

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS  
DECEMBER 14, 2020  
GF-2020-171568  
3207 FUNSTON STREET

OLD WEST AUSTIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story stucco house with hipped roof, covered entryway, and screened 1:1 windows with decorative wood shutters.

**RESEARCH**

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The house at 3207 Funston Street was built in 1946 by the D & G Construction and Development Corporation. William H. and Frankie Van Horn were its first owners. William Van Horn worked as an auditor and business manager at the Texas Education Agency. The Van Horns stayed in the home until at least 1957, when it became a rental property.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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

*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

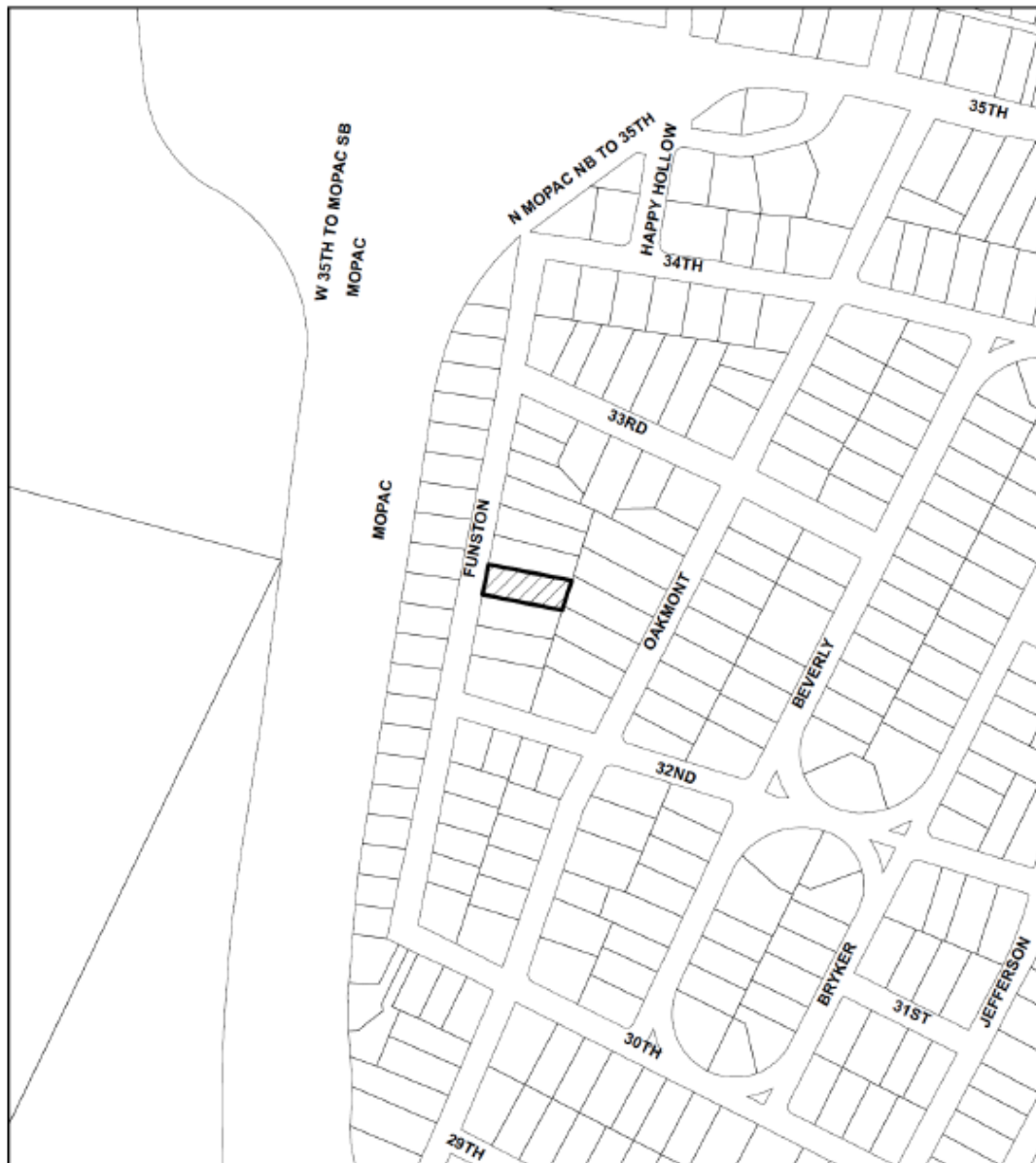
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated this property and determined that it does not meet the criteria for landmark designation:
  - a. *Architecture*. The house does not appear to convey architectural significance.
  - b. *Historical association*. 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**

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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. Per Code, the Commission may also consider a 180-day demolition delay for the contributing house.

## LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 250'

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 20-171568

LOCATION: 3207 FUNSTON STREET

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

### *Photos*



*Source: Zillow.com, accessed 2020*

### *Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, 2020

Note: Post-1959 research unavailable due to facility closure.

1959	Troy L. and Rene M. Person, renters Salesman, Coca-Cola
1957	William H. and Frankie M. Van Horn, owners Assistant business manager, State Education Agency
1955	William H. and Frankie M. Van Horn, owners Supervising auditor, State Education Agency
1952	William H. and Frankie M. Van Horn, owners Auditor, State Department of Education
1949	William H. and Frankie M. Van Horn, owners Field auditor, State Department of Education
1947	Vacant
1944	Not listed



*Biographical Information*

**VAN HORN, Mrs. William H. (Helen) Sr., 6204 Nasco, died Wednesday. Rosary was Thursday. Mass 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Cathedral. Survivors: son, William H. Van Horn Jr. of Austin; daughter, Grace Sullivan of Chatham Township, N.J.; sister, Mary Halblaub of New Jersey; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. (Weed-Corley)**

*The Austin American Statesman (1973-1987); Nov 17, 1977*

2 Open Houses—2 to 6 p. m.

3207 Funston-Brykerwood

Mrs. Trevillyan will be there to show you this lovely 5-room home. It is the next street west of Beverly Road. Textone walls. Hardwood floors. Fireplace. The price is only \$8,750. Come and see it. Exclusive.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Nov 17, 1946*

## Little Theater Closes Season After 12 Weeks

By STEVE PERKINS

American-Statesman Amusements Editor

When the Austin Little Theater closed out its current season with the last performance of "Gold in the Hills" at Saengerrunde Hall Saturday night it had broken three local thespian records.

The 1890 mellerdrummer had performed more shows, made more money and used a larger cast than any production ever staged by the little theater group.

The show opened Thursday, March 11, on the night of the record-breaking late freeze. The production staff was in a last-minute frenzy to keep icycles out of the customers' collective beers until a few local merchants and the city power plant came to the rescue with portable heaters.

From then on things warmed up and the show played 25 performances over a stretch of 12 weeks. Without an audit the unofficial estimate of the net take was \$5,000.

A total of 117 people "got into the act" in one way or another—waiters, doormen, stage hands and cast. Of these, only four made every performance.

Mrs. Frankie Van Horn hired a baby sitter and did her young self up in gray hair and wrinkles to answer all curtain calls. Billy Poe, a can-can girl with nary a line in the show, also drew a gold star for attendance as did emcee Trueman O'Quinn and his nine-year-old son, Kerry, who never muffed a line from beginning to end.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); May 30, 1948*



**IN STORYBOOK LAND**—The Bryker Woods School Parent-Teachers Association will be entertained at their regular meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. when fourth grade students present the operetta "In Storybook Land." The operetta, written and directed by music teacher Mary Frances Going, features scenes from some of the youngster's

literature popular in the fourth grade. Children above, left to right, are Bobby Judd, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Judd of 1007 West 37th; Penny Van Horn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Van Horn Jr. of 3207 Funston, and Jimmy White, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White of 1604 West 35th.—(Neal Douglass Photo.)

*The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); May 20, 1954

## School Controls Sought

### State Board Asks Adult Education Regulations

By JO CLIFTON  
Staff Writer

Swiftly and without dissension, State Board of Education members Saturday approved three pieces of emergency legislation they hope will strengthen regulation of business, technical and trade schools throughout the state.

Under the proposed legislation, private schools for adults would be required to submit curricular and financial audits and disclose corporate assets of owners to the Texas Education Agency. In addition the Commissioner of Education would have the power to stop solicitation and enrollment at any school

found in serious violation of the law.

Two of the three recommendations, which now must be approved by the State Legislature, came from an internal performance audit of the TEA division charged with regulating proprietary schools. Other recommendations will be considered at the May board meeting.

The audit, released last month, revealed lack of enforcement of the Texas Proprietary School Act and brought a storm of criticism upon E.W. Quinton, ailing director of the division.

No mention of Quinton was made during the board meeting Saturday, but Austin member Jane Wells

said afterward she thought Dr. Marlin Brockette, education commissioner, should consider a leave of absence for Quinton.

Brockette said he would not consider a leave for Quinton unless the division director's health required it. Quinton is suffering from a bleeding ulcer and has been absent from his post for more than a week.

Quinton is under subpoena from the State Attorney General for information about a number of schools under suit by that office. Brockette said Quinton should be available to answer questions from both the attorney general and TEA officials. From a legal standpoint, Brockette said, he sees no reason for a leave

of absence because, "at this point, we don't feel we have any kind of evidence" of wrongdoing.

In recent weeks, a dismissed employee of the agency has accused another division, one dealing with vocational education, of mismanaging funds.

Brockette called on John Guemple, deputy commissioner for administration, to explain agency financing to board members.

Guemple and William Van Horn, TEA business manager, said that the agency undergoes constant auditing by a member of the State Auditor's Office. In addition, Van Horn said, the agency presently is being audited by the U.S.

Department of Health, Education and Welfare and recently has shown the books to auditors from the U.S. General Accounting Office.

Joe Kelly Butler, board chairman, said any board member who wishes to do so may see the personnel file of the accusing ex-employee, David Spielman. Later, Brockette said he cannot grant press requests to see the Spielman file unless he receives permission from the former employee.

Two board members, Dr. Joseph Gathe of Houston and Woodrow Bean of El Paso, said they would like to see the agency externally audited. However, Van Horn said external audits are prohibited by state law.

*The Austin American Statesman* (1973-1987); Apr 13, 1975

## Permits

D.&G.Const.&Dev.Corp. 3207 Funston Street  
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Brykerwoods "3"

Stucco residence and garage

30140 5-2-46

\$7400.00

Owner

Building permit, 5-2-46

WATER SERVICE PERMIT		No. B 1681
Austin, Texas		
Received of	D. & G. CONSTRUCTION CO.	Date 8-22-46
Address	3207 FUNSTON ST.	
Amount	TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND NO/100	\$2,600.00
Plumber	H.A.A.	Size of Tap 1/2"
Date of Connection	9-4-46	
Size of Tap Made	3/4"	
Size Service Made	3/4"	
Size Main Tapped	6"	
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	7.6'	
From S. Prop. Line to Curb Cock	30'	
Location of Meter	CURB	
Type of Box	LOCK	
Depth of Main in St.	9'	
Depth of Service Line	2'	
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	36'	
Checked by Engr. Dept.	9-26-47 R.H.H.	
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No. Fittings	Size	
1	Curb Cock	3/4" METER
	Elbow	
	St. Elbow	
	Bushing	
	Reducer	
	3/4" Pipe	3/4" COP
	1	Lead-Comp
	Nipples	
	Union	
	Plug	
	1 Tee	3/4"
	1 Slop	2-1/2"
	1 Box	LOCK
	1 Lid	
	Valves	
	Job No.	11322-502
	Req. No.	11322-502

Water tap permit, 8-22-46