

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
FEBRUARY 1, 2022
HR-2022-184659
OLD WEST AUSTIN
1012 GASTON AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Remodel and construct an addition to a ca. 1940 house.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- 1) Demolish garage steps, motor court steps, concrete in breezeway, exterior finish sheathing at addition connection point, roof awning, and terracing at rear of house.
- 2) Slurry existing brick throughout and apply thin coat of slurry to foundation to match brick.
- 3) Replace windows and doors throughout to match existing. Install a new garage door and one window.
- 4) Replace existing siding with new vertical wood siding throughout.
- 5) Construct a kitchen addition at the north side of the property. The proposed addition will be one story, clad in vertical siding to match the rest of the house. It will have a metal shed roof to match the existing roof material, with exposed rafter tails and multilight fixed windows.
- 6) Enclose a covered breezeway to become a new entry to the house. Install new steel and glass doors.

ARCHITECTURE

Three-story residence with masonry and vertical wood cladding, a compound plan, and variable rooflines.

RESEARCH

The house at 1012 Gaston Avenue was constructed in 1940 for Henry and Dorothy B. Taylor. Henry Taylor worked as a travel agent and salesman, and Dorothy Taylor instructed briefly at the University of Texas. The Taylors had three daughters, and were the home's sole occupants until at least 1959.

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:

Repair and alterations

1. General standards

The proposed project does not remove intact historic material from the house's exterior, though the added slurry finish will obscure original brick. The remainder of the work is confined mostly to replacement elements and previous additions.

4. Exterior walls and trim

See 1.

5. Windows, doors, and screens

While the project proposes window replacements throughout, existing openings will be retained. Existing windows appear non-original. The new entrance may be visible from the street.

Residential additions

1. Location

The proposed addition is appropriately sited to the rear-side of the building.

2. Scale, massing, and height

The proposed addition is one story in height, with simple massing and an appropriate scale. It does not affect the building's overall form as viewed from the street.

3. Design and style

The proposed addition is simple in design. While it is compatible with the existing building, it is not well-differentiated from the existing fabric.

4. Roofs

The proposed roof form and materials are compatible with the existing roof. The exposed rafter tails are somewhat inappropriate, as they are a Craftsman detail that does not mesh well with the house's design.

5. Exterior walls

The proposed vertical siding appears mostly appropriate.

6. Windows, screens, and doors

Proposed fenestration at the addition is appropriate.

Summary

The project meets some of the applicable standards. It does not fully meet *Repair and alterations: 1* or *Residential additions: 3* and *4*.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

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

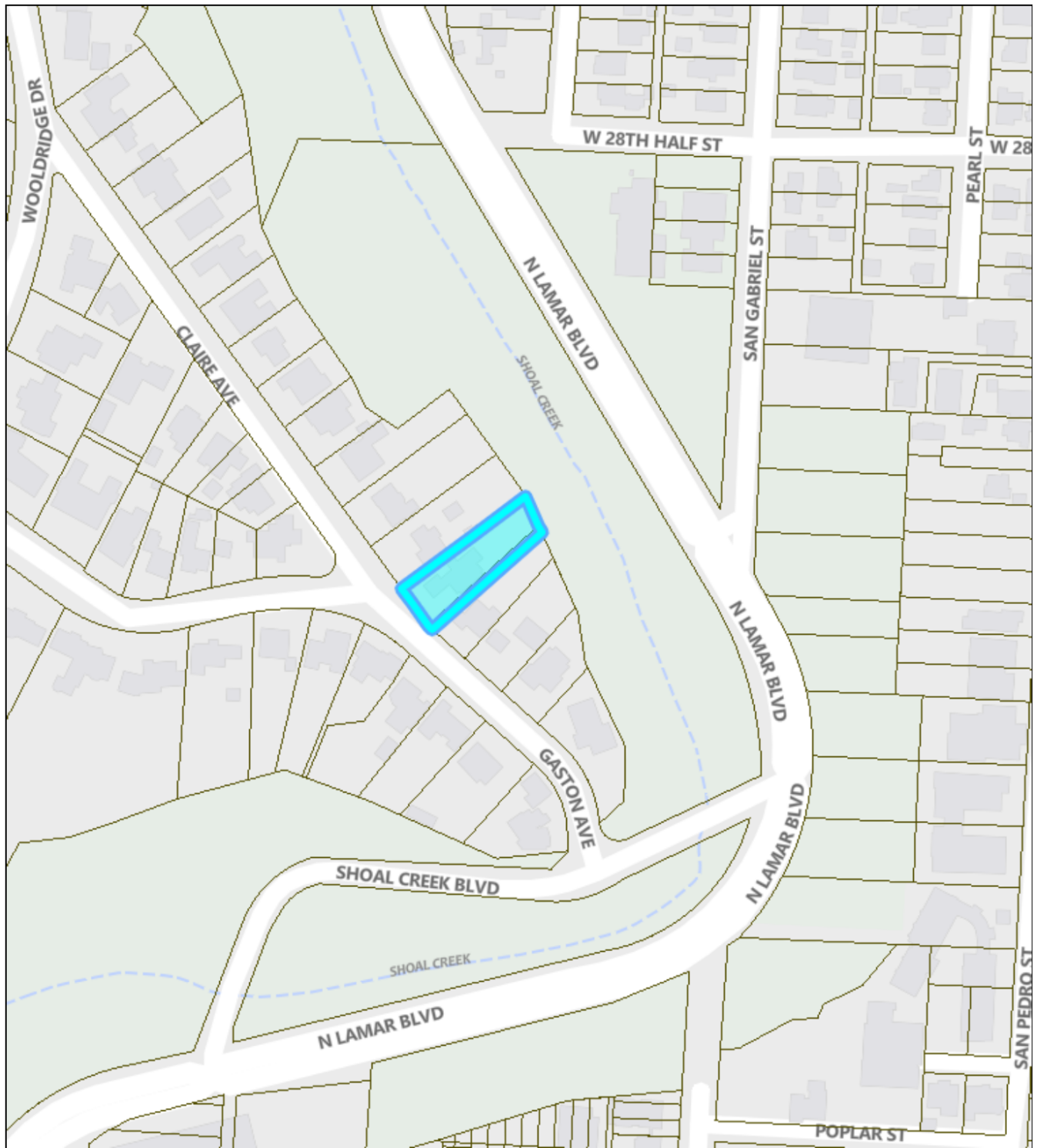
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate to low integrity. A portion of the building was demolished for an addition in 2006. Cladding and windows have been replaced.
- 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

Comment on and release plans.

LOCATION MAP



1: 2400

Lot Lines

Lot Line



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1012 GASTON AVENUE



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Occupancy History

City Directory Research, January 2023

1959	Henry W. and Dorothy B. Taylor, owners
1955	Henry W. and Dorothy B. Taylor, owners Traveling businessman
1952	Henry W. and Dorothy B. Taylor, owners
1947	Henry W. and Dorothy B. Taylor, owners
1944	Henry W. and Dorothy B. Taylor, owners United States Army Instructor at the University of Texas
1941	Henry W. and Dorothy B. Taylor, owners Manager at Mexican Journeys travel agcy

Historical information

Margaret Taylor Winner of Award

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass., June 4 Miss Margaret Taylor, a junior at Mount Holyoke College, is the recipient of a Janet F. Brooks award for painting. The honor was officially announced at the 119th commencement ceremonies at the college Sunday. Miss Taylor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry William Taylor of 1012 Gaston Ave., Austin.

Anne Baird Taylor Weds Gerald Dayton Blatherwick

Miss Anne Baird Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry William Taylor, 1012 Gaston Avenue, became the bride of Gerald Dayton Blatherwick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lewis Blatherwick of Mission, Kan., Saturday evening.

The Rev. Allen Pickering read the double ring rites in Danforth Chapel on the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence, Kan.

The bride received her BS degree in education from the University of Kansas, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and Panhellenic Council. She was state rush captain of Pi Phi and was sweetheart of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Mr. Blatherwick graduated from the University of Kansas with a BS in journalism. He belonged to Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and Alpha Delta Sigma. He is an ensign in the US Navy in Norfolk, Va.

trip to the Blue Ride Mountains, the couple will reside in Norfolk.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973). 04 June 1956: 6.
The Austin American (1914-1973); 12 June 1960: B14.

Permits

Connection Charge \$ # 2043 N^o Duplicate 16605A

APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.

Austin, Texas, 2-28- 1940

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
City of Austin, Texas

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions
on premises owned by Henry W. Taylor
at 1012 Gaston Ave. Street,
E. 55' of 14 & W. 10'

Sewer service permit, 1940

✓ **WATER SERVICE PERMIT** N^o 17192

Received of Henry W. Taylor Austin, Texas

Address 1012 Gaston Avenue

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

Plumber Harton Size of Tap 1/2

Date of Connection 3-6-40

INDEXED Date Feb 28th 1940

Water service permit, 1940

Henry W. Taylor 1012 Gaston Ave.
E 55' of 14 & W.
10' of 15

Shoal Terrace

2 sty. brick tenr. res. & brick gar. attached

18950 - 2-27-40

Building permit, 1940

Maps



Sanborn map, 1962