## HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 PR-2023-084707; GF-2023-101930 1118 AZIE MORTON ROAD

## PROPOSAL

Partially demolish and remodel a ca. 1971 duplex built by A. D. Stenger.

### **PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

Remove and replace roof, siding, and windows. Relocate windows and doors.

#### ARCHITECTURE

Two-story Shed-style duplex clad in vertical siding accented with rustic stacked stone. Like many of Stenger's designs, the duplex's staggered massing and form respond to the rocky, varied topography of the Barton Hills neighborhood.

### RESEARCH

The duplex at 1118 Azie Morton Road (originally addressed as 1118 Robert E. Lee Road) was constructed in 1971 by architect and builder Arthur Dallas Stenger, known as "Austin's Eichler." Stenger's postwar designs were known for their response to the natural surroundings of Barton Hills by his use of natural stone, sweeping rooflines, and plans built into hillsides. 1118 Azie Morton is a rare example of a duplex built by Stenger, who constructed mostly single-family homes for middle-class buyers.

## **PROPERTY EVALUATION**

## Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to moderate integrity, with changes to the sides and rear of the building completed outside the historic period.
- 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 rare example of a duplex constructed by famed Austin architect A. D. Stenger.
  - 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**

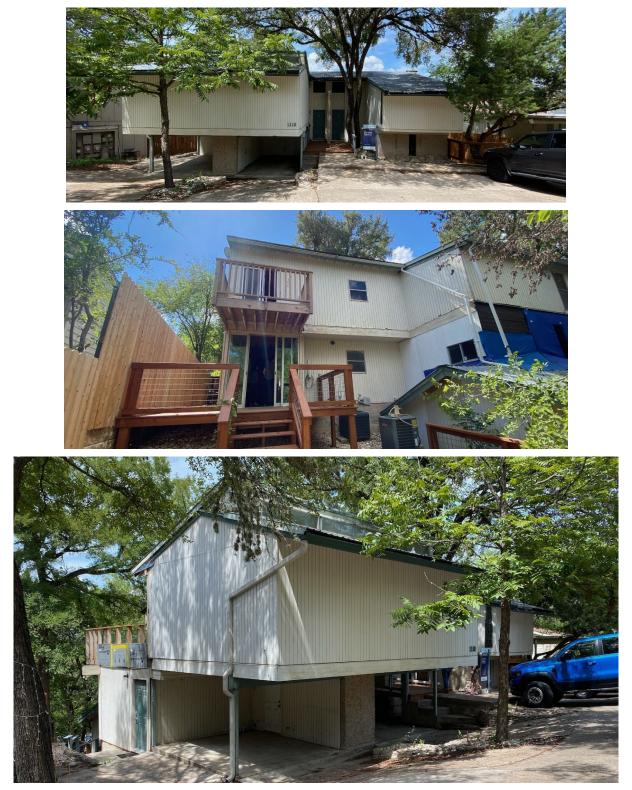
Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

# LOCATION MAP



# **PROPERTY INFORMATION**

Photos





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Occupancy History City Directory Research, July 2023

1959 Address not listed.

Historical information

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Permits

S. 18

OWNER A.D. Stenger Address	118 Robert E. Lee Road
PLAT 74 LOT 22	BLK ]
SUBDIVISION Barton Hollow Sec	1
OCCUPANCY Duplex	
BLD PERMIT # 124603 DATE 8-16-71	OWNERS ESTIMATE \$30,000.00
CONTRACTOR OWNER	NO. OF FIXTURES 2 0
WATER TAP REC # E67009 SEWER TAP REC # 59938	
2 story frm duplex w/ concrete and att C.P.	
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Building Permit – 1971