HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MARCH 22, 2021 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HR-2021-029766 702 HUERTA STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, flat-roofed house constructed of concrete masonry units with some limestone cladding under the partial-width porch.

RESEARCH

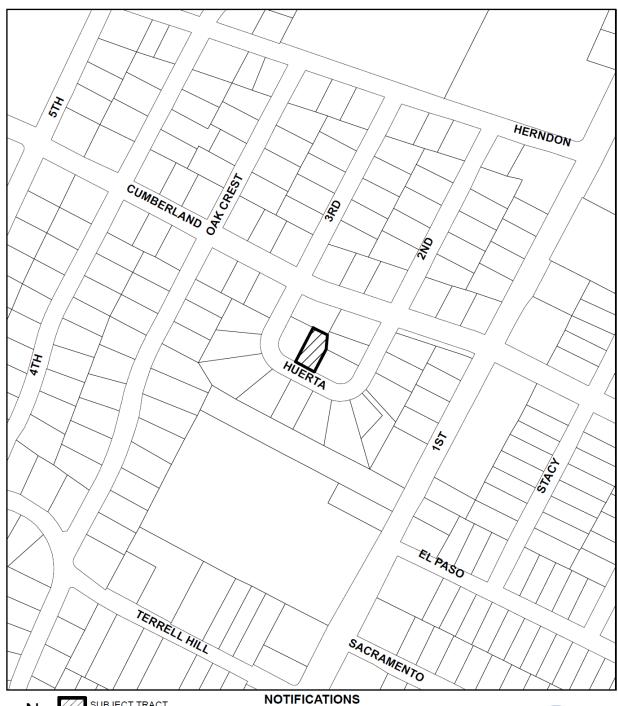
The house at 702 Huerta Street (originally 702 Acorn Place) was built around 1948. The earliest listed owners were William J. and Bobbie A. Greenawalt, who resided in the house for much of the 1950s. By 1959, Margarito C. "Mike" Huerta and Mary Louise Calderon owned the home. Huerta was a short- and long-haul truck driver who had a 52-year business relationship with Capital Aggregates. In the 1990s, the City honored him for being Austin's oldest truck driver with an exemplary driving record, renaming Acorn Place to Huerta Street in his honor. Huerta lived in the house until his death in 2014.

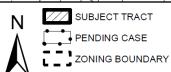
STAFF COMMENTS

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate to low integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). 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 does not appear to convey architectural significance.
 - b) *Historical association*. The house was the longtime residence of Margarito "Mike" Huerta, for whom the street is named.
 - 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, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.





HR 21-029766 CASE#: LOCATION: 702 HUERTA STREET

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1"=208'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION



Source: Zillow.com, 2021

Occupancy History
City Historic Preservation Office, February 2021

1959 Margarito C. Huerta, owner No occupation listed

1957 William J. and Bobbie Greenawalt, owners No occupation listed Also listed is Frank N. Greenawalt, U.S. Army

1955 William J. and Bobbie A. Greenawalt, owners
No occupation listed
Also listed are Frank and Rosebelle Greenawalt; he was an assistant teacher, University of Texas

1952 William J. and Bobbie Greenawalt, owners No occupation listed

1949 The address is not listed in the directory.

HUERTA, Margarito C. "Mike"

Margarito "Mike" C. Huerta passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 5, 2014. He was surrounded by his family at his side. He was born in Taylor, TX on June 10, 1933 to Mercedes and Sebastian Huerta. He began his travels at age 11 when he set out on his own to find work in Michigan. He traveled back and forth on his own until his mother asked him to stay. He married his high school sweetheart Mary Louise Calderon on October 5, 1952. Together they raised 5 children, 17 grandchildren, 14 great grand-children and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by Mercedes Baltazar, Sebastian Huerta, and grandson, John Thomas Villegas. He is survived by his brothers Lupe, Joe and Paul Baltazar, sisters Hope Marshall, Rosie Gannaway, Margie White and Paula Gomez. His children include Janie Lindsey, Russ (Michelle) Huerta, Mercy (Mark) Gil, Michael (Dolores) Huerta and Mark (Melissa) Huerta.

Mike was a past member of the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge #202 and Cursillos in Christianity retreat member of San Jose Catholic Church. He bought his first short haul truck in 1959 and began his own business, leasing out his trucks to Capital Aggregates for 52 years. In 1987 he moved up to an 18 wheeler to travel the United States. The City of Austin recognized him for being the oldest truck driver with an exemplary driving record in the City of Austin. In the early 90's the street where he lived was renamed to Huerta Street in his honor. He retired in 2009 and spent his days at home with the love of his life. One thing always stood out in his life, there was always time to dance. Whether in our living room on a Friday night or at a family function, he always showed us how fun life can be.

A rosary will be held on Monday, June 9th at 7:00 pm at Weed Corley-Fish Funeral Home, the funeral will be held on Tuesday, 10:00 am at St. Ignatius Catholic Church with interment to follow at Assumption Cemetery. Please offer your memories at www.wcfish.com.

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