

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
FEBRUARY 7, 2024
PR-2023-163776; GF-2024-005557
508 EL PASO STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a house built prior to 1949.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story rectangular-plan house with corrugated metal roof, 1:1 wood windows, horizontal wood siding, and a steeply pitched gablet supported by decorative triangular brackets above the entry stoop.

RESEARCH

The house at 508 El Paso Street was built before 1949; the earliest evidence of its existence is a tap permit from 1948, though it appears to have been built in a much earlier style. Its first residents to appear in City directories were Hazel and Forrest Bowers, who sold the house to George and LaVerne Pickle. George Pickle worked as a mechanic at the Lopez Garage. The Pickles did not stay in the house long; by 1952, Christoval and Janie Sosa had purchased the home for their family. Christoval worked as an installer at Dill-Challstrom's, who sold Venetian blinds and carports, and Janie worked as an office secretary for the R. C. Foster Company.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

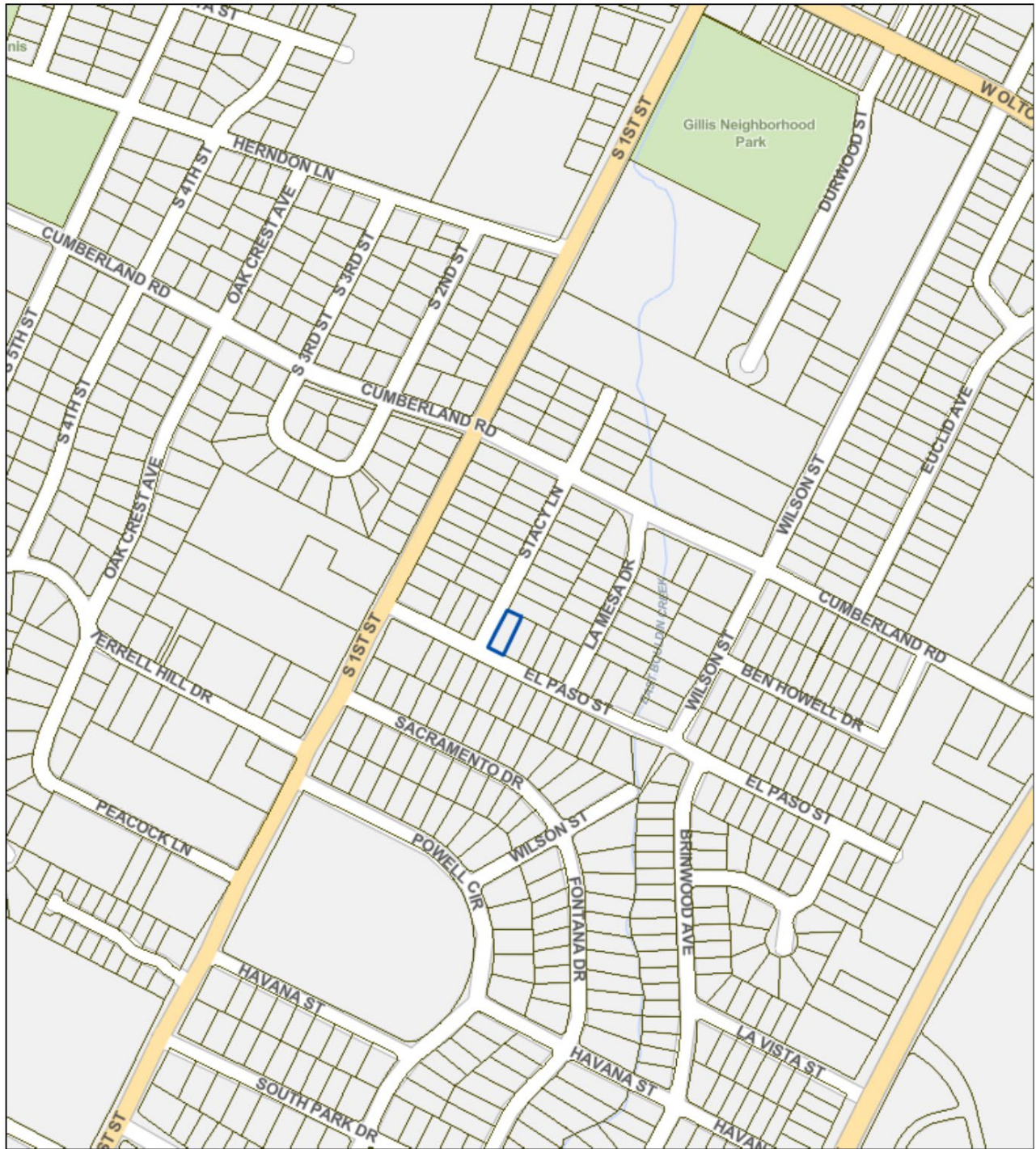
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 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). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
 - a. Architecture. The building is constructed with Craftsman influences.
 - 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.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then relocation over demolition, but release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



Lot Lines
Lot Line

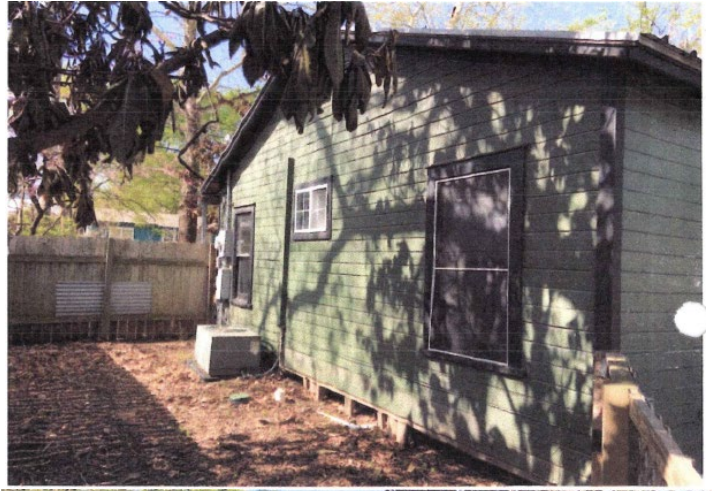
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1/19/2024

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PROPERTY INFORMATION*Photos*

Demolition permit application, 2023



Zillow.com, https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/508-El-Paso-St-Austin-TX-78704/29476379_zpid/?mmlb=g,0

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, January 2024

- 1959 Christoval and Jamie Sosa, owners – installer at Dill's-Challstrom and office secretary at R.C. Foster Co.
- 1955 Christoval and Jamie Sosa, owners – installer at Dill's-Challstrom
- 1952 George D. and LaVerne Pickle, owners – mechanic at Frank S. Lopez Garage
- 1949 Forest and Hazel Bowers, owners – student
- 1941 Address not listed

Historical Information

The Statesman Congratulates

MR. and MRS. R. I. TRAHAN, 5414 Grover Avenue, a girl, Monday at Brackenridge.

MR. and MRS. FRANK B. ROBERTS JR., 3303 Cherry Lane, a girl, Monday at Seton.

MR. and MRS. FOREST B. BOWERS, 508 El Paso, a boy, Monday at Seton.

MR. and MRS. CHRISTOPHER SOSA, 508 El Paso Street, a boy, Monday.

MR. and MRS. RALPH ERNEST WHITE JR., Route 7, Box 39-R, a girl, Tuesday.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 18 May 1949: 9

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 02 Jan 1959: 7.



66TH ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, 508 El Paso St., will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary Wednesday. They were married Aug. 27, 1903, at Sims, Ark., and have lived in Austin for 36 years. They had 10 children, seven of whom are still living, 25 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

JESSIE GEORGE LEWIS

Jessie George Lewis, 85, of 508 El Paso died on Sunday at his residence.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Americas Lewis of Austin; six daughters, Mrs. Lorell Burnett and Mrs. Frank Smith, both of Kingsland, Mrs. Les Ramsey of California, Mrs. Jack Sandefur and Mrs. Barbara Livingston, both of Austin, and Mrs. Velma Stevenson of Freeport; a son, Calvin Collidge Lewis of Austin; 25 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home, with Rev. Dr. Charles Petty, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, officiating.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 24 Aug 1969: B16.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 15 June 1970: 35.

Permits

Dec 2nd 1978 6-2-78

H L Brumm

508 El Paso

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Hunter

add to exiting res

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owner

8-29-78# 175688- W.C. Atkins- Res. Repair & remodel
res to min stanrds. 900.00

410.1149

Rep/ices 3/4" Stub # B 8407

WATER SERVICE PERMIT C No. 1461

Austin, Texas

Received of **FRED L. CALVERT** INDEXED

Address **508 504 EL PASO ST.** Date **7-23-78**

Amount **TWENTY FIVE AND NO/100** \$25.00

Plumber **?** Size of Tap **3/8"**

Date of Connection **7-23-78**

Size of Tap Made **Set water meter in tap in place**

Size Service Made **Wood**

Size Main Tapped

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock

Location of Meter

Type of Box

Depth of Main in St.

Depth of Service Line

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main

Checked by Engr. Dept. **1-28-49 HS**

No. Fittings	Curb Cock	Elbow	St. Elbow	Bushing	Reducer	Pipe	Lead Comp.	Nipples	Union	Plug	Tee	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Job No.	Req. No.
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