

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**JANUARY 10, 2024**  
**HR-2023-160924**  
**SIXTH STREET NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
**618 EAST 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

### **PROPOSAL**

Move the entryway, add a new awning, repair and repaint brick.

### **PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

- 1) Replace the existing storefront. The proposed entry shifts to the east side of the facade and is set 42" back.
- 2) Reintroduces a brick knee wall under the new storefront, reflecting proportions present in historic photos.
- 3) Install a new metal awning with brackets to replace the non-original fabric awning.
- 4) Repair and repaint brick as needed.

### **ARCHITECTURE**

One-story painted brick structure with quoins at corners, a large storefront, and a centrally located double-door entry under a fabric awning.

### **RESEARCH**

The building at 618 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street was constructed in 1948 by E. C. Bartholemew, then later purchased by E. R. Ferris. Its earliest occupant was a paint and wallpaper company; it later became an antique store.

### **DESIGN STANDARDS**

The design standards established by Ordinance No. 20230720-160 ([July 2023](#)) and based on the Citywide Historic Design Standards for properties in the 500 and 600 blocks of East Sixth Street apply. The proposed project was evaluated based on the following applicable standards:

*Rehabilitate and adaptively reuse contributing buildings, including at least the first 15 feet of historic facades.*

The proposed project appropriately rehabilitates the building's façade, approximating original openings and returning the entry door to its original offset location. The proposed awning is appropriate, as it appears visually light.

#### Summary

The project meets the applicable standards.

### **PROPERTY EVALUATION**

The 2022 Sixth Street Snapshot Resurvey lists the property as contributing to the historic district.

#### *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 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 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 is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

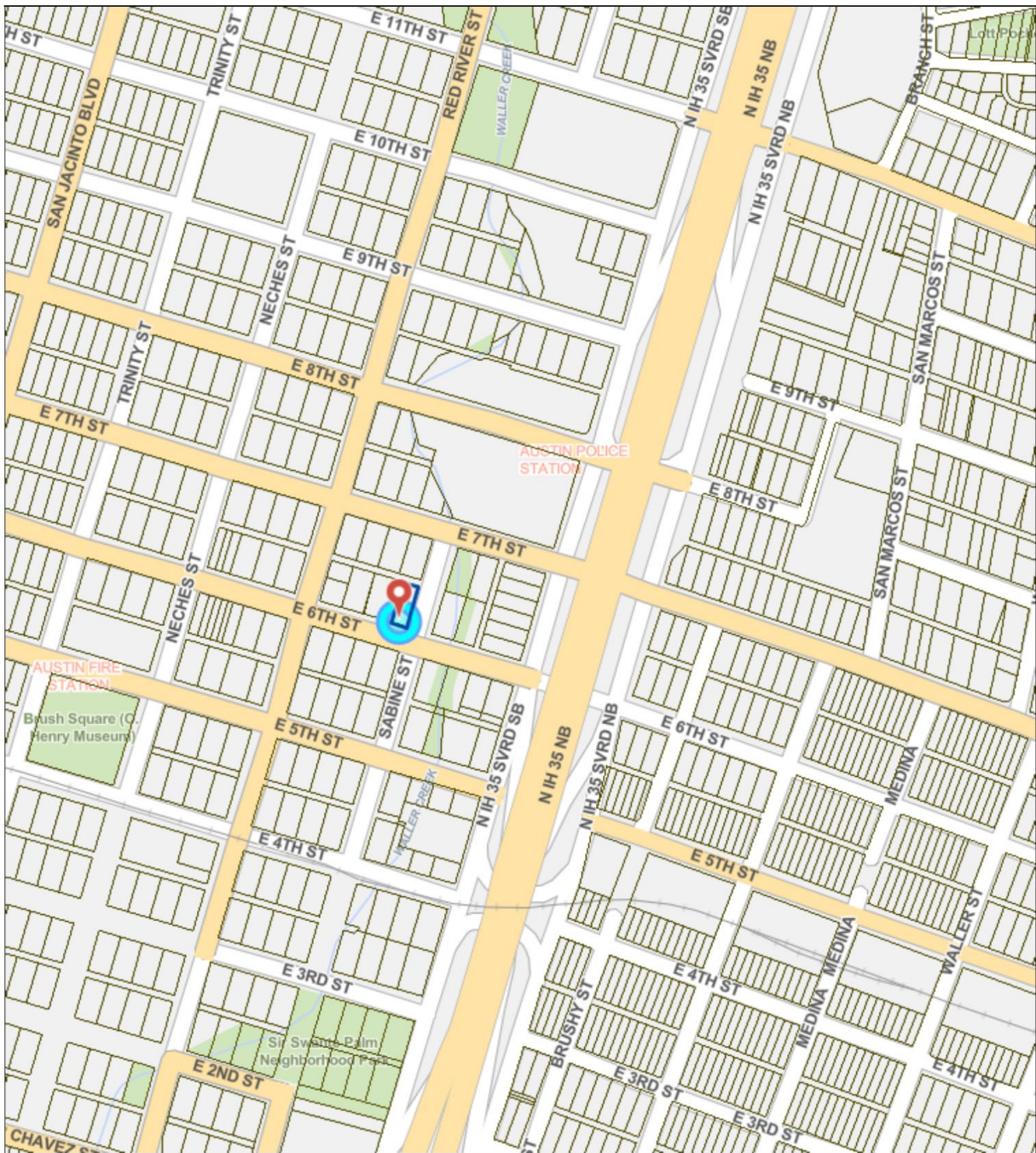
### **COMMITTEE FEEDBACK**

Consider adding fenestration to the side wall.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Comment on plans.

# LOCATION MAP



1: 4800

Lot Lines  
Lot Line

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618 E 6TH STREET



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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

### Photos



*McRostie Historic Advisors, LLC. Sixth Street Snapshot Resurvey, 2022.*



*Portal to Texas History, 1975: <https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph675090/m1/1/>*

### Occupancy History

City Directory Research, April 2022

1959	Hofmann Paint & Wallpaper Company
1957	Hofmann Paint & Wallpaper Company
1955	Hofmann Paint Company
1952	Address not listed

*Historical Information*



*Aerial, 1940*



*Aerial, 1958*



*Aerial, 1965*



*Aerial, 1977*

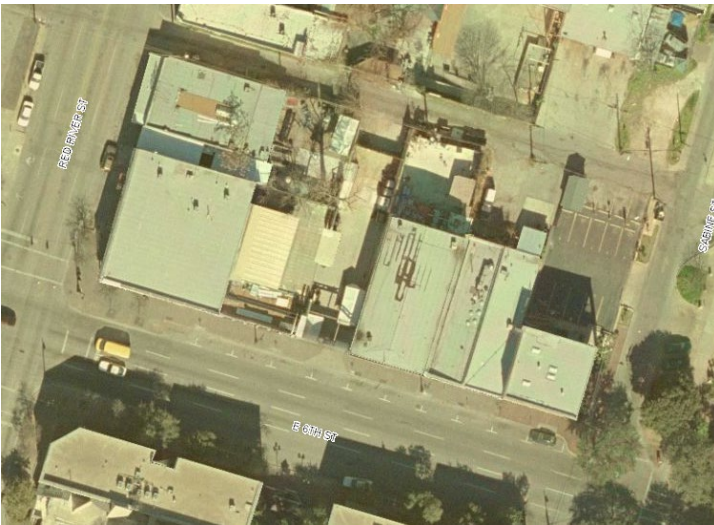


*Aerial, 1987*



*Aerial, 1997*

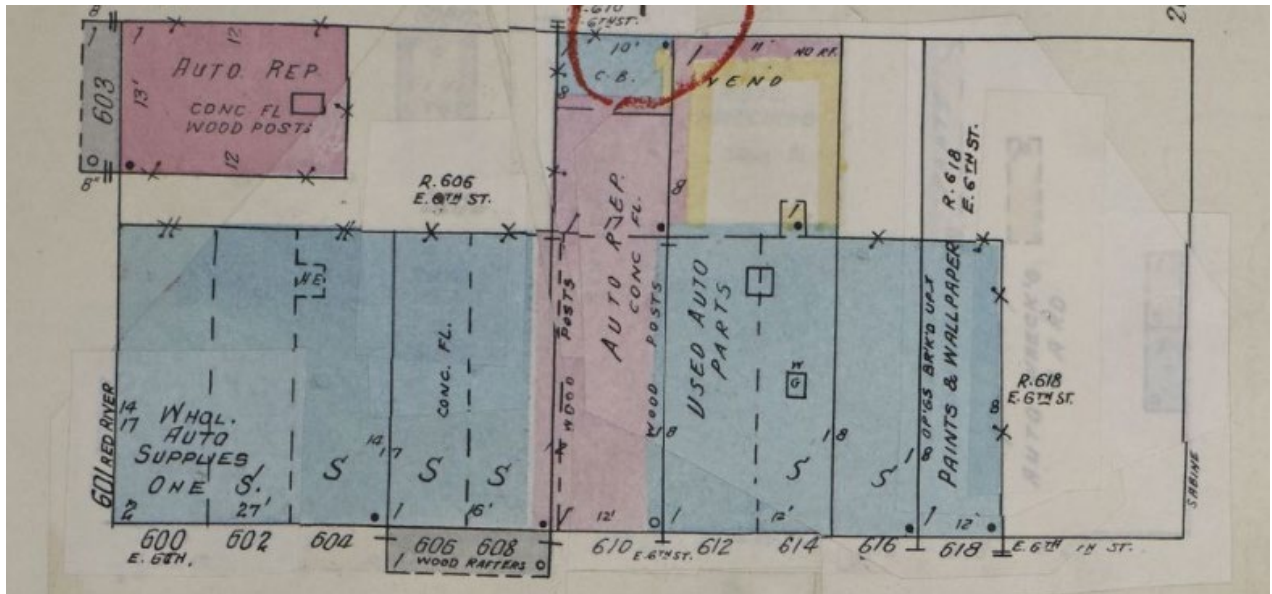




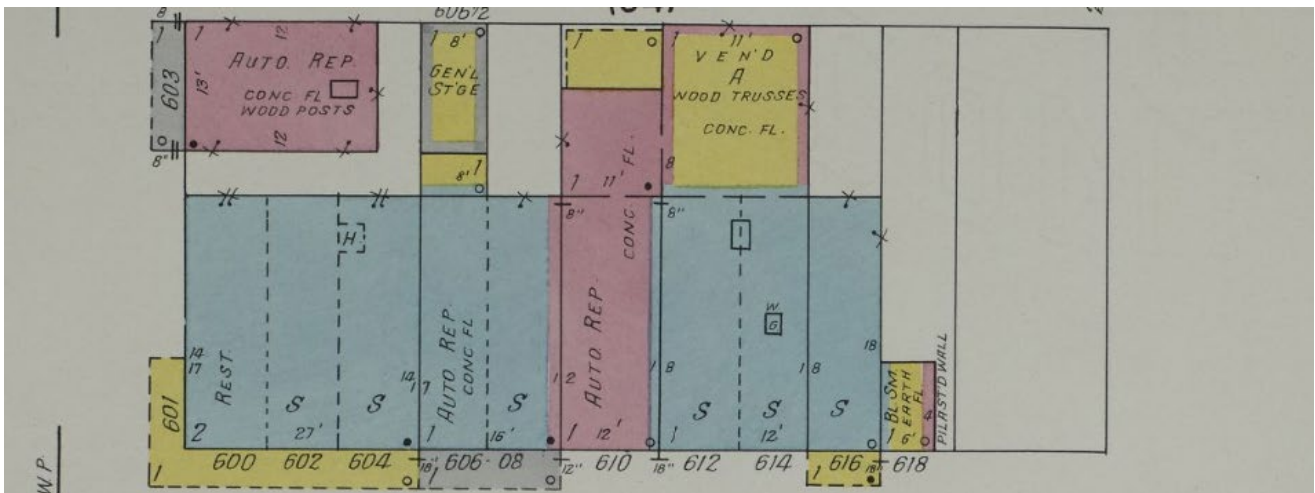
Aerial, 2003



Aerial, 2012



Sanborn map, 1961



Sanborn map, 1935

Quality Paints, Varnishes, Enamels • Wallpaper


# Hofmann

QUALIFIED WORKMEN RECOMMENDED

BUY DIRECT FROM THE MANUFACTURER AND SAVE 20%

THREE LOCATIONS

5249 BURNET RD.	•	Phone 5-8245
618 EAST SIXTH	•	Phone 6-0827
312 Industrial Blvd.	•	Phone 2-3139



Free Delivery Service

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 18 Sep 1954: 14.*

## Hofmann Concern Manufactures Paints For Austin and Central Texas Sector

The Hofmann Paint Manufacturing Company, headed by William F. Hofmann, specializes in paints made for Austin and Central Texas.

Since their founding in 1948, the company has grown until now they have three company-owned retail outlets in Austin, and are shipping paint to all parts of Texas, and into New Mexico and Oklahoma.

The very latest equipment for paint grinding and mixing is used to produce quality paints.

The new plant at 312 Industrial Boulevard, located on the Missouri Pacific spur track, is fireproof throughout, is well lighted and spotlessly clean. This with Hofmann's 29 years of continuous paint making experience assures

the customer of the highest quality paint, varnishes and enamels at the lowest possible cost.

The Hofmann concern introduced custom color mixing in Austin, being the first in this locality, Hofmann said. The firm is in position to match draperies, rugs, wallpaper, ceramics, magazine prints and even grass and flower petals.

Wallpaper was added to its line

18 months ago, which has been helpful to the homeowner and contractor. Linoleum rugs were added six months ago, making it possible with the help of the firm's Wallpaper Institute trained personnel to do a complete redecorating job with only one stop. Hofmann outlets are at 5249 Burnet Road, 618 East Sixth Street, and 312 Industrial Boulevard.

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## Permits

E. C. Bartholomew

618 East 6th Street

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(64)

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Masonry office and open shed.

38231 7-8-48

\$400.00

Owner

E. R. Ferris

618 East 6th St.

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W.23' of 4 &amp; E.23' of 3

64

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Original City

Masonry addition to commercial buildin

52859 1-5-53

\$6000.00

Owner