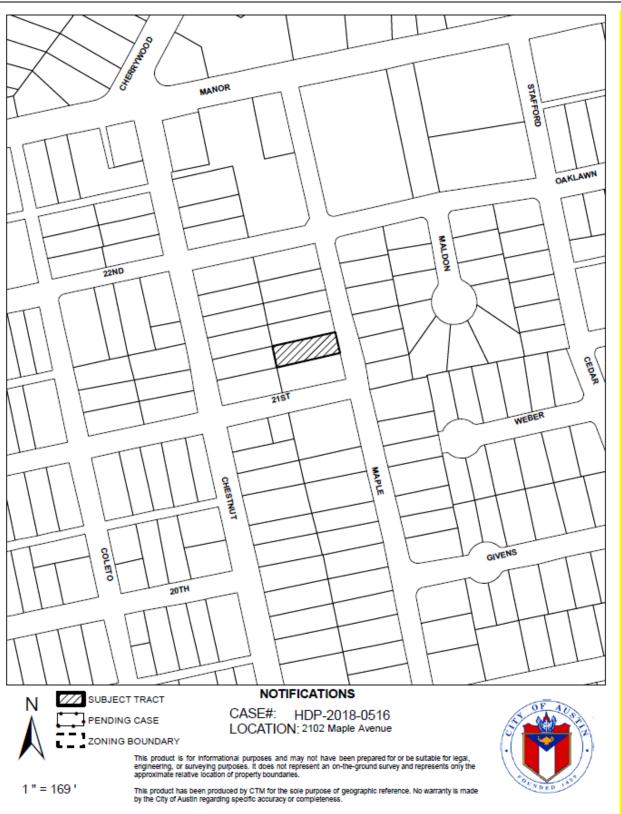
The house was not recommended for individual designation nor as contributing to any potential historic district in the East Austin Historic Resources Survey (2016).

Staff has evaluated this house for designation as a historic landmark and has determined that the house does not meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

- a. Architecture. The house is a frame early 1950s cottage with some possible substitution of materials; this house displays no architectural distinction.
- b. **Historical association**. The house was owned by a garage mechanic and his wife from the time of its construction in 1952 until their divorce in 1969, and then by the divorced wife, a nurse's aide, until around 1990. There do not appear to be significant historical associations.
- c. **Archaeology**. The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
- d. **Community value**. The house 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.
- 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, then relocation over demolition, but 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. The house does not meet the criteria for individual designation as a historic landmark.



# 2102 Maple Avenue ca. 1952



# OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2102 Maple Avenue

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

1992	Vacant
1985-86	Mrs. Eddie M. Cavanaugh, owner No occupation listed
1981	Mrs. Eddie M. Cavanaugh, owner Retired
1977	Mrs. Eddie M. Cavanaugh, owner Nurse's aide, Brackenridge Hospital
1973	Mrs. Eddie M. Cavanaugh, owner Nurse's aide, Brackenridge Hospital
1968	Eugene B. and Eddie M. Cavanaugh, owners Mechanic, Travis Motor Exchange, 311 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street.

1962	Rev. Eugene B. and Eddie M. Cavanaugh, owners Pastor, Little Zion Baptist Church (Manor, Texas)
1959	The address is not listed in the directory. There are no houses listed north of 19 <sup>th</sup> Street. NOTE: Eugene B. and Eddie M. Cavanaugh are listed in the alphabetical section of the directory. He was a mechanic for Travis Motor Exchange, 613 E. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street; she was a maid.
1955	The address is not listed in the directory. There are no houses listed north of 19 <sup>th</sup> Street. NOTE: Eugene B. and Eddie M. Cavanaugh are listed at this address in the alphabetical section of the directory. He was a mechanic for Travis Motor Exchange, 613 E. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street; she was not separately listed with an occupation.
1954	The address is not listed in the directory. There are no houses listed north of 19 <sup>th</sup> Street. NOTE: Eugene B. and Eddie M. Cavanaugh are listed at 2927 E. 19 <sup>th</sup> Street; he was a mechanic for Travis Motor Exchange, 611-15 E. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1952	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Eugene B. and Eddie Cavanaugh are listed at 1606 E. 20 <sup>th</sup> Street.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

### Eugene and Eddie Cavanaugh (ca. 1953 - ca. 1990)

Eugene B. Cavanaugh was born in 1919 in Bastrop County, Texas, and died May 15, 1997. Eddie M. Cavanaugh was born in 1923 and died June 27, 2008.

Eugene B. Cavanaugh and Eddie M. Cavanaugh divorced in Travis County on July 18, 1969.

# **Eddie Mae Cavanaugh**



Eddie Mae Cavanaugh Eddie Mae Cavanaugh, 84, died on June 27, 2008. Eddie Mae was born in Center, Texas. She loved cooking, gardening, fishing and fruit canning and was a lover of all mankind. She was a faithful member of Simpson United Methodist Church until her health began to fail. She served on various committees including the Simpson United Methodist Women's Circle and she was also a Sunday school teacher. Eddie Mae was employed at Brackenridge Hospital,

where she retired after working 26 years. She leaves to cherish her memories one son, Wallace Price of San Pablo, California; one daughter Dorothy Carter (Rev. H. L. Carter) of Austin, Texas; grandson, Dwayne Garrett (Bridget) of Concord, California; grand-daughter, Felicia Smith (Jerry) of Austin, Texas; and grandson Harold Carter of Navasota, Texas; great grand-sons, Dupree, Justin and Christopher Garrett; Jonathan Henderson; Joshua and Caribe Smith; and Jeremy Carter; great grand-daughters, Brittany Garrett, Chalor Smith, Kiara and Imani Carter, and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral service 12:00 noon, Saturday, July 5, 2008 at

Simpson United Methodist Church. Interment Cook-Walden Capital Parks. (King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.)

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