

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**OCTOBER 26, 2020**  
**HR-20-154723**  
**1703 W. 32<sup>ND</sup> ST**  
**OLD WEST AUSTIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**PROPOSAL**

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Modify a ca. 1952 contributing house.

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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- 1) Change roofline to create gable at main elevation.
- 2) Add fiber cement board-and-batten siding to gable end.
- 3) Replace asbestos shingle siding with fiber cement lap siding.
- 4) Reconfigure garage door from two bays to one and add a new garage door.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story side-gabled residence clad in asbestos shingle siding. It has a partial-width front porch, 1:1 mullied and single windows, and a front-facing two-car garage.

**RESEARCH**

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The house at 1703 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street was built in 1952 by Raymond Lee Burnett and his wife Marjorie. Raymond Burnett was an electrician with Fox-Schmidt, a plumbing, heating, and electrical contractor. Later in his career, Burnett also served on the Austin Fire Safety Board. The Burnetts lived in the home until at least 1969.

**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

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The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are used to evaluate new construction projects in National Register historic districts. Applicable standards include:

*2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.*

The house's asbestos siding will be removed, and its roofline altered.

*9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.* The siding replacement is compatible with the existing historic structure. While many historic-age buildings in the area feature a front gable, the other proposed modifications may change the relationships of existing façade elements to each other without being immediately differentiable from the building's historic form.

*10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.* In order to reverse the roofline changes, a significant amount of work would be required; however, the remainder of the building's form would be minimally impaired.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house contributes to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity; however, a permit application to replace all windows has been approved.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352).
  - a. *Architecture.* The house's architecture does not appear significant.

- b. *Historical association.* The house does not appear to have 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**

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Comment on and 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**

CASE#: HR 2020-154723  
LOCATION: 1703 W 32nd Street

1" = 167'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

*Photos*





*Source: Applicant, 2020*

*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, 2020

*Note: post-1959 directory research is unavailable due to facility closure.*

- 1952 Not listed
- 1955 Raymond L., Jr. and Marjorie Burdett, owners  
Electrical assistant, Fox-Schmidt
- 1957 Raymond L., Jr. and Marjorie Burdett, owners  
Electrical superintendent, Fox-Schmidt
- 1959 Raymond L. Burdett, Jr., owner

*Biographical Information*


**ANNOUNCEMENT**

We Will Be

**CLOSED SATURDAYS**

Beginning August 20

For Emergencies Call:

<b>PLUMBING</b>	<b>ELECTRIC</b>
Phone	Phone
O. F. Rosenritt 2-1971	Joe Kanetzky ..2-1577
Henry Oertli .... 3882	Roy Burdett ....7-1247

**FOX-SCHMIDT**

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412 West 5th Phone 2-2435

*The Austin Statesman: Aug 20, 1949*

## Picnic Thursday At Bryker Woods

The Bryker Woods P-TA will sponsor a picnic on the school grounds Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for parents, children and teachers.

Each family is requested to bring its own food, and soft drinks will be sold at the picnic.

After the supper parents will remain outside to meet the faculty and hear a talk on the teacher retirement bill by L. P. Sturgeon, director of the public relations division of the State Teachers Association.

Children will be entertained with a movie film in the gymnasium.

New committee co-chairmen for 1956-57 include Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burdett, Boy Scouts and Cubs; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Ledbetter, character and spiritual; Mr. and

Mrs. William Wilcox, civil defense and safety; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Scott, finance and budget; Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Faubion, health and sanitation.

Also Mr. and Mrs. William Hilgers, home room; Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Woolley, legislation; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Craig Jr., membership; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ward, parliamentary; Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Eisass, program; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mossner, publications; Mr. and Mrs. Doughty Miller, publicity; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Nelson, pre-school education; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Townsend, social; and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Zeigler, student aid.

Council delegates are Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Young and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beckham.

*The Austin Statesman: Sep 20, 1956*



**FIRE PREVENTION**—Four officials of the Austin Fire Safety Board gather to make plans for Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15, and to see one of the displays which will be used to remind the public of the event. Pictured (left to right) are

J. E. Rogers, fire safety board president; Ray Burdett, James Peal and W. L. Heaton, city fire marshal. An average of six lives are lost and 40 persons are injured each year in Austin fires.

American-Statesman/UPI

*The Austin Statesman: Sep 12, 1966*



SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 32816A

Austin, Texas

Received of Fox Schmidt Date 4/1/1954  
 Address 1703 W. 32nd  
 Amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Builder or Owner R. L. Burkett Plumber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot 3 & E. 8' of 2 Block 1 Subdivision Brykerwood E Plat No. 209

Date of Connection	<u>4/27/1954</u>	No. Fittings 6" Pipe 4" con .90 Pipe Wyes Bends Reducers Plugs Sand Gravel Remix Stoppers Castings Other tap .50 H.V. truck .50 Labor: 10 hrs. 10.00
By City	<u>2' W/ELL</u>	
By Plumber	_____	
Checked By	<u>Villerreall</u>	
Size Main	<u>6"</u> Depth <u>3'</u>	
Main Assign.	<u>in St. 12 1/2' N/S. PL</u>	
Stub Depth	<u>Prop. Line 2 1/2'</u>	
Stub Location	<u>@ ELL</u>	
Book No.	<u>B-1366</u>	
Paving Cut	_____ No. _____	

*Sewer tap permit, 4-1-54*

**R. L. Burdett Jr.** **1703 W. 32nd st**  
**2-0 3 & E. 8' of 2** **1 - -**  
**Brykerwood "P"**  
**frame res and gar attchd.**  
**56418 3-18-64 13,500.00**  
**owner**

O.K.'d by Plan Dept 3-19-54 DWG  
*Building permit, 3-18-54*

**R. L. Burdett** **1703 W. 32nd St.**  
**209 3 & E. 8 of 2 1**  
**Brykerwoods**  
**Frame addn to rear of residence.**  
**72084 3/10/59 1400.00**  
**owner =**

**DEN**

*Addition permit for den, 3-10-59*

OWNER R. L. Burdett ADDRESS 1703 West 32nd Street  
FLAT 209 LOY 3 & E. 8' of 2 BLK.-- 1 DIV

SUBDIVISION Bryker Woods

OCCUPANCY Frame Addition to side of Residence & rear.

OWNERS  
BLD PERMIT # 86555 DATE 1-17-63 ESTIMATE 700.00

CONTRACTOR Owner NO. OF FIXTURES -

WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #

BEDROOM

*Bedroom addition permit, 1-17-63*