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The destruction of this house will rip another piece out of Old West Austin West Line and weaken our standing as a recognized historically intact neighborhood.

However, the house at 1003 Maufrais is built in the basin for the rivulet that runs through West Austin Park, parallel to Nelson St. Eighth St. and then under Sixth St. Considering how damp that soil always is, I can understand why the owner would opt for demolition, as there is likely much rot and insect damage in its framing. Any new foundation put there should be piers about four feet tall with abundant ventilation of the crawl space, and then a beam and joist structure with termite deflectors on each pier.

I do not hold much hope for that in a world run by bankers. My early formative years were lived in 1004 Maufrais in the 1950's. I am not declaring favor or objection to the application. Just do what you can to talk some sense into the applicant/owner.

The house almost directly across the creek from it at about 1004 Lorraine was lifted up and outfitted with a new bottom storey, so house-jacking equipment has been moved in as close as that. Doing that on 1003 Maufrais would go a long way to preserve that piece of neighborhood historicity.

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