

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 17, 2018
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2018-0636
2211 E. 5TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1944 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a partial-width shed-roofed independent porch; single and paired 4:4 and 1:1 fenestration. The house originally had a Cumberland-style plan with double front doors; the right door has been infilled.

RESEARCH

The house was built during the winter of 1943-1944 by Rodrigo Limon and his wife, Margarita, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Rodrigo Limon was a Mexican-born laborer; he and Margarita raised 10 children in this house. After Rodrigo passed away in 1964, Margarita continued to live here until her death in 1979. After a short period of vacancy, the house was then occupied by one of Rodrigo and Margarita Limon's daughters, Regina, a laundry worker; Regina passed away in 1999. Members of the Limon family lived all along this section of E. 5th Street in the historic period – family members had various businesses in this neighborhood – including a grocery and a garage.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house was recommended not eligible for local or National Register designation 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 1940s minimal traditional cottage with a Cumberland-style plan that has been altered by the infilling of the right twin front door. The house has little architectural distinction and does not qualify for landmark designation under the criterion for architecture.
 - b. **Historical association.** The house was the home of the family of Rodrigo and Margarita Limon, who built the house around 1944 and lived here until 1999, when Regina Limon, a daughter of Rodrigo and Margarita Limon, passed away. Rodrigo Limon was a laborer; Regina Limon was a laundry worker. 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.
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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.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2018-0636
LOCATION: 2211 E 5th Street



1" = 148'

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2211 E. 5th Street
ca. 1944



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2211 E. 5th Street

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

1992	Regina Limon, owner Laundry worker
1985-86	Regina Limon, owner Laundry worker
1981	Regina Limon, owner Laundry worker
1977	Vacant NOTE: Regina Limon is not listed in the directory.
1973	Margarita Limon, owner Widow, Rodrigo L. Limon Retired NOTE: Regina Limon is not listed in the directory.
1968	Margarita Limon, owner Widow, Rodrigo L. Limon Retired
1965	Margarita Limon, owner Widow, Rodrigo L. Limon No occupation listed
1961	Rodrigo L. and Margarita Limon, owners No occupation listed
1959	Rodrigo L. and Margarita Limon, owners No occupation listed
1955	Rodrigo L. and Margarita Limon, owners No occupation listed
1952	Robert [sic] and Marguerita Limon, owners Laborer
1949	Robert [sic] and Margaret [sic] Limon, owners No occupation listed
1947	Robert and Julie Limon, owners With Limon's Garage, 2301 E. 5 th Street.
1944-45	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Neither Robert (Rodrigo) nor Margarita Limon are listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**Rodrigo and Margarita Limon (ca. 1944 – ca. 1976)****Regina Limon (ca. 1980 – ca. 1999)**

His World War I draft card shows that Rodrigo Limon was living at Creedmore [sic], Texas at the time of his registration. He was born in 1891 in Mexico and was a farm hand. He was single, of medium height and build, and had brown eyes and black hair.

Rodrigo and Margarita Limon appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 2202 Santa Rita Street in Austin. Rodrigo Limon was 48, had been born in Texas, and was a farm laborer. Margarita Limon was 36, had been born in Mexico, and had no occupation listed. They had 10 children: Julio, 21, a farm laborer; Concepcion, 18, a housekeeper for a private family; Regina, 16, a housekeeper for a private family; Felicita, 14; Andres, 12; Marcellino, 10; Jovita, 8; Jose, 6; Bidal, 4; and Maria, 1. All of the children had been born in Texas. The family lived in rural Travis County in 1935.

Rodrigo Limon was living in this house at the time of his death in 1964. He was born in 1891 in Texas, and was a laborer. Margarita Limon is listed as his wife.

Margarita Limon died in 1979; her last address was this house. She was born in 1902 in Mexico and was a widowed housewife.

RODRIGO LIMON

Funeral services for Rodrigo Limon, 73, of 2311 East 5th Street, who died in a local hospital Friday, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Cristo Rey Catholic Church.

He is survived by his widow, Margarita; five sons, Andrew Limon, Marcelino Limon, Joe Limon, Videl Limon and Isidro Limon; five daughters, Miss Concepcion Limon and Miss Regina Limon of Austin, Mrs. Felicitas Moreno of Dallas, Mrs. Maria Arzola and Mrs. Dora Ruda, both of Austin; three brothers, Matias Limon, Manuel Limon, and Frank Limon, all of Austin; sister, Mrs. Ignacia Herrera of Austin; and 18 grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited Saturday at 8 p.m. in Mission Funeral Home by Rev. Antonio Buron. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Cemetery.

Obituary of Rodrigo Limon
Austin American-Statesman, January 18, 1964

LIMON, Margarita, 77, 2211 E. 5th St., died Thursday. Mass 2 p.m. today at Cristo Rey Catholic Church. Burial, Austin Memorial Park. (Mission)

Death notice for Margarita Limon
Austin American-Statesman, August 4, 1979



Regina V. "Kina" Limon

Regina V. "Kina" Limon, age 76, resident of Austin, was called by our Heavenly Father on Sunday, October 10, 1999.

Kina will be remembered for her warmth, kindness, good humor and strong devotion to family, especially her nieces whom she loved dearly.

Survivors include sisters, Concepcion Limon, of Austin, Felicitas Moreno, of Dallas, Mary Arzola and Dora Ruedas, both of Austin; brothers, Andrew Limon, Joe Limon, Vidal Limon, Isidro Limon and Eliseo Terrazas, all of Austin. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rodrigo and Margarita Limon; brothers, Julio Limon I, Julio Limon II, Marcelino Limon and sister, Jovita Limon.

Recitation of rosary Tuesday, October 12, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cristo Rey Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, October 13, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. at Cristo Rey Catholic Church. Franciscan Friars will officiate. Interment will follow in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to family, friends and to Brother Kerry Guillory for their love, support and prayers during her illness.

Honoring their Aunt's request, serving as pallbearers are Lisa Serrano, Sylvia Arzola, Yvonne Mulkey, Irène Ruedas, Margaret Limon, Regina Limon, Margaret Jacinto, Melinda Sanchez and Jovita Guzman. Honorary pallbearers are Gilbert Moreno, Lee Limon, Ronnie Limon, Julio Limon, Rick Arzola and David Limon.

Arrangements under the direction of Mission Funeral Home, 1615 E. Cesar Chavez, 512-476-4355.

Obituary of Regina Limon
Austin American-Statesman, October 12, 1999

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Nº 20060 Sec. 25

Austin, Texas

Received of Rodrigo Limon Date 5-10-43

Address 2211 East 5th

Amount Two and 50/100 \$ 2.50

Pluraber self Size of Tap 5/8"

Date of Connection 5-25-43

Size of Tap Made 5/8"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 2'

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock 46'

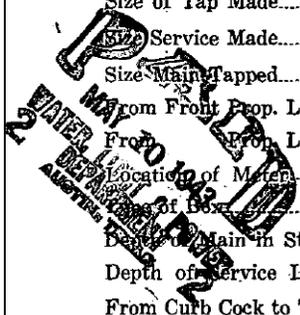
Location of Meter CURB

Depth of Main in St. 2'

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 13'

Checked by Engr. Dept. M.B.F. 6-22-43



No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock 5/8"
1	Elbow 3/4"
1	St. Elbow 2"
1	Bushing 2" x 1 1/2"
1	Reducer 3/4" x 1/2"
1	1 1/2" Pipe 3/4"
1	Lead-Comp. 3/4" x 3/4"
1	Nipples 3/4" x 3/4"
1	Union 3/4" x 3/4"
2	Plug 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"
1	Stop 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"
1	Box 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"
1	Lid 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"
1	Valves 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"
1	Job No. <u>W. 225-501</u>
1	Req. No. <u>70638</u>

IND

Water service permit to Rodrigo Limon for this address (1943)

Rodrigo ⁴Limon 2211 East 5th St.

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Buena Vista

frame res. and out house

25252 12-13-43

\$200

owner

\$200

wood

Building permit to Rodrigo Limon for the construction of this house and an outhouse (1943)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 23520

Austin, Texas

Received of Rodrigo Limon Date 12/29/1947
 Address 2211 E. 5th.
 Amount _____ \$ _____
 Builder or Owner Rodrigo Limon Plumber _____
 Lot 6 Block 6 Subdivision Buena Vista Plat No. 25

Date of Connection <u>3/8/1949</u>	No. Fittings 12" Pipe 4" 1.56 Pipe Wyes 1 Bends .60 Reducers Plugs Sand Gravel Remix Stoppers Castings 1 Other tap .25 Labor: 1 hr. truck .25 foreman 1.00 10 hrs. 7.00 total 10.66
By City <u>2' E/WLL</u>	
By Plumber _____	
Checked By <u>Ramos</u>	
Size Main <u>6"</u> Depth <u>4'</u>	
Main Assign. <u>to E 5th</u>	
Stub Depth _____ Prop. Line <u>3'</u>	
Stub Location _____	
Book No. <u>A-1901</u>	
Paving Cut _____ No. _____	

Sewer service permit to Rodrigo Limon for this house (1947)

OWNER Rodrigo Limon ADDRESS 2211 East 5th St.
 PLAT = 25 LOT 6 BLK 6
 SUBDIVISION Buena Vista
 OCCUPANCY Frame Accessory Bldg.
 BLD PERMIT # 91956 DATE 5-12-64 OWNERS ESTIMATE
 CONTRACTOR Owner NO. OF FIXTURES _____
 WATER TAP REC # _____ SEWER TAP REC # _____
 STORAGE 6-16-77 165185 repair res

Building permit to Rodrigo Limon for the construction of a storage building (1964) and to repair the house (1977)