

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS**  
**AUGUST 2, 2023**  
**PR-2023-081243; GF-2023-088405**  
**2407 McCULLOUGH STREET**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story Ranch house clad in painted brick, with a low-slope compound gabled roof with deep eaves, a sheltered front entryway, and multi-light picture windows.

## **RESEARCH**

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The house at 2407 McCullough Street was built in 1951 for Harold and Geneva Banks. Harold Banks owned and operated a chain of grocery stores before going into business with R. B. Rylander and Walter Bohn, grocer and businessman, in northeast Austin. Banks became part-owner of one of Austin's earliest large-scale supermarkets, the Fehr and Granger-designed Rylander's, in the Windsor Village shopping center in 1960. Harold B. Banks was also ordained as a Presbyterian deacon. The Banks family lived in the house at 2407 McCullough until at least 1959.

## **PROPERTY EVALUATION**

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### *Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

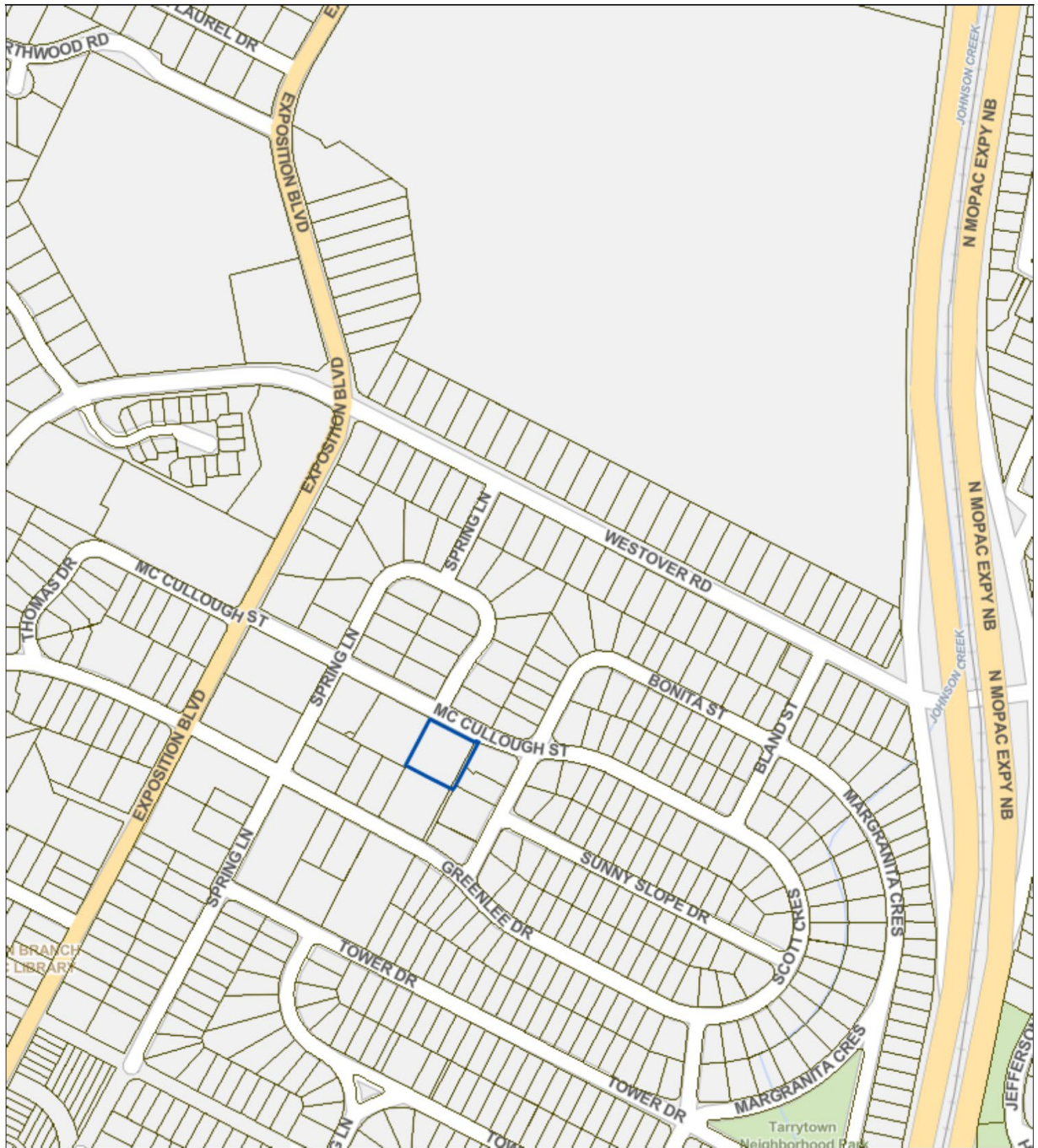
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high to moderate integrity. Some windows have been replaced.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it may meet two criteria:
  - a. Architecture. The building retains characteristics of the Ranch style.
  - b. Historical association. The property does not appear to have significant historical associations beyond Banks' business ownership.
  - 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**

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Release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

# LOCATION MAP






1: 4800

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**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

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*Photos*





*Demolition Permit Application – 2023*

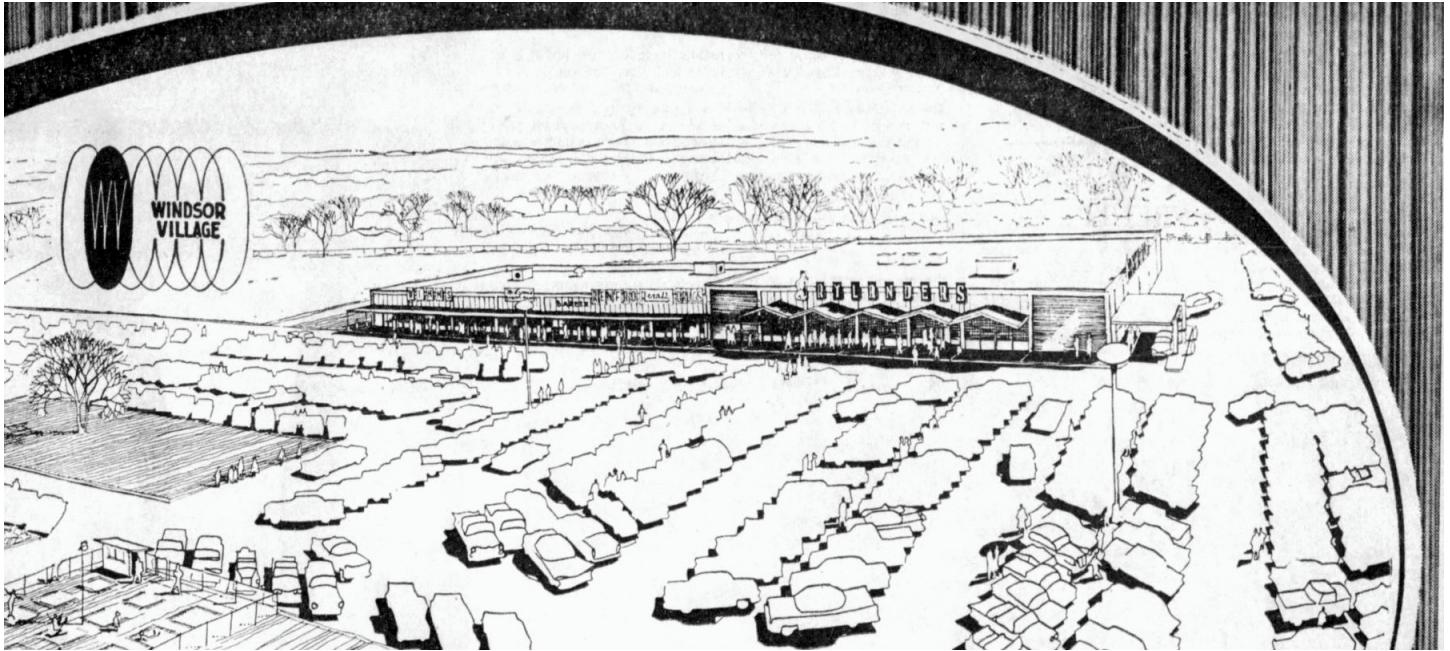
*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, July 2023

- 1959 Harold B. & Geneva Banks, owner – Banks Grocery Stores
- 1957 Harold B. & Geneva Banks, owner – Banks Grocery Stores
- 1955 Harold B. & Geneva Banks, owner – Banks Grocery Stores
- 1954 Harold B. & Geneva Banks, owner – Banks Grocery Stores
- 1953 Harold B. & Geneva Banks, owner – Banks Grocery Stores
- 1952 Harold B. & Geneva Banks, owner – Banks Grocery Stores
- 1949 Address not listed



## Historical information



F & G's 1960 supermarket design, <https://austin.towers.net/windsor-parks-first-shopping-center-looks-ready-to-grow-but-how/>

## Presbyterians To Install New Deacons

Four deacons will be ordained and installed Sunday during the regular worship service at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3208 Exposition Boulevard.

Percy S. Bailey, Harold B. Banks, Conley B. Etheridge and Ernest Rosner, elected by the congregation last month, will be formally inducted into their offices in an impressive service climaxed by the traditional laying on of hands.

According to Presbyterian policy, to the office of deacon is committed the financial affairs and physical maintenance of church properties. Men elected to this office are ordained for life, the Rev. Roy T. Sherrod Jr., explained, but the congregation may limit their term of active service.

*Presbyterians To Install New Deacons. The Austin American (1914-1973); 24 Mar 1957: B10.*

# New Center Ahead For Northeast Area

Another shopping center is in prospect for Northeast Austin in the area known as Gaston Place.

Plans are being developed for the key store of the proposed Windsor Village—Rylander's Supermarket—by the architectural firm of Fehr and Granger, which also is drawing plans for the entire development.

The new center will occupy a tract of 14 acres bordered by Berkman Drive, Briarcliff Boulevard and Westminster Drive which was recently acquired by Walter Bohn, Austin merchant. The new center will be located across the street from the Harris Elementary School and across from a prospective new Presbyterian Church to be built in that

area. Gaston Place is adjacent to Delwood 4 in Northeast Austin.

The Windsor Village project will embrace a shopping area of 100,000 square feet, of which 20,000 will be used by the Rylander Supermarket to be operated by R. B.

Rylander, John S. Burns, Harold Banks, and Walter Bohn. Spaces will be provided for 16 to 20 shopping units. Included will be a service station in one corner of the 14-acre tract. Space for about 900 automobiles will be provided.

*New Center Ahead For Northeast Area. The Austin American (1914-1973); 22 Feb 1959: D11.*

Permits

Harold B. Banks 2407 McCullough St.  
No. 160.5' of 3 & N. 9.77 x 160.5'  
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Monte Vista #2

Brick veneer residence with gar. attach.

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\$15,000.00

Owner

*Building Permit - 1951*