

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
AUGUST 2, 2023
PR-2023-081754; GF-2023-087251
4707 REYES STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a house constructed or moved onto the lot between 1940 and 1958.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story rectangular-plan house with corrugated metal hipped roof, balanced front façade, 2:2 aluminum windows, and board-and-batten siding. Several additions that appear to be of historic age have been constructed on the Reyes St. side, while the main elevation fronts Mansell Street.

RESEARCH

The house at the corner of Reyes and Mansell Streets was either constructed around 1955 as a laundry facility or is an older building moved onto the lot and retrofitted between 1940 and 1958. 1955 permits indicate that the building may have been used as a laundry facility or that a smaller detached laundry was constructed elsewhere on the lot. The building itself appears to be older than the permit date suggests and is dated 1925 by the Travis Central Appraisal District. Aerial photos show that the building did not appear on the lot until between 1940 and 1958, which may indicate that it was moved onto the lot from another location.

Though listed as vacant in 1955, the earliest listing available, the building was owned and occupied by Leon Cuellar. By 1972, Vernice Bradshaw and his wife, Otho Jean Bradshaw, had purchased the house. They had two children, debutante Cheryl and Army serviceman Vernice Jr.; Vernice Bradshaw Sr. remained there until his death in 2004. Otho Jean Bradshaw owned the home until shortly before her death in 2019.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

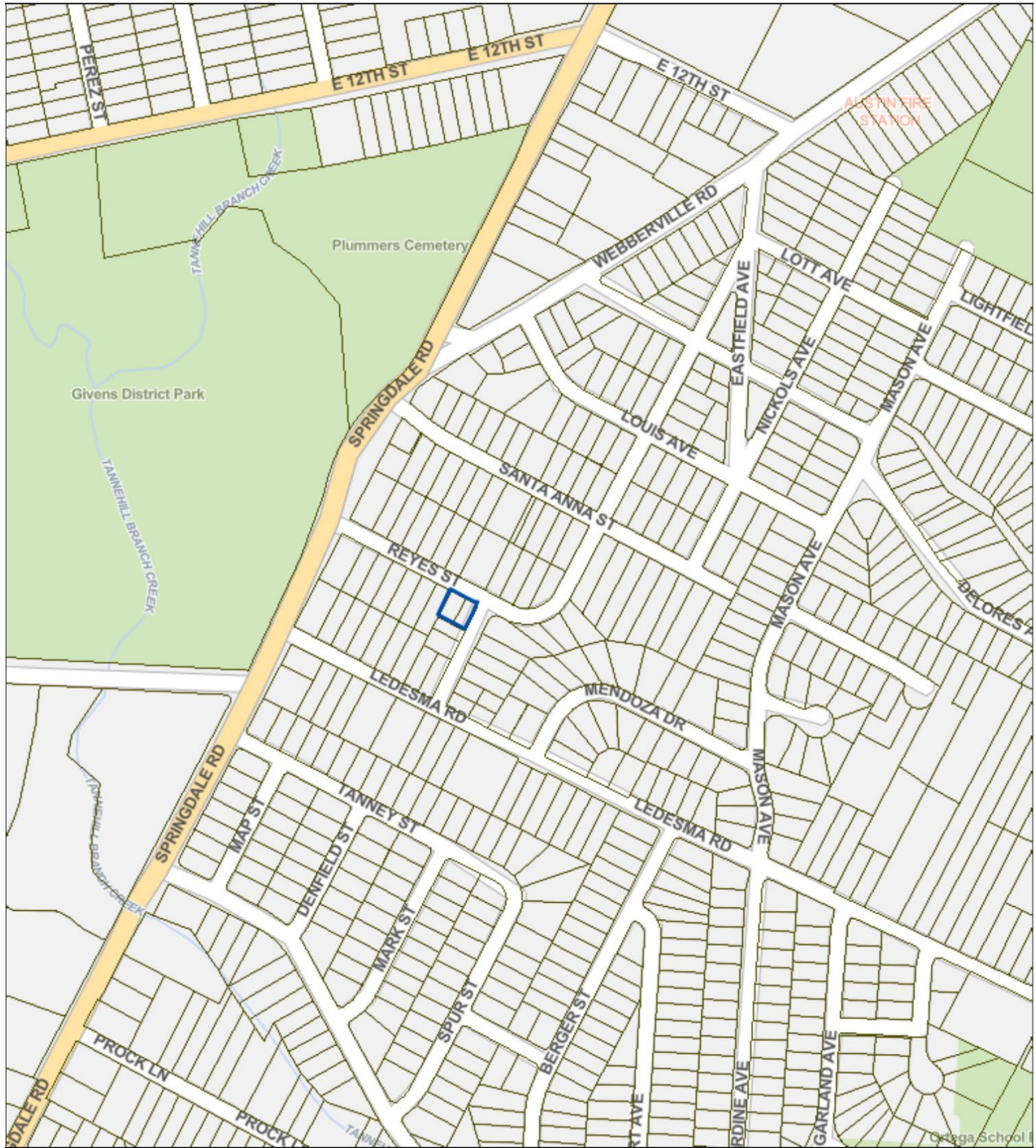
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark


- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high to moderate integrity.
- 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 constructed in the National Folk vernacular style.
 - b. Historical association. The property does not appear to have significant historical associations; however, limited information was available in City directories for identifying occupants during the historic period.
 - 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 was not evaluated for its ability 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

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

LOCATION MAP






1: 4800

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos





Demolition permit application, 2023

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, July 2023

- 1959 Leon Cuellar, owner
- 1955 Vacant
- 1952 Reyes St. not listed

Historical Information



12 Debutantes Selected

Twelve young women have been selected as debutantes by Les Hirondelles Club and will be presented at the club's annual cotillion July 20 in Municipal Auditorium.

They are Miss Avis Gail Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Thomas Sr., 2400 E. 12th St.; Miss Debra Jean Schuler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schuler 4715 Old Fort Hill Drive; and Miss Barbara Finnen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Finnen, 6302 Huntleigh Way.

Also, Miss Carolyn Jean Goodman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodman of Dallas; Miss Frances Rose Fowler, daughter of Mrs. Rosa Fowler Clark, 1603 McKinley Ave.; and Miss Angela Bradley, daughter of Mrs. R. Eaulalia Bradley of Elgin.

Also, Miss Wanda Wray Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mayze Fowler, 4702 Leslie Ave.; Miss Judy Remona Arnold, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Otis W. Arnold, 2106 E. 9th St.; and Miss Cornell Sutton, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. George Kendle, 4606 Kitty Ave.

Also, Miss Diana Lynn Fletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Fletcher, Rt. 1; Miss Cassandra Jean Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex H. Franklin of San Antonio; and Miss Cheryl Bradshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernice Bradshaw, 4707 Reyes St.





DEBUTANTES BOW—Eleven debutantes were presented Saturday evening at the 18th annual cotillion of Les Hirondelles Club. They were: top row, from left, Miss Barbara Finnen, Miss Wanda Wray Robinson, Miss Frances Fowler, Miss Debra Jean Schuler, Miss Cornell Sutton and Miss Cassandra Franklin; lower row, Miss Judy Remona Arnold, Miss Cheryl Bradshaw, Miss Diana Fletcher, Miss Angela Bradley

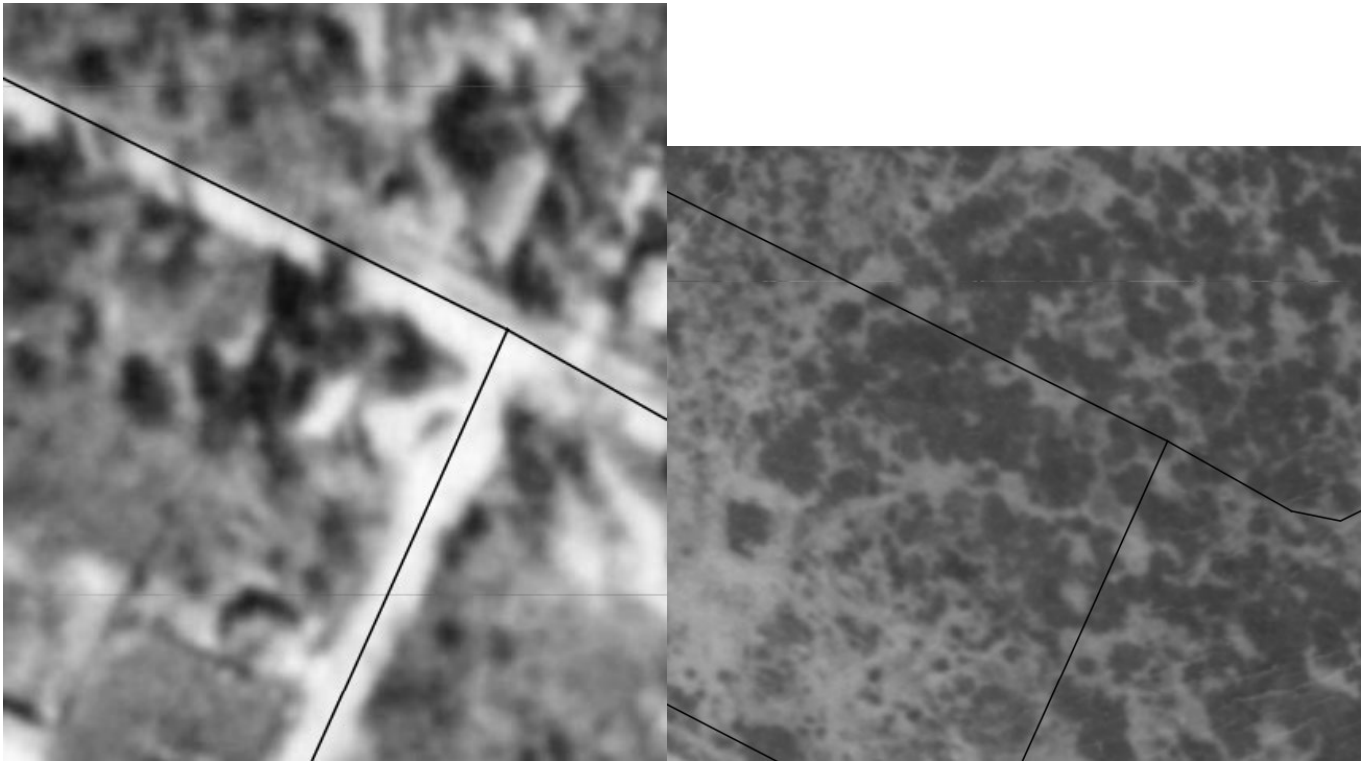
and Miss Avis Gail Thomas. The presentation was held at Municipal Auditorium, and the East Texas All-Stars played music for dancing. Mrs. Mable C. Williams was mistress of ceremonies. Members of the East Austin Optimist Club and the Ebonette Civic Club of Odessa were hosts and hostesses for the event. (Staff Photos by Larry Murphy)

Bradshaw assigned

Pfc. Vernice Bradshaw Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernice Bradshaw, 4707 Reyes, recently has assigned as a welder with the 1st Cavalary Division at Fort Hood.

12 Debutantes Selected. The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980), Evening ed.; 03 June 1974: 23.

Military notes(2): Completes school. The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980), 22 May 1980: K5.



1958 and 1940 aerial photos

Permits

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