

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
NOVEMBER 2, 2022
HR-2022-146276
OLD WEST AUSTIN
1506 W. 32ND STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1938 house and detached garage and replace with new construction.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- 1) Demolish existing house and detached garage.
- 2) Construct new residence. The proposed new building is two stories in height, oriented with the garage fronting on 32nd Street. It is composed of four hipped-roof rectangular masses, connected by hyphens. It is clad in unpainted cedar and stone, with fenestration comprising mostly fixed and undivided windows of various dimensions with regular rhythm at secondary façades.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story Minimal Traditional house with cross-gabled roof, boxed cornice returns, arched front door, and brick veneer cladding. Replacement windows are 1:1.

RESEARCH

The house at 1506 W. 32nd Street, listed in City directories as 1508 W. 32nd Street, was constructed in 1938 for Jack Underwood and his family. Underwood, who worked as a salesman before serving in the Army during World War II, sold the house to William and Lillian Chenault in the late 1940s. Chenault worked as a farmer, and his two grown daughters, Polly and Sadie, lived at home while they worked and went to school. Around 1950, Ernest E. and Helen Hawkins purchased the property. Ernest Hawkins was a sales manager at Jack Stableford Pontiac.

DESIGN STANDARDS

The City of Austin's [Historic Design Standards](#) (March 2021) are based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and are used to evaluate projects in National Register districts. The following standards apply to the proposed project:

Residential new construction

1. Location

The proposed building appears appropriately set back from the street.

2. Orientation

The proposed building's orientation is not consistent with the predominant orientation of contributing buildings on the same block.

3. Scale, massing, and height and 4. Proportions

The proposed building's scale, massing, and height are not consistent with the character of the surrounding district; however, much of the incompatible massing does not appear to be highly visible from the street due to lot topography.

5. Design and style

The proposed building is acceptably differentiated from nearby historic buildings, but the design and style do not respond to the character of the district.

6. Roofs

The proposed hipped roof forms are compatible.

7. Exterior walls

The proposed masonry and wood siding are somewhat compatible, though brick is a more appropriate masonry choice for the district.

8. *Windows and doors*

The proposed irregular fenestration and mostly-blind walls at 32nd Street are not compatible, though fenestration patterns at secondary elevations appear mostly compatible.

11. *Attached garages and carports*

Rather than being set back from the front wall of the building, the proposed building's attached garage is the predominant form of the building when viewed from the street.

Summary

The project does not meet most of the applicable standards.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The property contributes to the Old West Austin National Register district.

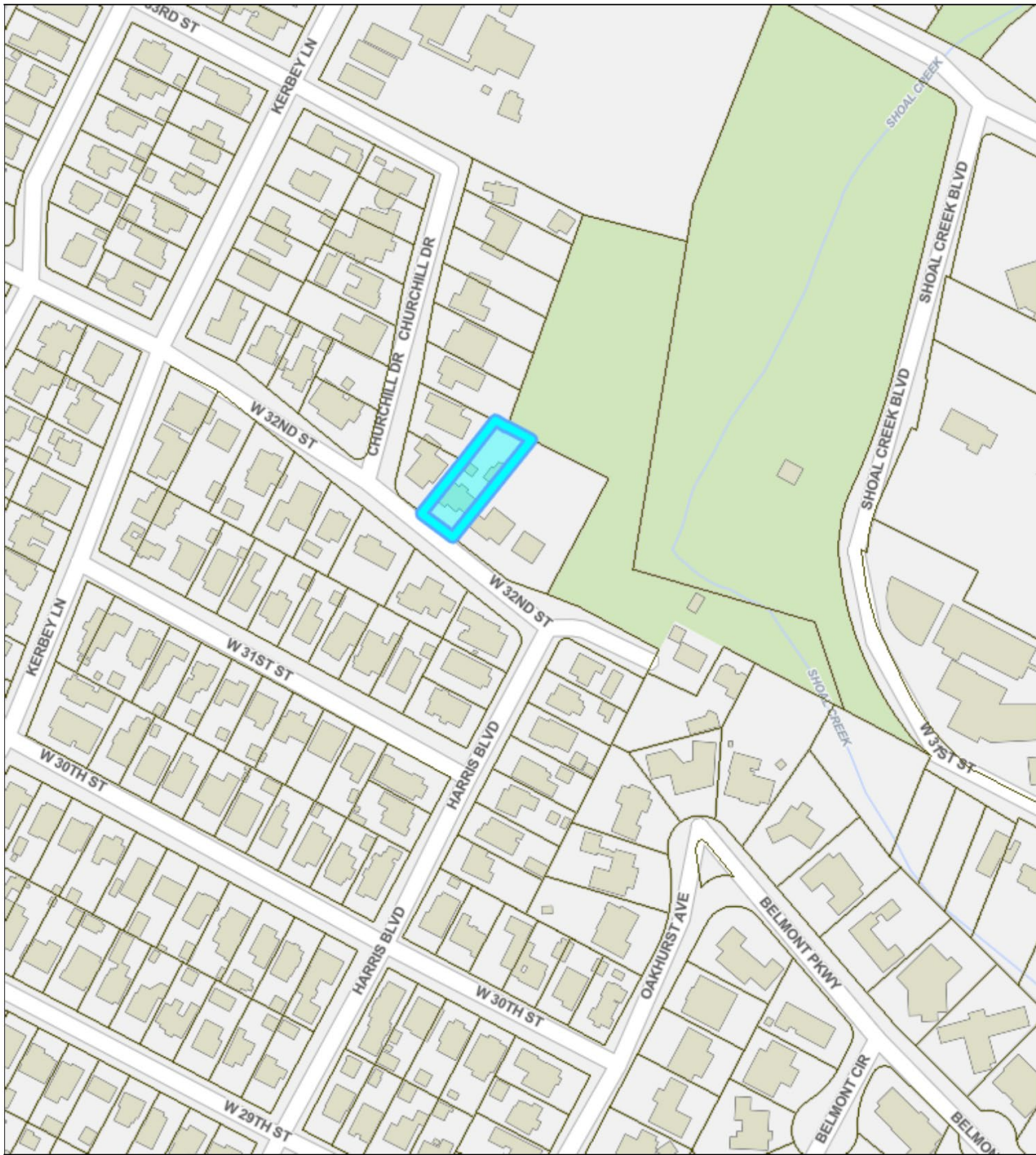
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity. All windows were replaced in 2020.
- 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 does not appear to convey architectural significance.
 - 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

Release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. Comment and release plans for new construction or consider referral to the Architectural Review Committee.

LOCATION MAP



Lot Lines

Lot Line



1: 2400

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1506 W 32ND STREET



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos*Google Street View, 2022*



Demolition application, 2022

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, October 2022

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| 1959 | *Address likely listed as 1508 W 32 nd Street*
Helen Hawkins, owners |
| 1955 | Ernest E. and Helen S. Hawkins, owners
New car sales manager, Jack Stableford Pontiac |
| 1952 | Ernest E. and Helen Hawkins, owners
Sales manager, Jack Stableford Pontiac |
| 1949 | William H. and Lillian Chenault, owners
Rancher
Polly Chenault, renter
Office secretary |
| 1947 | William H. and Lillian Chenault, owners
Farmer
Sadie Chenault, renter
Office secretary at the University Naval Lab
Polly Chenault, renter
Student at the University of Texas |
| 1944 | Jack and Dorothy J. Underwood, owners
USA |
| 1941 | Jack and Dorothy J. Underwood, owners
Salesman |
| 1939 | Jack and Dorothy J. Underwood, owners
Traveling salesman |

\$400 GEM THIEF HUNTED BY COPS

Police Saturday were looking for an Austin jewel thief who early Friday night entered the Jack Underwood home at 1508 West 32nd street and stole jewelry and cash amounting to approximately \$400 in value.

The property was stolen some time during a 45-minute interval when he was away from the house, Underwood told police. Underwood said he left the house about 8:30 p. m. Friday and returned at 9:15, when he discovered the jewelry, cash and a gun missing.

The loot included a platinum bar pin containing a large diamond and four smaller diamonds, the pin being valued at \$300; a platinum locket containing an emerald valued at \$75; \$10 in cash; a .38 calibre revolver valued at \$5; a woman's gold ring set with an emerald, and a string of imitation pearls.

The burglar made his way into the house by punching a hole in a window screen at the rear of the house and lifting the screen.

FIGHTERS for FREEDOM☆☆☆

Going up: Jack Y. Pulliam, formerly with the NYA here, has been picked for the coast artillery anti-aircraft OCS, according to a Camp Wallace announcement. He's a U. T. ex and former Longhorn bandsman . . . Don K. Hill, brother of Mrs. Jack Underwood of 1508 West 32nd, is a first lieutenant now at Tyndall Field, Fla. . . . Welborn J. Rogers, Austin high ex and former employee of the

*\$400 GEM THIEF HUNTED BY COPS. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 18 June 1938: 1.
FIGHTERS for FREEDOM. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 29 Jan 1943: 2.*



Sadie Chenault Is Wed To Austin Man

**A. L. Russell Jr.
And Bride Will
Make Home Here**

Miss Sadie Chenault and Andrew Lynn Russell Jr. were married March 14 in the Northside Church of Christ.

Jess H. Hall, minister of the church, read the double-ring rites.

Mrs. Russell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chenault, 1508 West 32nd Street, Austin. A graduate of West Columbia High School, she received her bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Texas where she was a member of Beta Beta Alpha and Cap and Gown.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Russell Sr. of Austin. He was graduated from Austin High School and during the war served in the Eighth Air Force. Employed at UT

Both Mr. and Mrs. Russell are employed at the Defense Research Laboratory at the University.

Sadie Chenault Is Wed To Austin Man. Austin American (1914-1973); 21 Mar 1948: A10.

Hawkins-Thomas Vows Exchanged in Rites Here

A Saturday wedding in the chapel of University Avenue Church of Christ united in marriage Miss Helen Sue Hawkins and Luther Ray Thomas.

The double ring ceremony was read by Jimmie Sheerer. Following the wedding a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ernest Edgar Hawkins, 1508 West 32nd, and the late Mr. Hawkins. A member of the Red Jack-ets at Austin High School, she attended the University of Texas and Abilene Christian College.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mackie Charles Thomas of Abilene. At Abilene Christian College, where he received a BS degree, he was a letterman in varsity football. In Albany, Texas, he will be line coach at Albany High School. He was a member of the Sub-T Sixteen Club at ACC.

A. E. Hawkins of Albuquerque, N.M. gave his niece in marriage.

was her sister's maid of honor. Miss Margaret Gene Flewellen of Longview and Miss Rosemary Showalter of Austin were bridesmaids. Miss Lynn Ownby of Wichita, Kans., was junior bridesmaid. They wore ballerina length dresses of pink silk organza and matching pink horsehair bandeaux with circular veils. They carried deeper pink asters.

Mack Dalton Thomas of Midland was his brother's best man. Groomsmen were Roy Orr of Abilene and Johnny Voelkle of DeSoto. Leon Morgan of Roanoke, Larry Lane of Abilene and Ed Cheek of Winters were ushers. Ernest Edgar Hawkins Jr., brother of the bride, was candlelighter.

When the newlyweds return from a week's wedding trip to Corpus Christi, they will make their home in Albany.



Hawkins-Thomas Vows Exchanged in Rites Here. The Austin American (1914-1973); 24 July 1960: D5.



AUSTIN HIGH OFFICERS — Steve Livingston (left) is the new president of the Student Council at Stephen F. Austin High School, and Bubba Hawkins is the new vice president. The new officers, to serve throughout the spring semester,

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were elected by their classmates at Austin High. Steve is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Livingston, 3203 Greenlee Drive, and Bubba is the son of Mrs. E. E. Hawkins, 1508 West 32nd Street.

AUSTIN HIGH OFFICERS. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 26 Jan 1965: 3.

Permits

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

REMARKS METER RELOCATED DUE TO SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

No. 10283 #

Received of Jack Underwood Date 4-14-38

Address 1506 W 32nd

Amount Two and 50/100 - - - - - \$ 2.50

Plumber Plumb Size of Tap 3 1/2

Date of Connection 4-20-38

Water service permit, 1938

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

No. 14304

Received of Maurice Plumb Date 9/14/1938

Address 1506 W. 32nd.

Amount \$

Builder or Owner Jack Underwood Plumber

Lot 2 Block Subdivision Brykerwood Plat No. 61

Date of Connection 5/18/1938

Sewer service permit, 1938

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

D No. 8887

Received of B. W. KENTHIN Date 8-17-53

Address 1506 WEST 32nd

Amount THIRTY-FIVE AND 10/100 \$5.00

Plumber GARRET SPRINGER CO. Size of Tap 1 1/4

Date of Connection 8-24-53

Water service permit, 1953

Jack Underwood 1506 West 32nd. St.

Bryker Woods Addition "B"

Brick veneer residence- frame garage

222n - 4/14/38

Building permit, 1938