

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
MAY 4, 2022
PR-2022-037465; GF-2022-047384
3412 FOOTHILL PARKWAY

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1955 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story masonry veneer house with multilight steel casement windows, an offset covered entryway, built-in planters, and a hipped roof with deep eaves.

RESEARCH

The house at 3412 Foothill Pkwy. was constructed in 1955 for Dr. John Howard and Betty Buaas. John Howard Buaas was a dentist who also lectured to medical students and hygienists.¹ After serving in the Navy, Buaas practiced dentistry in Austin for nearly 50 years.² His wife, Betty Buaas, was an active participant and board member in several charitable organizations, namely the Junior Helping Hands.³

PROPERTY EVALUATION

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 it does not meet two criteria:
 - a. Architecture. The building is a good example of Ranch-style architecture.
 - 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 appear to 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 does not appear to be a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

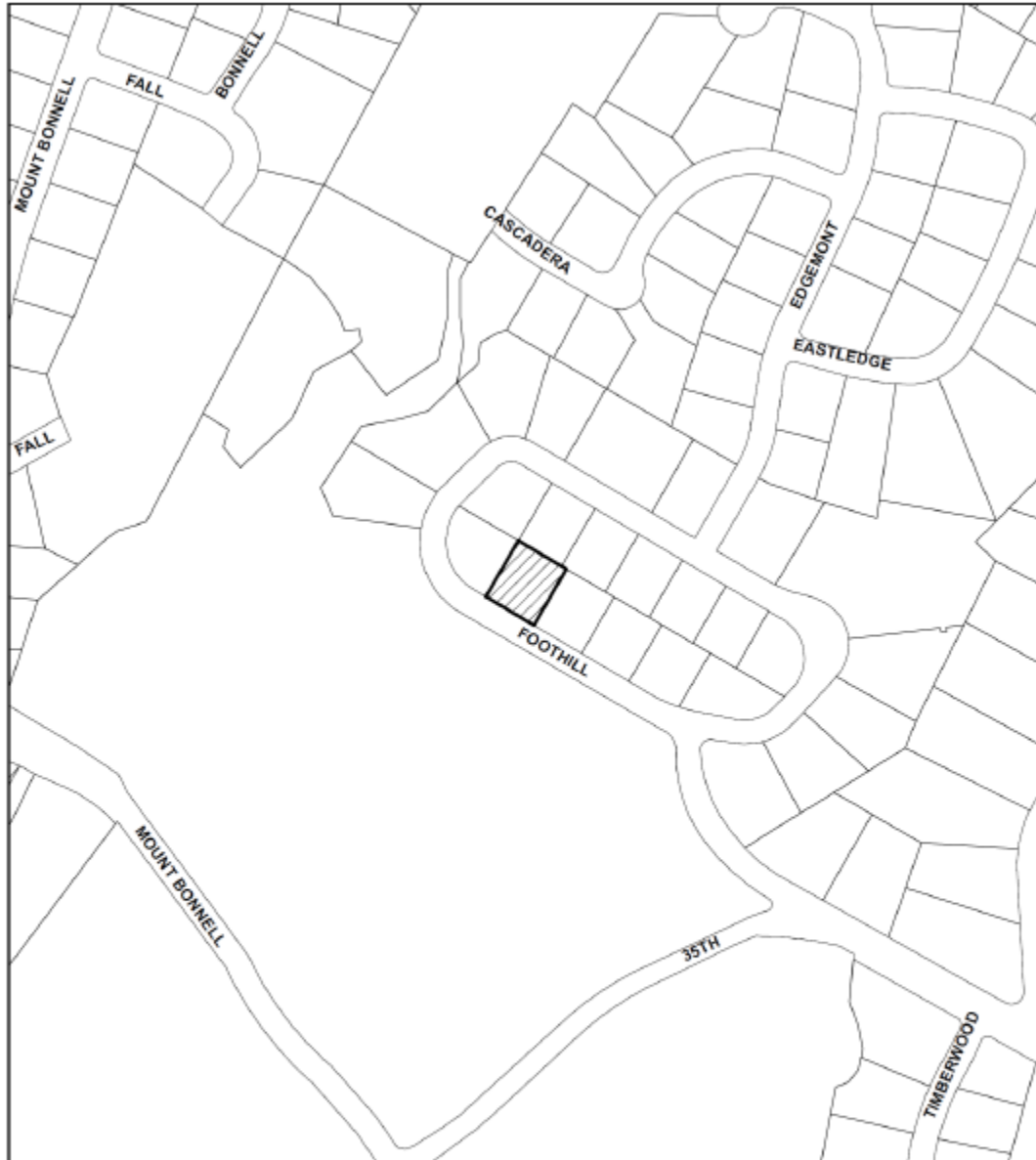
Approve the application upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

¹ "Dental Diplomas to be Presented Night Scholars." 1953. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973), Apr 14, 8.

² "J. Howard Buaas." Legacy.com, accessed April 4, 2022, <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/houstonchronicle/name/j-buaas-obituary?id=26159597>.

³ "Helping Hand Slates Program." 1974. The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980), Dec 08, 4.
 Galvin, Lois. 1962. "Program: Art, Ads, Work." The Austin American (1914-1973), Feb 18, 1.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 250'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 22-047384

LOCATION: 3412 FOOHILL PKWY

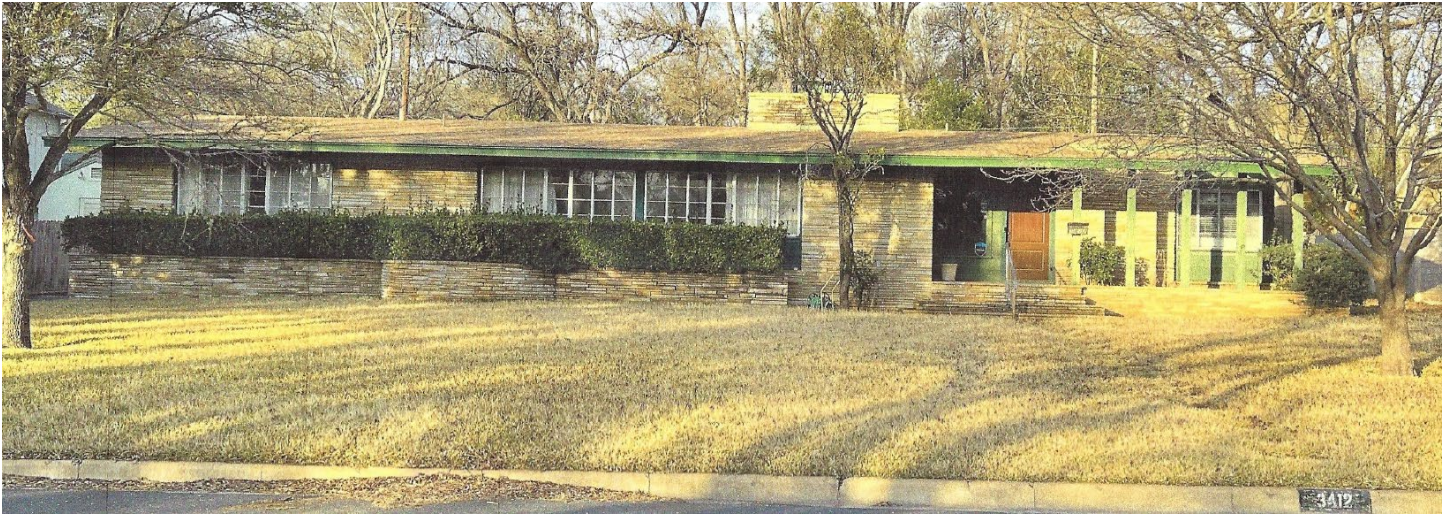
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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Demolition permit application, 2022

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, April 2022

1959 Howard J. and Betty Buaas, owners
Dentist, 1601 Colorado

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1955 Address not listed

Permits

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WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

E N° 4813

Received of NELSON Puett **INDEXED**

Address 3412 FOOTHILLS PARKWAY

Amount THIRTY TWO & 00/100 \$20.00

Plumber TONY HERRERA Size of Tap 3/4

Date of Connection 11-3-55

Water service permit, 1955

Nelson Puett 3412 Foot hills Pkwy.

279 5 7

Colorado Hills Sect 3

Br. Ven res / att garage

61943 10-10-55 22,000

Owner 15

8-25-70-Dr. J. H. Buaas-118654-frm addn to res 288 sq. ft
4-18-77 163644 remodel exist res re-roof

Building permit, 1955

Historical information

DR. J. HOWARD BUAAS, born May 19, 1924, a fourth generation Austinite, whose forebearers were documented as the first Norwegians to land in Texas and Austin in 1839, passed away on Saturday, July 28, 2007. Howard was born to Ferol Linton Buaas and Otto Hugo Buaas. He attended Austin High School, graduating in 1941 and lived to see two of his grandchildren graduate in 2003 and 2006, making four generations of Austin High School graduates. He attended the University of Texas where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and graduated from UT Dental school in Houston in 1946. He was commissioned as Lt. J.G. in the United States Navy and was sent to China on a peacekeeping mission for two years. He served aboard a destroyer tender named "Dixie". He returned to Austin and began a dental practice that lasted 46 years. He was a member of the Christian Science Church, Lions Club, and Cibitan. He did many years of charitable dentistry for the children of the Junior Helping Hand. He was awarded a 50 year appreciation plaque in 1986 for his outstanding work in dentistry. He is survived by his high school love, Betty Montgomery Buaas, with whom he traveled the world. They had four children, Julianne B. Harris and husband Victor, Brenda Buaas Black and husband, Bob, John Howard Buaas, Jr, and wife Niesje, and James Laurence Buaas and wife Cristina. He is also survived by his sister, Rosemary Buaas Harrison and his nephew William D. Hamilton and wife Kathy, and cousin's Nell Ryan and Natalie Carver. His grandchildren include Katie H. Patterson and husband Brian, Victor Harris, Jr, and wife Jenn, Ben Black, Julie Anne Black, Brittany Anne Buaas, Courtney Buaas, and Allison Buaas. He is also survived by his stepson Michael Montgomery Smith and wife Paula, and their children, Brandon, Shannon and Dylan Smith, and stepdaughter Pamela Rosar and husband Wolfgang of Madras, India, and step-grandson Sean McCarty of Oklahoma City. Honorary pallbearers are Dr. B. Brooks Goldsmith, Dr. Morton Krumholz, Dr. Richard Buck, Col. Art Meyer, Mr. Roger Knowles, and Mr. Loren Fletcher. His life was devoted to his family who benefited greatly from his creative hobbies. He was a master craftsman working with wood from small fountain pens to large bookcases. He made jewelry, polished stones, was a certified gemologist and an avid photographer. He left many beautiful memories. The family would like to thank Hospice of Austin for their caring, loving support. We would encourage donations to this charity in Howard's memory. Special thanks go to Paula Pratt and hospice caregiver Vyvyan Lucas who brightened our lives. Our thanks, also, to all the friends for their unending support and love. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31 at Weed Corley-Fish, 3125 North Lamar. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 3:00 p.m. at Tarrytown United Methodist Church on Exposition Blvd. Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705 (512) 452-8811. Obituary and guestbook online at wcfish.com. Published by Houston Chronicle on Jul. 30, 2007.

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Dr. J. Howard Buaas,
General Denistry announces
the removal of his offices
from 1601 Colorado to
Number 1, Medical and Dental Center,
West 19th at West Avenue
GR 8-4653

Dr. J. Howard Buaas
announces the association of
Dr. Lloyd S. Smith, D.D.S., F.A.C.D.
No. 1 Medical & Dental Center—706 West 19th
By appointment only GR 8-4653

"Display Ad 40 -- no Title." 1959. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Mar 03, 18. and "Display Ad 36 -- no Title." 1963. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Apr 16, 12.