

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
OCTOBER 4, 2023
PR-2023-116387; GF-2023-118718
4604 CRESTWAY DRIVE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1957 house.

ARCHITECTURE

The house at 4604 Crestway Drive is one and one-half stories in height, with a low-slope roof and deep eaves. It is clad in natural stone and vertical cedar siding. Fenestration includes aluminum ribbon and half-height sliders, full-height sliders, and full-height fixed windows. A first-floor carport, wide chimney, and stone retaining walls visually anchor the house to the hillside on which it is built.

RESEARCH

4604 Crestway Drive was built in 1957 by Richard R. Hidell, Sr. Hidell, son of a Fort Worth hardware company founder, opened Hidell Builders Supply in Austin in the late 1940s. Though Hidell, Sr. retired in 1996, the company is still around today and supplies materials to contractors around the state.

Hidell was active in several charitable organizations, serving in leadership positions in numerous clubs. During the 1960s, he served as an officer of the Westwood Country Club alongside architect Roland G. Roessner, a luminary of Austin's Mid-century Modern design community. Though no evidence was found linking Roessner to 4604 Crestway, he designed several homes—including his own at 3414 Foothill Terrace¹—in and around the Balcones Park and Mount Bonnell areas, including the house at 4504 Crestway in 1965.² Additionally, 4604 Crestway's design is reminiscent of the 1957 Roessner home formerly located at 3800 Balcones Drive, with a similar prominent chimney and wide, shallow eaves.^{3 4}

PROPERTY EVALUATION

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). The property does not appear to meet two criteria:
 - a. Architecture. The building is a good example of mid-century Modern design, using natural materials and employing a design that responds to the site's topography. Its details are reminiscent of a Roland G. Roessner design, though no connection has been confirmed to date.
 - b. Historical association. The property does not appear to have significant historical associations, though the Commission may wish to consider the relationship between Hidell Builders' Supply and the home's unique materials and construction.
 - 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 appear 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 was not evaluated as a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Strongly encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then deconstruction and reuse of materials, but release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

¹ UTexas.edu, 2015. <https://repositories.lib.utexas.edu/bitstream/handle/2152/53857/2013-X-1212-RascoeElder.txt?sequence=2&isAllowed=y>

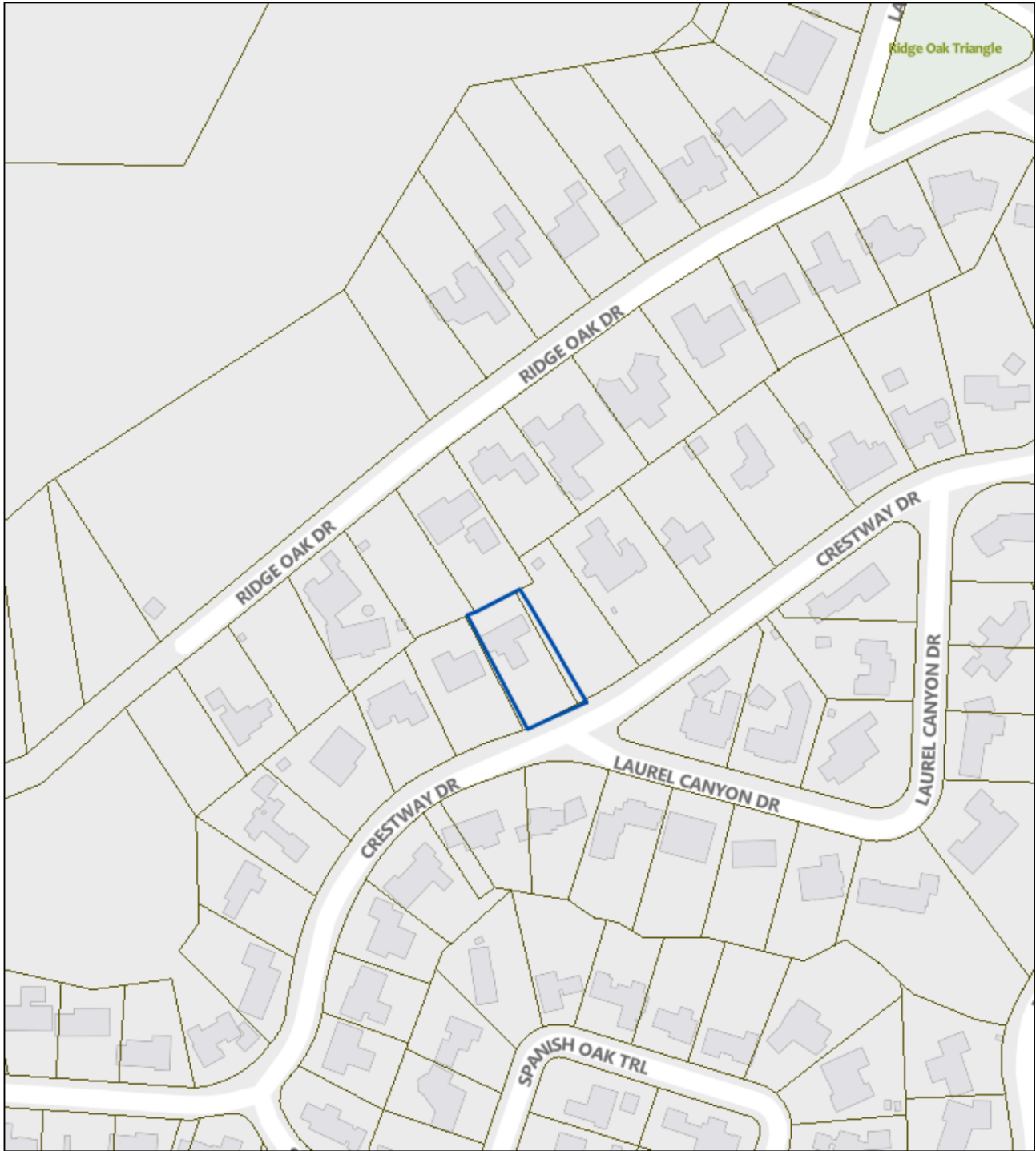
² Fitch, Creede. "Roland Roessner: 4504 Crestway." <https://creedefitch.com/austin-modern-homes/4504-crestway-roland-roessner>

³ Pagano, Elizabeth. "Roessner-Designed Home Slated for Demolition - Austin Monitor." Austin Monitor, October 28, 2015.

<https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2015/10/roessner-designed-home-slanted-for-demolition/>.

⁴ Sadowsky, Steve. "3800 Balcones Drive." 2015. <https://services.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=239632>

LOCATION MAP



1: 2400

Lot Lines
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PROPERTY INFORMATION*Photos*



Demolition permit application, 2023

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, September 2023

1957 Address not listed

Historical Information

Congratulations

on the completion of the modern
Educational Building of

Hyde Park Baptist Church

Best wishes for continued growth and progress
builders hardware by

Hidell Builders Supply Co.

5907 Burnet Road

HO 5-0430

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 05 Oct 1958: A22.



Rick Hidell helps his mother into their Arkansas Traveler while his father, Dick Hidell, waits to pull out of the docks.

Rick and his friends use the boat more than his parents. The Hidells live at 4604 Crestway.

Tennis Courts Contract Let

Awarding of a contract to A.C. Bryant for construction of tennis courts on the grounds of the Westwood Country Club was announced Tuesday following a meeting of officers and directors of that organization.

Sterling Sasser Jr., newly named president of the club, announced they will be double courts with practice backboards and will be standard size to handle tournament matches.

The Bryant contract was the first official action of the new officers and directors who are Sasser, president; A. E. Cornwell, vice president; Dick Hidell, secretary; and Gordon McNutt, Charles D. Nash, Dr. Milner Thorne, Roland Roessner, Louis F. Shanks, David R. Wilson, Morgan Pearce, Claude Campbell, Tom Graham, John Vaught, Clarence McCullough and George Riffin.

Austinites Enjoy Boating With Two Lakes in Town. The Austin American (1914-1973); 23 July 1961: E9.

Tennis Courts Contract Let. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 07 Nov 1961: A21

CONGRATULATIONS

TO PHARMAFAC

Manufacturers of Quality Pharmaceuticals

10214 NORTH INTERREGIONAL HIGHWAY

To Austin's newest industry, we offer our congratulations and very best wishes on the occasion of the completion of their new, ultra-modern plant and office facilities. This occasion is another milestone in the development of our Central Texas Community.

RHEA MERRITT, Contractor

SCHUMACK BROS., Builders	GRAPHIC ARTS LITHO SUPPLY	FINE PAPERS, INC.
MIDWEST ROOF & DECK SUPPLY	GEORGE COX GLASS CO.	LAMBERT PAINT CO.
NOZICK ELECTRIC COMPANY	ACME GLASS CO.	HARGIS-AUSTIN CO.
LYNN'S TV	REESE LUMBER CO.	SHANBLUM SUPPLY CO.
TROY LOVELL, Floor Contractor	RAWLS LUMBER CO.	HIDELL BUILDERS SUPPLY
HOLIDAY AIR CONDITIONING	STRIPLING-BLAKE LUMBER CO.	SOUTHERN ELECTRIC SUPPLY
HOLIDAY PLUMBING	PAT CANON, Paving & Excavating	FRANK BRYANT, TESTING LABORATORIES
CHESTER HEEP, Plastering	SOUTHERN UNION GAS CO.	TEX BERRY, CONTAINERS CORPORATION
JAKE MEARS, Cement Contractor	CAPITAL CITY OFFICE OUTFITTERS	E. H. SARGENT CO.
ALAMO STEEL	WINETRAUB, INSURANCE AGENCY	ATLAS CHEMICAL CO.
R. A. OBENHAUS CO.	AUSTIN NATIONAL BANK	BELL BOTTOM FOUNDATION CO.
DON FLETCHER, Tanners	FIRST FEDERAL SAVING & LOAN	TEX BERRY, CONTAINERS CORPORATION
ELGIN STANDARD BRICK CO.		CAPITAL AGGREGATES

HIDELL

BUILDERS SUPPLY, INC.

Suppliers of Quality Builders Hardware

Lockwood Locks For The Crest Hotel

8613 BURNET RD. AUSTIN, TEXAS HO 5-7692

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 14 May 1962: 6.

The Austin American (1914-1973); 23 Jan 1966: E7.

Austin Junior Miss Pageant Underway

The Austin Junior Miss Pageant, sponsored by the Austin Jaycees, got under way Sunday afternoon as 35 local high school girls competed for the judges' votes in two of four categories.

The annual pageant tested the girls on talent and poise and appearance Sunday, leaving their scholastic records to be judged by a computer and their personalities to be judged in a "judges' conference."

The competition was at Municipal Auditorium. The second part of the pageant — the naming of the winners — will be at Municipal Auditorium Dec. 10, according to Rick

Hidell, director of public relations for the Jaycees.

The 1971 Austin Junior Miss will inherit the crown from Miss Kay Smith, 18, a freshman at the University of Texas. Along with the title will go an approximately \$400 cash scholarship, Hidell said.

The first and second place winners will each receive \$100 cash scholarships. The winner of each category will receive a \$50 savings bond, according to Hidell.

No winners will be announced until Dec. 10. At that part of the pageant, the winners of the four different categories will be announced, the top 10 finalists will be named and the top five performers will entertain, Hidell said. The winner and the two runners-up will then be named.

Austin Junior Miss Pageant Underway. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 30 Nov 1970: 47.

Attorney To Head New Jaycee Slate

Phil Gilbert, an Austin attorney, will head the slate of officers for 1971-72 for the Austin Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to Gilbert, new officers elected Wednesday are Tom Bergstrom, Capital National Bank, first vice president; Wayne Mathews, National Western Life Insurance Co., second vice president; Charles Cantwell, Leif Johnson Ford, third vice president; Harold Broadbent, State Health Department, secretary; and Capt. Earl Morgan, Bergstrom AFB, treasurer.

Those named to the board of directors are Rick Hidell, Builders Supply; Dick Waite, First Federal Saving & Loan; Dan Torres, Whitley Printing Co.; David Monk, New York Life Insurance Co.; Mike Miller, Texas Instruments; Jim McMurtry, Austin attorney; Mike Womack Life & Casualty.

Others are Gib Blaerman, National Western Life Insurance Co.; Tim Callaway, Mutual Savings Loan; Jack Cartwright, Decision Dynamics; Dan Gardner, Glastron Boat Co.; and Jack Kreins, American National Insurance Co.

Attorney To Head New Jaycee Slate. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 01 May 1971: 13

Richard Robinson "Dick" Hidell, also affectionately known to many as "Pop", passed away peacefully April 21, 2009 at the age of 88, in the comfort of his own bed. He was born in Ft. Worth, Texas on December 2, 1920. He led a full and successful life. Dick graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and then graduated from Texas A&M University in 1943. He was a member of the Century Club as well as the Reveille Club and was a lifelong fan of the Texas A&M football team. He was a veteran of WWII, a bronze star recipient, great-grandson of William Henry Hidell, the secretary of Alexander Stephens, Vice President of the Confederacy, charter member of Highland Park Baptist Church, a Mason, member of the Headliners Club and involved with the Rotary Club, Optimist Club, as well as an avid pilot who loved all the instrumentation involved. His father started Hidell Hardware in 1924 and "Pop" came to Austin in 1948 to start Hidell Builders Supply, Inc. In 1996 he retired and his son took over the business. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Williams H. Hidell, Jr. and his wife, Charles Curfman Hidell. He is survived by his present wife, Mary Epperson Hidell, his son, Richard R. "Rick" Hidell, Jr., sister Marie Hidell Finley, grand-daughters Jacqueline M. Hidell, Vanessa Hidell Golden, and two great-grandchildren, as well as Mary's daughters, Laura Syler and Amy Curl. Services will be held at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, and the family will have visitation on Monday, April 27, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and the service on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., with burial at Austin Memorial Park following the service. Pallbearers will be Daryl Bone, Wayne Courreges, Johnnie Ray, Mack Ellis, Bill Morgan and John Robinson. Honorary pallbearers are Brooks Cofer, Raymond Hohertz, Warren Pitcher, Jay Davis, Art Haws, Len Layne, and Bill Von Rosenberg. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Capital City A&M Club, Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 332, Austin, TX 78766 or the charity of your choice.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/austin-tx/richard-hidell-8212338>

Permits

R.R. Hidell

4604 Crestway Dr

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Resub Lots 1-5 Block r Highland Park West

Stone Veneer and Rock Res and Garage ^{Under}

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Douglas Hicks

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On premises

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Building permit, 1957