

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 16, 2019
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2019-0636
1812 W 36TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1949 house. Rear detached garage to remain.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story frame house with cross-gabled composition shingle roof, 6:6 windows, an inset partial-width front porch, and horizontal wood siding.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1949 by Earl Howard. By 1952, it had been sold to Clarence C. and Ella F. Michalk. Clarence Michalk worked for the Texas Highway Department during his tenure in the home, first as an inspector and then as a chief laboratory assistant for the agency. By 1963, the Michalks had sold the home to Hortense M. and Leslie L. Rodgers. Leslie Rogers also worked for the state Highway Department as an accountant. The Rodgers family lived in the home for at least ten years.

By 1977 the home was owned by Sidney D. Srnensky; by 1981, it was vacant. During the mid-eighties to early nineties, it was occupied by a series of renters.

STAFF COMMENTS

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high to moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (Land Development Code, §25-2-352).
 - a) *Architecture*. The house does not appear to meet the criterion for architecture, as it does not embody the distinguishing characteristics of a recognized architectural style, type, or method of construction; display high artistic value; represent a rare example of an architectural style; serve as an outstanding example of artisanship or design; serve as an exemplary vernacular structure, or represent an architectural curiosity.
 - b) *Historical association*. The house does not appear to meet the criterion for significant historical association, as it does not have long-standing significant associations with persons, groups, institutions, businesses, or events of historic importance; the Commission may consider its residents as examples of middle-class residents of Austin.
 - 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.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

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1" = 375'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Google Street View, Realtor.com

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, Austin History Center, December 2019

1992 Anne Bustard, renter
Toad Hall Children's Book Store

1985- Charles S. and Connie F. Layne, renters
86 Student

