

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS**  
**AUGUST 2, 2023**  
**PR-2023-069646; GF-2023-074979**  
**400 BRADY LANE**

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**PROPOSAL**

Demolish a ca. 1953 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

One and one-half story Ranch house with cedar shake and rustic masonry cladding, compound gabled roof with deep eaves, aluminum windows, and built-in front planter.

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**RESEARCH**

The house at 400 Brady Lane was built in 1953 by the Connelly Construction Company for proprietor Webb Connelly and his family. Connelly, the son of Austin businessman and Texas State Printer W. P. Connelly, ran several florists' shops with his sister, wife, and daughter. After retiring as a florist, Connelly built and managed the Ridgewood Motel at 4600 IH-35 (then 4600 East Avenue) and Connelly Street. The motel featured the same rustic aesthetic as the family home on Brady Lane.

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**PROPERTY EVALUATION**

*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

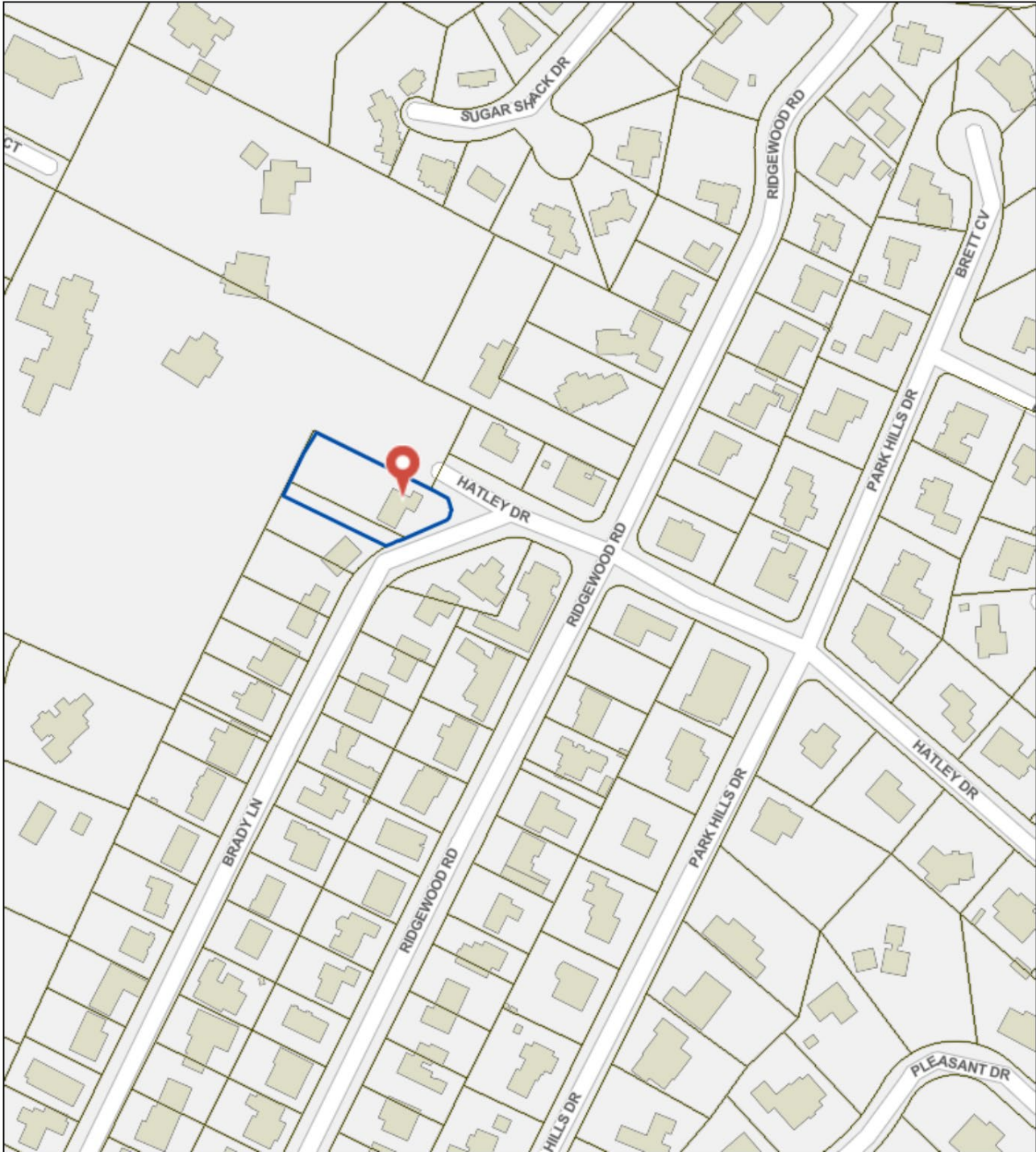
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high to moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
  - a. Architecture. The building does not appear to convey architectural significance.
  - b. Historical association. The property is associated with the Connelly family, long-time Austin businesspeople.
  - 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 does not appear to be a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.


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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

## LOCATION MAP






1: 2400

6/21/2023

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400 BRADY LANE



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**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

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*Photos*





*Demolition Permit Application – 2023*

*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, June 2023

1959 Webb L. Connelly, owner

1957 Address not listed.

1955 Address not listed.

## FRESH CUT ROSES OFFERED DAILY BY NEW SHOP

Fresh cut roses "sparkling with the morning dew" are offered daily to the patrons by The Connellys, florists, who opened their new shop at 914 Congress avenue on June 1.

This modern florist shop was opened by Ruby and Webb Connelly, experienced florists who have served the people of Austin for many years in this business. The shop is under the management of Webb Connelly and has already experienced a splendid patronage which is steadily growing as the name "Connellys Flowers" becomes known to the Austin public.

The new store offers seasonable cut flowers kept fresh in a new commodious refrigerator which is replenished daily with flowers from California, the land of flowers, from cool Colorado and from home gardens furnishing the finest roses cut fresh every day.

In addition, the new store offers new things in all florists accessories, such as new baskets, wall stands, floral offerings for friends, for the sick and the well; bouquets, corsages and elaborate floral arrangements for all occasions.

The Connellys deliver flowers anywhere and will respond to all phone calls. Persons desiring the Connelly service are asked to call the store at 9400 or 7378, when the store is closed at night or the store phone is busy. Customers are asked to list these numbers on the margin of their telephone book, since they are not included in the present telephone directory.

Sam Lane, tract of land at 2400 East Avenue.

Frank Glauninger, Kenneth E. Davis and E. C. Homeyer Sr., 11 lots at 919 through 1005 Clayton Lane, six lots at 6213 through 6224 Highway 20 and the north portion of Lot 9, Duval Heights.

Webb P. Connelly, L. G. Dement, Mrs. W. H. Dement, O. F. Henderson, and Forest Hausman Sr., deceased, property in the 4500 and 4600 Blocks of East Avenue, extending from intersection of Airport Boulevard 255 feet south of East 46th Street to a point 750 feet north of East 46th Street.

Allan H. Leistico, property at 3800 and 3806 East Avenue, 1019-1021 East 38th and 1018-1020 East 38th.

John Holubec, lot at 2907 East Avenue.

## City Inspector Okays Tourist Court Job

A permit for the construction of a \$100,000, 20-unit tourist court at 4600 East Avenue has been issued to Webb Connelly by Building Inspector John Eckert.

Contractor for the project is Bob Connelly.

The new tourist facility is to be built of concrete slab, trimmed with stone and cedar shakes.

*FRESH CUT ROSES OFFERED DAILY BY NEW SHOP. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Aug 1931: 8.*

*City Council Faces Busy Wednesday. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 19 Apr 1949: 14.*

*City Inspector Okays Tourist Court Job. The Austin American (1914-1973); 14 Feb 1954: B3.*

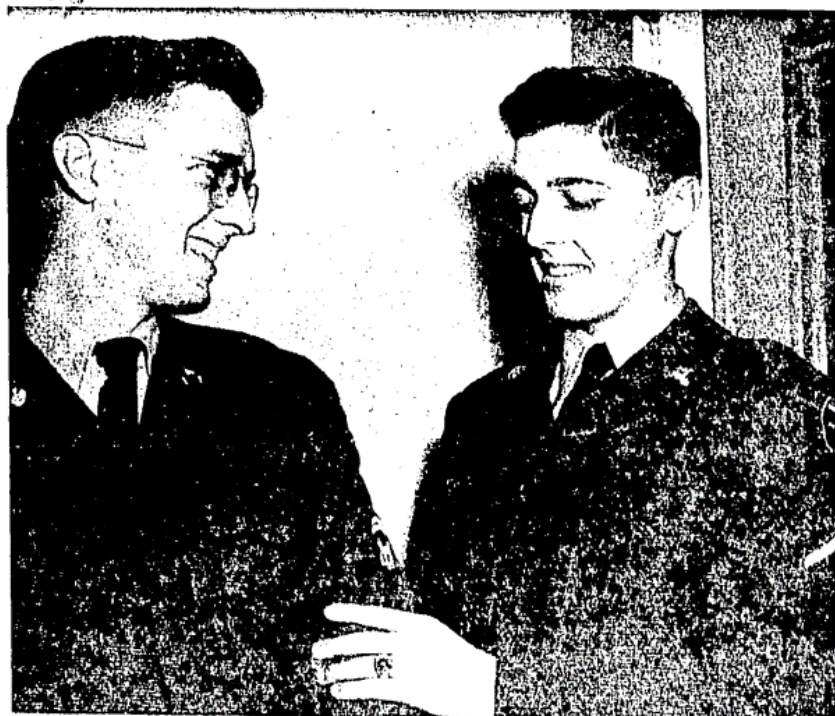




*Ridgewood Motel postcard, ca. 1960. [Ebay](#).*



*Ridgewood Motel postcard, n.d. [Austin Postcard](#).*



Austin American-Chief Brooks

**AN EYE ON THE FUTURE**—Army Specialist First Class James F. Connelly, left, smiles as his younger brother, Private First Class William Trent Connelly, admires the specialist chevrons, which the younger Connelly may attain in time. Both are members of the 90th Infantry

Division, Army Reserve, in Austin. Their older brother, Lieutenant Webb L. Connelly, now is stationed at Fort Lee, Va. Army men all, they are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Webb Connelly of 400 Brady Lane. Specialist Connelly and his wife and two children live at 1406 Kirkwood.

*AN EYE ON THE FUTURE. The Austin American (1914-1973); 09 Dec 1956: D5.*

City Council Thursday called in an Austin florist to explain a reported change in his plans for a flower shop at 32nd and Lamar—plans he outlined in detail in securing commercial zoning last month.

The council was told by a resident of the area that he had learned that a laundry pickup station would be built there instead of the flower shop for which the zone change was granted.

Mayor Tom Miller had City Attorney Doren Eskew immediately telephone for Bernard Hillen who operates Connelly's Florists on 19th Street and who had disclosed the plans to open a new flower shop at the Lamar location.

Hillen wasn't in, but Eskew talked with his father-in-law, Webb Connelly. Askew reported that Connelly said the flower shop plans had not been entirely abandoned—that his son-in-law intends to build the flower shop within five years.

## WEBB CONNELLY

Rosary services for Webb Connelly, 71, of 400 Brady Lane, will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Hyllin Manor Funeral Home by Father John Payne. Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Father Payne Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Ignatious Catholic Church. Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery.

Connelly, a retired florist, died in Albuquerque, N. M., Monday evening. He established the Connelly Florist on Congress Avenue, moved it to Lavaca St. and 19th in 1936, and operated it until retirement in 1954. Since that time he built and operated the Ridgewood Motel for a number of years. Connelly was a veteran of World War I and had been a lifelong resident of Austin.

*Council Airs Florist Shop 'Laundry'. Woods, Bill. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 14 Feb 1957: A1.*

*Deaths and Services. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 09 Sep 1970: 26.*

## Permits

607  
Connelly Const. Co.

400 Brady Lane

39 and north 45' of ~~30~~<sup>40</sup>

Ridgewood Village #1

Stone veneer and frame residence with  
garage under.

54110 6-1-53

\$16,000.00

Bob Connolly

Building Permit - 1953