

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 17, 2018
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2018-0644
1506 HASKELL STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with a full-width inset porch on ornamental metal supports; modern brick veneer across the front of the house; modern, aluminum-framed replacement windows; several frame additions to the rear of the original house.

RESEARCH

The house was built around 1948, although there is no building permit for its construction. The first time the address appears in city directories is in the 1949 edition, and the house is listed as being under construction at that time. City records do show a water service permit for this address dating from 1935, but there is no evidence that there was an earlier house on this site (older city permits sometimes do not reflect changes in addresses or even block numbers as neighborhoods were built out over time, so it is possible that the 1935 permit relates to another site altogether).

The first known owner and occupant of the house was Dan L. Barrera, who lived here from around 1952 until around 1967. Dan Barrera was a presser for various laundries in town during the course of his work life. The house became a rental unit in the late 1960s, and was then occupied by Olga Vargas, first as a renter and then as an owner. Olga Vargas had no occupation listed in the city directories. In the early 1980s, she married Genaro Mendez, a construction worker; they lived in this house for the rest of their lives. Genaro Mendez died in 2016; Olga Vargas Mendez died in 2017.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house was recommended as contributing to a potential local or National Register South East Austin historic district by 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 typical post-World War II frame cottage that has been substantially modified on the front with the addition of a brick veneer and replacement of the windows. The house fails the test of integrity of materials, and does not reflect any architectural distinction.
- b. **Historical association.** The ca. 1948 house has had only two principal owners: Dan L. Barrera, a laundry presser, who lived here for about 15 years, and then Olga Vargas and her later husband, Genaro Mendez, who was a construction worker, who lived here for over 40 years. 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.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 167'

NOTIFICATIONS

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1506 Haskell Street
ca. 1948



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1506 Haskell Street

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

| | |
|---------|--|
| 1992 | Genaro and Olga Mendez, owners Construction worker |
| 1985-86 | Genaro and Olga Mendez, owners Construction worker NOTE: The directory indicates that Genaro and Olga Mendez were new residents at this address. |
| 1981 | Olga Vargas, owner No occupation listed |
| 1977 | Olga Vargas, owner No occupation listed |
| 1973 | Olga Vargas (not listed as owner) No occupation listed |
| 1968 | Carmen and Eva Garcia, renters Laborer NOTE: Olga Vargas is not listed in the directory. |
| 1965 | Dan L. Barrera, owner Presser, Capital Laundry and Cleaning (multiple locations) |
| 1961 | Daniel L Barrera, owner Presser, Ray Borden (not listed in the directory). |
| 1959 | Dan L. Barrera, owner Presser, Kapp Cleaners, 310 W. 6 th Street. |
| 1955 | Dan L. Barrera, owner Presser, Dutch Gest Cleaners (not listed in the directory) |
| 1953 | Dan L. Barrera, owner No occupation listed |
| 1952 | Vacant NOTE: Daniel L. Barrera is listed at 1103 E. 7 th Street; he was a presser for Dutch Gest Cleaners (not listed in the directory). |
| 1949 | The house is listed as being under construction. |

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Dan L. Barrera (ca. 1952 – ca. 1967)

BARRERÁ, Daniel, 92, of Austin died Wednesday. No services planned. Arrangements by Mission.

Death notice for Dan L. Barrera
Austin American-Statesman, January 15, 2001

Genaro and Olga Mendez (ca. 1970 – ca. 2017)

Genaro "Juan" MENDEZ



MENDEZ, Genaro "Juan" 1935 – 2016

Our beloved Juan Mendez, age 81, resident of Austin was called by our Heavenly Father on Monday, February 15, 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ramon and Crecencia Mendez. He is survived by his loving wife, Olga Mendez; seven children; 10 step-children; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren; his brothers and sisters; numerous nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 17, 2016 with a Recitation of Holy Rosary at 7:00 p.m., Mission Funeral Home, 1615 E. Cesar Chavez St. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday at Mission Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Assumption Cemetery.

Obituary of Genaro "Juan" Mendez
Austin American-Statesman, February 17, 2016

Olga Mendez



MENDEZ, Olga "Momo" Our beloved Olga "Momo" Mendez, age 88, resident of East Austin, Texas, was called to our Heavenly Father on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. She was

preceded in death by her husband of 32 years, Genaro "Juan" Mendez; parents Ernesto Medrano and Aurora Rendon Medrano; her infant son, Lorenzo Vargas and son, Baldomero "Baldo" (Graciela) Vargas; her brothers, Gilberto, Armando, and Sergio Medrano; her sisters, Estella Samaripa, Delia Medrano, and infant Juanita Medrano. Olga is survived by her loving children, Minerva "Mine" (Jose "Chavelo", dec'd) Velez, Maria "Chita" (Juan) Garcia, Aurora (Juan) Zavala, Efrain "Pimpo" (Amparo) Vargas, Olga (Javier) Sanchez, Ernesto Vargas, Antonio "Tony" (Alicia) Ortega; Sylvia Ortega, and Ruby (Hugo) Medrano-Barcenas; siblings, Ernesto, Rosa Fuerte, Raul, Ricardo, Evangelina "Conga" Medrano, Yolanda Perez, and Norma Rodriguez; 31 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other loving family and friends. Visitation will begin at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 26, 2017 with Recitation of Holy Rosary beginning at 6:00 p.m., Mission Funeral Home - East Side, 1615 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 27, 2017 at Mission Funeral Home - East Side, 1615 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas. Interment will follow at Assumption cemetery.

Obituary of Olga Vargas Mendez
Austin American-Statesman, November 25, 2017

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

1135

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS N^o 3358

M^{an} Walter O. Smith Address 1506 Haskell St.
 Number Self Size of Tap 1/2" Date 12/14/35

CHANGED TO 62-1 MAIN AND RENEWED
 SERVICE WITH COOPER IN 12/22/35

Date of Connection 12/17/35
 Size of Tap Made 3/4"
 Size Service Made 3/4"
 Size Main Tapped 2"
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 9'
 From E. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 16'
 Location of Meter in alley
 Type of Box lock
 Depth of Main in 2' alley 2'
 Depth of Service Line 2'
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 9' 6"
 Checked by Engr. Dept. WPH 1-9-36

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Foreman's Report

| No. Fittings | Size | Material |
|--------------|--------|------------|
| 2 | 3/4" | Curb Cock |
| 1 | 3/4" | Elbow |
| 1 | 3/4" | St. Elbow |
| 1 | 3/4" | Bushing |
| 1 | 3/4" | Reducer |
| 10 | 3/4" | Pipe |
| 1 | 3/4" | Lead Comp. |
| 1 | 3/4" | Nipples |
| 1 | 3/4" | Union |
| 1 | 2X3/4" | Plug |
| 1 | 2X3/4" | Tac |
| 1 | 2X3/4" | Stop |
| 1 | 2X3/4" | Box |
| 1 | 2X3/4" | Lid |
| 1 | 2X3/4" | Valves |
| 1 | 2X3/4" | Req. No. |

Foreman's Signature BENSON

Water service permit for this address (1935)

Daniel Burera

1506 Haskell Street

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Free & Williams

Frame Addition to rear of Residence Front Porch

85198

9-4-62

2,000.00

Ed Kretzschmar

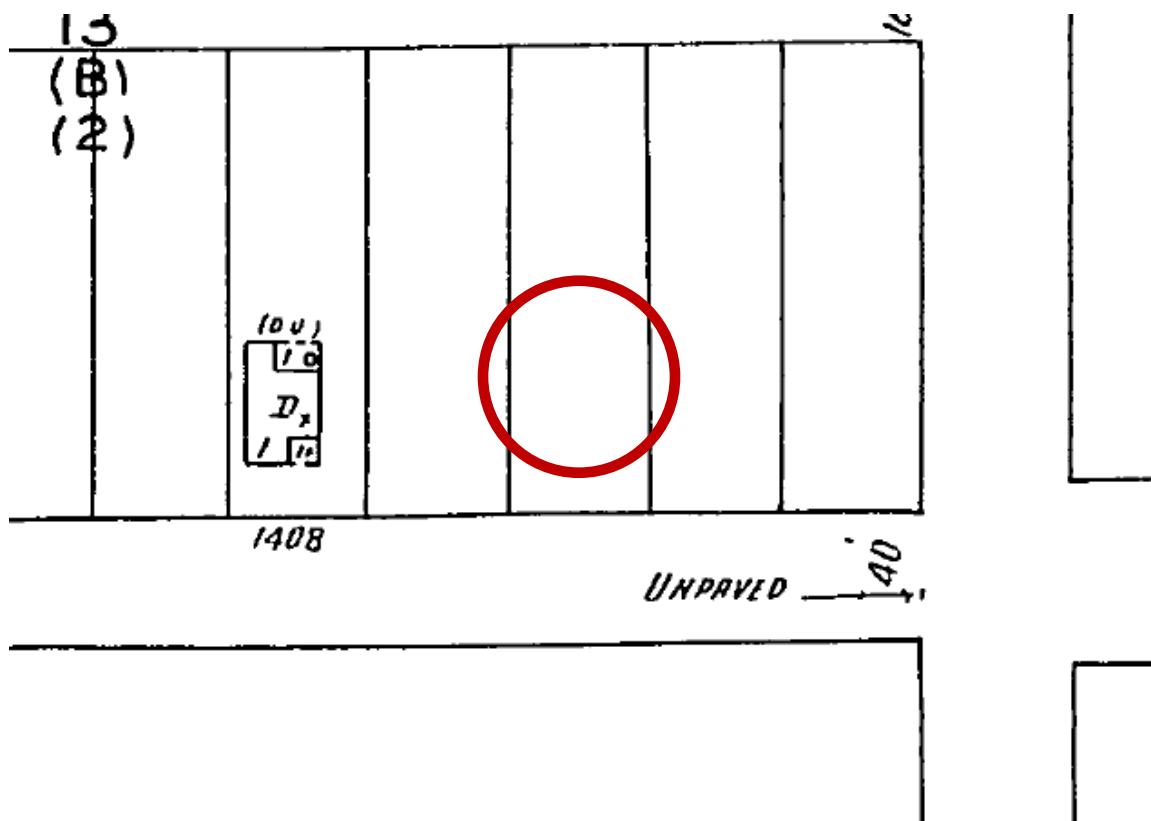
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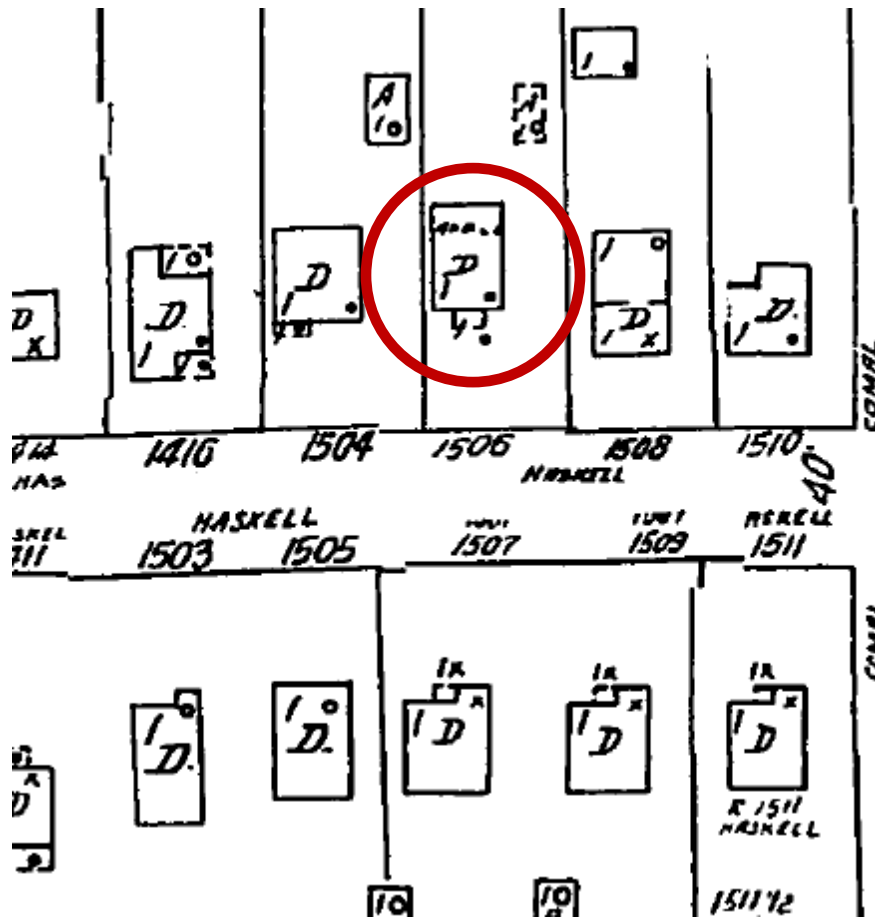
4-9-71-Olga Vargas-121190-remodel exist residence

1-4-79# 178591- Olga Vargas- Patio Cover- Addn to
res. 200.00

Building permit to Daniel Barrera to construct a frame addition (1962), to Olga Vargas (later Mendez) to remodel the house (1971) and to Olga Vargas (later Mendez) to construct a patio cover (1979)



The site of the current house is shown as vacant on the 1935 Sanborn map.



The house appears on the 1962 Sanborn map.