

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
AUGUST 2, 2023
PR-2023-069492; GF-2023-075615
1006 EAST 39TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1952 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story house with hipped roof, partial-width porch, and multi-light casement windows. It is clad with vertical wood and masonry siding.

RESEARCH

The house at 1006 E. 39th Street was constructed by Allan and Florence Leistico, who owned several properties in the Hancock neighborhood, beginning in 1952. It took several years to build; the family lived there with their three children by 1955. Allan Leistico, head of the Austin Motel Association, ran for County Commissioner in 1962. During his campaign, he described his varied background in “property management, farming, mechanical and electrical contracting, merchandising, hotel management, sales and construction of prefabricated buildings, and operating and servicing tractors and earth moving equipment.”¹ Florence Leistico managed the family’s Acacia Motel at 3800 IH-35, then 3800 Interregional Highway. The family lived at 1006 E. 39th Street at least until Florence Leistico’s death in 1974.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The 2020 North Loop-Hancock-Boggy Creek Survey lists the property as a medium priority in the Hancock neighborhood.

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 is a good example of an early Ranch-style house.
 - 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

Release the demolition application upon receipt of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

¹ “Clinching Clobbered.” The Austin *Statesman* (1921-1973); 31 Oct 1962: 2.

LOCATION MAP

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



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GOP Rally Scheduled

Tad R. Smith, an El Paso attorney who is the retiring state chairman of the Republican Party, has accepted an invitation to appear at a county-wide GOP rally to be held Tuesday night at McCallum High School. The event has been labeled a "pre-victory rally" by the Travis County GOP chairman, Marion B. Findlay.

Senator John G. Tower will be the featured speaker at the affair which will climax the most vigorous Republican campaign in the history of the local organization. Since the adjournment of Congress, Sen. Tower has been actively campaigning throughout the nation in behalf of the GOP congressional candidates. He is expected to spend the remaining days of the campaign in Texas, boosting the chances of Republican hopefuls across the state.

Also scheduled to be present at the rally, which begins at 8 p.m. Tuesday, are the five local GOP candidates—Jim Dobbs for Congress, Bill Youngblood and Ray Downs for the State Legislature, Lonny Zwiener for county judge and Allan Leistico for county commissioner. The rally is open to the public.

County Court Post Sought By Leistico

Allan Leistico, an Austin businessman, is a candidate on the Republican ticket for county commissioner of Precinct 2 in Travis County.

Leistico said Tuesday he wants to "eliminate illegal use of county equipment, equalize the county tax structure, establish a regular audit of county records and provide an opportunity for the use of voting machines in the county."

A business administration graduate, Leistico is a member of the industrial development committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the Tejas Toastmasters Club, Austin Adult Services Council, the University of Texas Ex-Students Association, and is finance board chairman of Hope Lutheran Church.

He lists as his qualifications experience in property management, farming, mechanical and electrical contracting, merchandising, hotel and motel management, sales and construction of prefabricated buildings, and experience in operating and servicing tractors, earth moving equipment and other machinery.

Leistico, builder and owner of the new Acacia Motel, is married and has three sons.

Leistico Charges Misuses

Allan Leistico, Republican candidate for county commissioner, Precinct 2, Saturday charged that the incumbent has grossly misused government equipment, employees, and supplies by competing with private businessmen.

The commissioner has the primary responsibility of maintaining county roads in the precinct, and the law provides that he may do soil conservation work under certain circumstances.

Leistico, speaking to a group of contractors, noted that the commissioner of Precinct 2 engages in many activities outside the scope of his responsibility. Leistico stated that, "a careful check of the county auditor's records indicates that the county commissioner has constructed several private airports, constructed cattle guards for landowners, erected mailbox posts for rural dwellings, and engaged in subdivision road work. The commissioner has even engaged in wrecker service, and hauling equipment for individuals, and has constructed roads, driveways and parking areas for certain individuals."

A lawsuit is currently in progress in Travis County to force the commissioners to stop this practice, Leistico said.

Leistico said, "It is unfortunate that private citizens are forced to resort to court actions to stop these unauthorized uses of government equipment, supplies, and employees, and when I am elected commissioner, I will stop immediately, and permanently these unauthorized practices in Precinct 2, and will take whatever action is necessary to see that the other commissioners do likewise."

GOP Rally Scheduled. The Austin American (1914-1973); 28 Oct 1962: A10.

Clinching Clobbered. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 31 Oct 1962: 2.

Leistico Charges Misuses. The Austin American (1914-1973); 04 Nov 1962: A5.



Elect **ALLAN LEISTICO**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 2, TRAVIS COUNTY**

**CONSERVATIVE • BUSINESSMAN
REPUBLICAN**

★ 36 YEARS OF PRACTICAL BUSINESS
EXPERIENCE

★ FINANCE BOARD CHAIRMAN OF CHURCH

★ BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION GRADUATE
AS YOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, **ALLAN
LEISTICO** WILL HAVE TWO PRIMARY AREAS
OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND WHEN ELECTED
COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF PRECINCT 2,
WILL:

<p>AS A MEMBER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initiate provision for adequate County maps (The 1924 maps are out-dated, incomplete, and inaccurate) ● Consult with department heads on budget needs ● Strive to have all property evaluated on the same basis ● Give serious consideration to voting machines in Travis County ● Recommend outside audits on a regular basis 	<p>AS COMMISSIONER OF PRECINCT 2—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be responsible for maintaining 292 miles of county roads ● Reduce the 1963 precinct 2 budget by approximately \$37,800.00 by eliminating waste, lost motion, and unauthorized use of government employees, supplies, and equipment ● Institute immediately proper accounting and stock records for all precinct equipment
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**AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS
IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE**

(Pd. Pol. Adv.)

Leistico New Motel Head For Austin

Allan Leistico, owner of the Acacia Motel, was elected president of the Austin Motel Association for 1965 at a recent meeting in the Terrace Motor Hotel.

Bryan Robinson, owner of the Walnut Forest Motel, was elected vice president, and Mrs. Don Howard, owner of the Don Mar-Motel, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Installation of the officers will be held at the annual Christmas party at the Gondolier Motor Hotel.

Display Ad 77 -- No Title. *The Austin American* (1914-1973); 04 Nov 1962: B14.

Leistico New Motel Head For Austin. *The Austin American* (1914-1973); 13 Dec 1964: A23.

Three young San Antonio men have been named in an indictment for armed robbery of the Acacia Motel.

Named in the indictment were Roy Lee Steward, 21, Charles Milton Johnson, 20 and Sherman Hughes, 22.

Mrs. Florence Leistico, manager of the motel at 3800 Interregional, told police officers that three young men asked to rent a unit at the motel and that one of the men pulled a gun. Approximately \$68 was taken.

Police officers arrested three men a short distance from the motel after the armed robbery occurred.

LEISTICO, Mrs. Florence E., 58, of 1006 East 39th Street, died Thursday. Services are pending at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Survivors: husband, **Allan H. Leistico** of Austin; three sons, Donovan Leistico of San Diego, Calif., Nathan Leistico and Kent Leistico, both of Austin; a brother, Ray Schmidt of Okabena, Minn.

3 Motel Robbery Suspects Indicted. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 31 Aug 1968: 15.

Deaths and Services. *The Austin American Statesman* (1973-1980), Evening ed.; 30 Sep 1974: 22.

Permits

Allan H. Leistico 1006 East 39th St.
 81 Center $\frac{53.9}{52.5'}$ of 1 9 20 C
 Plainview Heights
 Frame residence.
 51492 7-25-52 \$6000.00
 Owner

Building Permit - 1952

Allan H. Leistico 1006-B East 39th St.
 8 Center $\frac{53.9}{52.5'}$ of 1 9 20 C
 Plainview Heights
 Frame garage apartment.
 51905 9-11-52 \$2500.00
 Owner

Building Permit - 1952

Allan H. Leistico 1006 East 39th
 81 Center 52.5' of 1
 Plainview Heights
 Frame Acc. Bldg. (Garage & Storage)
 74406 10-16-59 \$2,500.00
 Owner none

THIS BUILDING IS NOT TO BE USED FOR RESIDENTIAL NOR
 COMMERCIAL PURPOSES TO COMPLY WITH CITY ORDINANCES

GARAGE & STORAGE

1-16-76-154267-Kent Leistico owner - frm acc
 bldg. - storage 192 sq ft. water and sewer exis
 Storage \$800.00

Building Permit - 1959