

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
JANUARY 24, 2022
PR-2021-202292, GF-2021-001028
607 E 38TH STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1935 duplex.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story side-gabled duplex with raised concrete stoops at either end of the façade. It exhibits modest Craftsman stylistic influences, including exposed rafter tails and knee braces supporting small gabled roofs over the porch stoops. The building has wood siding, paired 1:1 windows, and Craftsman-style wood doors with three vertical lights.

RESEARCH

The duplex at 607 E 38th Street was built in the mid-1930s. The first recorded owner of the duplex was Lucille Marlow, a bookkeeper at Austin Metal & Iron Co. The other occupants of the duplex were various renters made up of military personnel, students, and administrators.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The draft North Loop-Hancock-Boggy Creek survey lists the property as a medium preservation priority.

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 criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that may meet two criteria:
 - a. Architecture. This building is a good example of a Craftsman-style duplex, a relatively rare building form.
 - b. Historical association. The property does not appear to have significant historical associations.
 - c. Archaeology. The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
 - d. Community value. The property 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 reuse, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 22-001028

LOCATION: 607 E 38TH STREET

1" = 250'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Demolition permit application, 2022



Google Street View, 2021

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, September 2021; January 2017

1959	Douglas E. Jourdan, renter David W. Campbell, renter
1957	Donald and Edell Wentz, renters USAF Billy B. and Wanda R. Wylie, renters Pharmacist, White Pharmacy
1955	Robert E. and Dorothy Richardson, renters Student Billy B. and Wanda R. Wylie, renters Billy – pharmacist Wanda – office secretary, State Health Department
1952	K. G. and Jeanne W. Morrison, renters USA Vacant
1949	Austin C. and Jacqueline Webb, renters Austin – student at the University of Texas Jacqueline – operator, Beal Co. Decorators C. Chesley Rountree, renter Student at the University of Texas
1947	Haskell and Betty Watson, renters Assistant manager, Checker Front Store Vacant

1944 Harold and Maybel Alston, renters
USA
Ophelia P. Hewatt, renter
Comptometer operator, Texas Insurance Checking Office

1941 Zina Young, renter (widow of James A.)
Clerk, State Treasurer
Vacant

1939 Thomas W. and Clara J. Wilson, renters
Service manager, Capitol Chevrolet Inc.
P. T. Hornberger, renter

1937 H. Floyd and Clara Davis, renters
Lucille Marlow, owner (widow of William R.)
Bookkeeper, Austin Metal & Iron Co.

1935 Page not available

1932 Address not listed

Biographical Information

No significant biographical information found.

Permits

Note: the permitting system indicates that a sewer service permit was issued for this address in 1935, but no scan is available. The building does not appear on 1935 Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.

R. E. Beyer	607 East 38th St.
69	7 4 8 C
Harper	
Re-roof garage.	
50198 2-26-52	\$35.00
Owner	

Building permit, 1952



607 E 38 ST

Property Information

Survey ID: 211713_01
Parcel ID: 211713
Neighborhood: Hancock

Preservation Priority

Priority: Medium

Resource Type

Type: Building

Year Built

Year built: 1935 (actual)
Source: TCAD



Description

Current use: Domestic: multiple dwelling
Alterations: awning(s) added
Former use: Domestic: multiple dwelling
Style influences: Craftsman
Other alts: window opening added

Existing Designation

Individual: ☐ HTC ☐ Local landmark ☐ NHL ☒ Not currently designated ☐ NRHP ☐ RTHL ☐ SAL
District: ☒ Not currently designated ☐ Within local district ☐ Within NRHP district
District Name: N/A

Individual Recommendation

Individual local rec.: N/A
Individual NRHP rec.: N/A





District Recommendation

High priority local district rec.: N/A
Contributing/Noncontributing: N/A
NRHP district rec.: N/A
Contributing/Noncontributing: N/A

Notes

General notes: N/A
Surveyor notes: N/A



