

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**NOVEMBER 1, 2023**  
**HR-2023-122515; GF-2023-130947**  
**OLD WEST AUSTIN**  
**1621 WEST 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

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**PROPOSAL**

Remodel existing house entirely, constructing an addition and reconfiguring roofline, changing fenestration and cladding, and adding a second-floor patio accessed by a spiral stair.

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**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

- 1) Construct a shed-roofed stucco addition to the west side of the house.
- 2) Reconfigure roofline to a shed roof, removing gable and creating a flat-roofed patio beneath. All roofing is to be standing-seam metal.
- 3) Replace all windows with undivided fixed and sash windows of varying proportions, creating a new fenestration pattern.
- 4) Reclad house in stucco paneling.
- 5) Add metal spiral staircase to access second-floor balcony.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

One-story Ranch house with horizontal siding, stone water table cladding, an attached carport, and a side-gabled roof.

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**RESEARCH**

The house at 1621 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street was constructed in 1952. Its owners throughout the 1950s were Guy E. and Fannie Huddleston. Guy Huddleston, an Army veteran and major in the Army Reserves, worked as the chief inspector of the State Railroad Commission's motor transport division.

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**DESIGN STANDARDS**

The City of Austin's [Historic Design Standards](#) (March 2021) are based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and are used to evaluate projects in National Register districts. The following standards apply to the proposed project:

*Repair and alterations*

*1. General standards*

The proposed project removes all intact historic material from the house's exterior and changes its form entirely.

*3. Roofs*

The proposed roof reconfiguration is not compatible with the district or the existing house.

*4. Exterior walls and trim*

The proposed stucco paneling does not reflect the design of nearby contributing buildings in the district.

*5. Windows, doors, and screens*

The proposed project removes and replaces all windows and doors and does not maintain existing openings. The new fenestration is not compatible with the district.

*6. Porches*

The proposed project does not retain the existing porch. The proposed second-floor balcony and staircase is not compatible with the district.

*Summary*

The project does not meet the applicable standards.

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**PROPERTY EVALUATION**

The property contributes to the Old West Austin National Register district.

*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

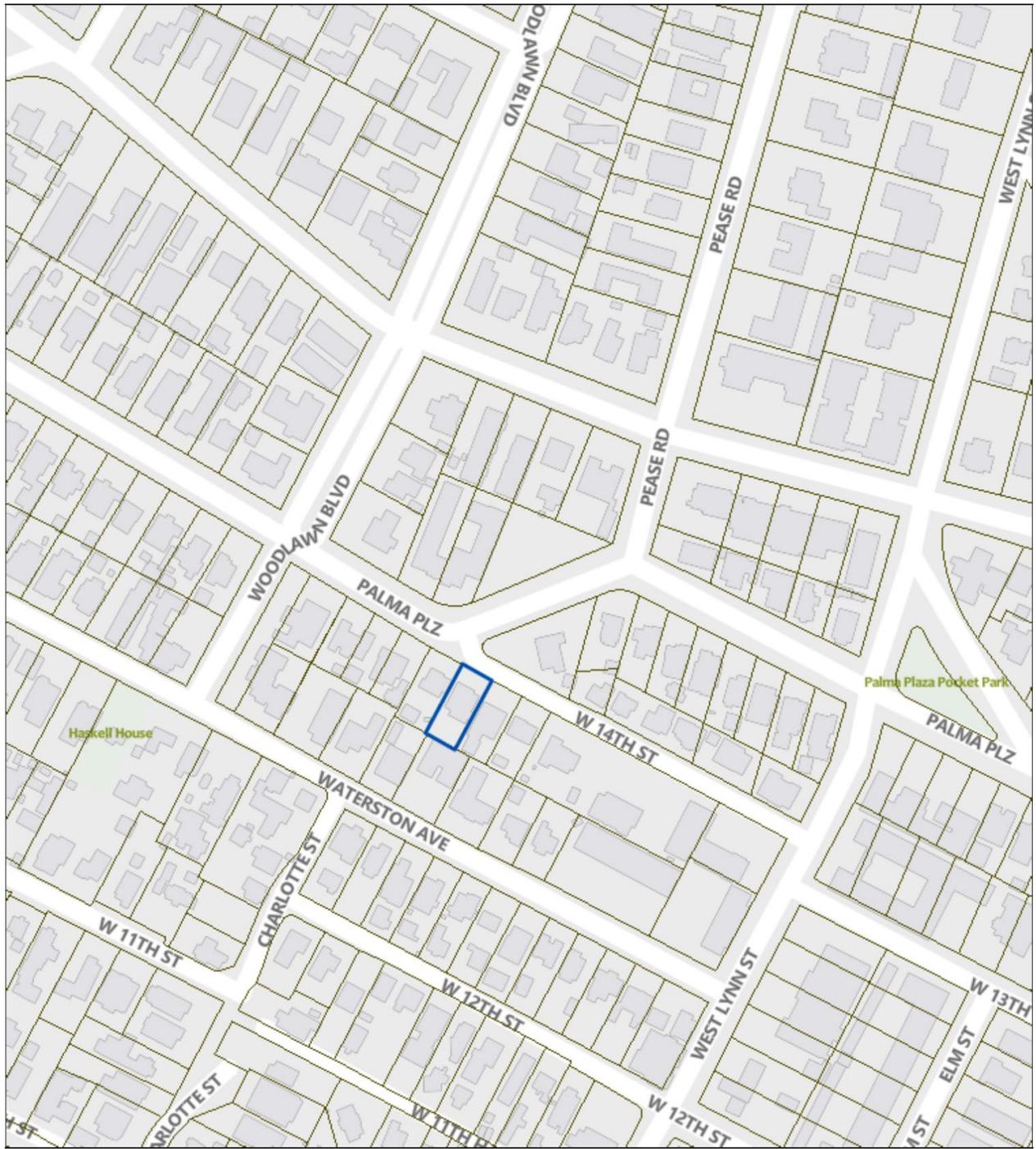
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
  - a. Architecture. The building is constructed in a modest Ranch style.
  - b. Historical association. The property [appears / 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**

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Comment on plans and invite the applicant to the Architectural Review Committee.

LOCATION MAP



 Lot Lines  
Lot Line 

**GF 23-130947**  
1621 14TH STREET



1: 2400

10/18/2023

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

### Photos



*Zillow.com*



*Google Street View*

### Occupancy History

City Directory Research, October 2023

- 1959      Guy E. Huddleston, owner
- 1957      Guy E. and Fannabel Huddleston, owners – chief inspector, Railroad Commission
- 1955      Guy E. Huddleston, owner

### Historical Information



**PROMOTION SCENE**—Guy E. Huddleston, a veteran of 21 years Army service, receives his promotion to the rank of major in the Army reserve from Major General Earl Rudder, commanding general of the 90th Infantry Division. Major Huddleston serves in the 90th Division adjutant general section as a part-time soldier. As a civilian, he is chief law enforcement officer of the motor transportation division of the State Railroad Commission. Huddleston lives here at 1621 West 14th.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 13 Apr 1961: B22.*



**CIGARS AND CONGRATULATIONS** — Lieutenant Stanley J. Noble, left, of 1908 West 33rd Street, accepts a cigar from newly-promoted Captain Guy E. Huddleston of 1621 West 14th Street. Huddleston, a World War II veteran who has

<sup>US Army</sup> been a member of the 80th Infantry Division, Army Reserve, for the past three years, recently received his promotion to captain. Passing out cigars at promotion time is a custom of considerably long standing in the military.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 11 Oct 1956: A14.*

Permits

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1621 West 14th St.

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1-Ac. Tract

Frame residence and carport attached.

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\$10,000.00

Owner

*Building permit, 1952*