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I am very familiar with Air Conditioned Village, as I grew up at 2505 Parkview. These houses are quintessentially Mid-Century. They were designed and built by the Austin builder Fabricon with a nod to the Frank Lloyd Wright esthetic. The component parts - trusses, walls, storage modules, etc were all built off site at Fabricon's headquarters and building center in south Austin and transported to the building site....an early modular concept. We had a home magazine photo shoot at our house (2505) within a year or two of moving in, which was 1954. I do have that somewhere and if you are interested, I will find it and email it to you.

The family who lived at 2502 Parkview the longest was Gerald and Nancy Kelly and their two daughters Sheryl and Jill, who grew up in the house. Nancy was an artist - an abstract expressionist painter who had studied with Michael Fearing at UT art school, and Gerald was an engineer. The house was decorated with danish modern furniture, much original artwork and mid century decor, very much the taste of an artist in that era. I spent many many hours of my childhood and young adulthood at their house.

I surmise, since there is a movement to preserve this house as a significant example of mid-century modern architecture, that there is some danger of it being torn down. I so appreciate the efforts to save it and pray that you are successful in being able to preserve it.

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