HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS JUNE 7, 2023 PR-2023-052574; GF-2023-060911

2204 CURTIS AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1930 house.

ARCHITECTURE

2204 Curtis Avenue is a one-story Craftsman cottage. It is clad in horizontal wood siding and has a side-gabled roofline with clipped gable. The central gablet sheltering the entryway features decorative trim and triangular brackets.

RESEARCH

The house at 2204 Curtis Avenue was built around 1930. Its first occupants were renters Fred and Theresa Morris. Fred Morris worked as a janitor at the University of Texas. By 1939, Robert and Lucille Barnes had purchased the property. Robert Barnes worked as an engineer for the Driskill Hotel Company, first as an assistant chief and then as the chief engineer. The Barnes family lived in the home until around 1955.

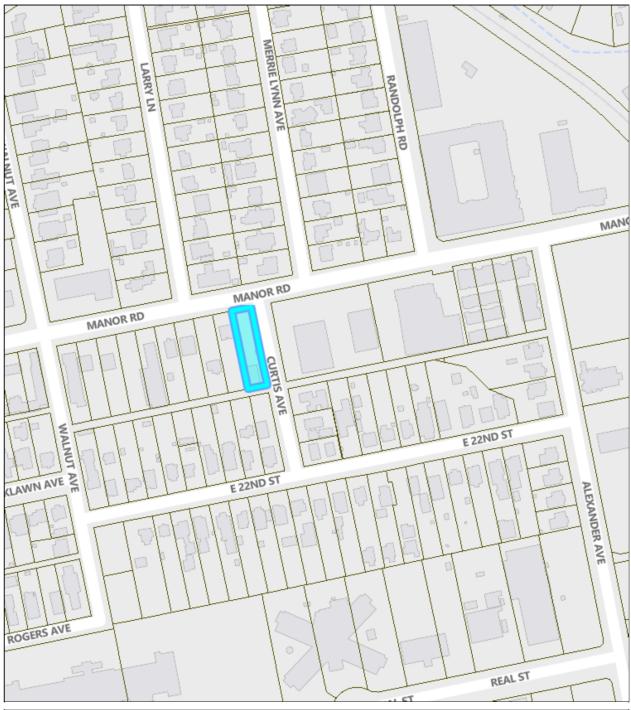
PROPERTY EVALUATION

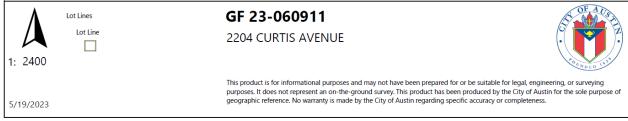
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high to moderate integrity. Some 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 is a good example of a modest Craftsman-inspired dwelling.
 - 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 possess a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Strongly encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.





PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos





Zillow.com. accessed 2023

Occupancy History City Directory Research, May 2023

City Directory Research, Way 2025				
	1959	No return		
	1955	Robert E. and Lucille Barnes, owners Engineer, Driskill Co.		
	1952	Robert E. and Lucille Barnes, owners Chief engineer, Driskill Hotel Co.		
	1949	Robert E. and Lucille Barnes, owners		
	1944	Robert E. and Lucille Barnes, owners Engineer		
	1941	Robert E. and Lucille Barnes, owners Assistant engineer		
	1939	Robert E. and Lucille Barnes, owners Chief assistant engineer, Driskill Hotel Co.		
	1935	Fred D. and Theresa Morris, renters Janitor, UT		
	1932	Fred D. and Theresa Morris, renters		

Bond Sellers For Saturday Named

The Women's Defense corp will staff the Victory house at Yaring's Saturday and the Stephen F. Austin hotel bond booth will be under the direction of the Electrical Workers' union auxiliary.

Mrs. LaRue Tipton will be officer of the day at Yaring's, assisted by Mrs. Lucille Barnes and Mrs. Freddie Wallace in the morning and Mrs. Ethel Crawford and Miss Belle Pendleton, during the afternoon.

BARNES, Robert E., 71, 101 E. Longspur Blvd., dled Monday. Services 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Burial, Memorial Hill Park. Survivors: wife, Lucille Barnes of Austin; daughter, Mrs. Calvin (Trula Nell) Kruger of Austin; brother, Fred Barnes of Austin; sisters, Lena Barnes, Viola Barnes, Leona Barnes, all of Austin; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Red Cross Names Dietician. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 12 Feb 1943: 11. deaths and services. The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980), 15 Mar 1978: B5.

Permits

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