# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS NOVEMBER 2, 2022 PR-2022-138505; GF-2022-154522 707 W. MONROE STREET

## PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1942 house and ca. 1960 detached garage.

## ARCHITECTURE

One-story Minimal Traditional house with partial-width gabled porch, decorative shutters, and screened 1:1 windows.

### RESEARCH

The house at 707 W. Monroe Street was built in 1942 by Edward Wendlandt as a spec house. It was occupied by mostly short-term owners and renters into the 1950s, including a driver, a laborer, a shop foreman, and a railway yardman and their respective families.

## **PROPERTY EVALUATION**

The 2016 Bouldin Creek Neighborhood survey lists the property as a medium priority and contributing to a potential historic district.

### 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 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**

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then relocation over demolition, but approve the demolition application upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

# LOCATION MAP



# **PROPERTY INFORMATION**

Photos

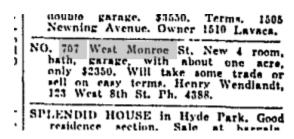


Google Street View, 2022

*Occupancy History* City Directory Research, September 2022

- 1944 Fowler T. and Margaret Smith, renters Yardman
- 1949 Fowler T. and Marguerite A. Smith, renters Laborer
- 1953 Frank and Maddie J. Tisdale, renters Shop foreman
- 1955 Jesse and Rosa Davidson, renters Driver

Historical information



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