

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
FEBRUARY 7, 2024
HR-2023-122500; GF-2023-130943
TRAVIS HEIGHTS-FAIRVIEW PARK
1010 HARWOOD PLACE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1935 house and construct a new residence, ADU, and pool.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The proposed new primary building is two stories, clad in stucco and horizontal siding and capped with a standing seam metal roof. It has a compound roofline and undivided fixed windows of varying proportions placed at irregular intervals throughout. The proposed ADU is two stories in height and constructed to match the main house. It has a rear-facing garage.

ARCHITECTURE

The original portion of the house at 1010 Harwood Place is one story, with a symmetrical plan and side-gabled roof. Its central stoop is sheltered by a gabled portico with Classical Revival columns and traditional cornice returns. The house has a two-story rear addition and gabled side addition with fireplace, mostly constructed within the period of significance.

RESEARCH

1010 Harwood Place was constructed around 1935. Early residents included Hoyt and Jessie Henderson, who rented the property. Hoyt Henderson was the chief operator at the Western Union Telephone Company. The house was sold to C. Morley and Frances Bartholemew, who lived there throughout the 1940s. Morley Bartholemew worked as a salesman and an engineer. During the 1950s, Raymond Williams, who worked for the Western Republic Life Insurance Company, purchased the home.

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:

Residential new construction

1. Location

The proposed main building is located 25' from the primary street, and the rear building and garage are located to the rear of the primary building and adjacent to the alley.

2. Orientation

The primary building is oriented toward Harwood Place, and the secondary structure toward the alley.

3. Scale, massing, and height

Both buildings are larger in scale and taller in height than the surrounding contributing buildings. Their massing does not appear to reflect surrounding contributing buildings' massing.

4. Proportions

The buildings' proportions do not appear compatible with surrounding contributing buildings' proportions.

5. Design and style

Both buildings are consistent in design and style, but do not reflect the character of the district.

6. Roofs

The proposed rooflines are generally more complex than contributing buildings' rooflines, though the gables and hipped roof of the primary façade will present a relatively simple roofline to the main streetscape, with most of the complexity hidden from the primary viewshed.

7. Exterior walls

The proposed stucco is somewhat appropriate, though placement of the horizontal siding accent material is less appropriate.

8. *Windows and doors*

The proposed irregular fenestration pattern and undivided windows are not compatible.

11. *Attached garages and carports*

The rear-facing garage is appropriate.

Summary

The proposed project does not meet most of the standards.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The property contributes to the Travis Heights-Fairview Park National Register district.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity. Some modifications occurred during the period of significance, including the additions and window reconfiguration at secondary façades.
- 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 some Classical Revival details, though overall it does not 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.

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. Comment on plans for new construction.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Demolition permit application, 2023

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, October 2023

1959	Raymond E. Williams, owner
1955	Raymond E. and Gwyneth Williams, owners – securities worker, W. Republic Life Insurance
1952	Not listed
1949	Mrs. Frances E. Bartholemew, owner

1944	Morley and Frances Bartholemew, owners – engineer
1941	C. Morley Jr. and Frances Bartholemew, owners – salesman, Walter Tips
1939	Hoyt H. and Jessie Henderson, renters – chief operator, Western Union Telephone Co.
1935	Not listed

Historical Information

Flora Smith, residence, 901 West 24th street, \$600.
C. M. Bartholemew, Jr., asbestos siding addition to residence, 1010 Harwood Place, \$2,660.

The Austin American (1914-1973); 08 Mar 1942: A7.

Fires Raze Garage, One Room of Home

Fire destroyed the contents and razed a double garage at the home of R. E. Williams, 1010 Harwood Place, Tuesday afternoon.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 26 May 1954: 2.

Radio Emergency Network Meeting Set for Kerrville

The ninth annual convention of the South Texas Emergency Network, composed of approximately 250 amateur radio operators, will be held May 29-30 in Kerrville, according to an announcement by Morley Bartholemew, convention chairman.

A pre-convention barbeque will be held Friday night preceding the convention Bartholemew indicated.

The network, called STEN, is composed of ham operators in Texas living south of a line extending from Lake Charles, La., through Waco and west to El Paso. Each Monday night operators on the circuit meet to communicate with other operators for emergency training. Bartholemew said from

60 to 75 per cent of the operators have mobile units in their cars.

Approximately 12 Austin members of the STEN network will travel to Kerrville for the convention Bartholemew estimated.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 21 May 1954: 5.

Permits

Connection Charge \$ 12.00 N^o 12036 V

Application for Sewer Connection.

Austin, Texas, July 29, 1935

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
City of Austin, Texas

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on
premises owned by A. M. Vaughn
at 1010 Harwood Place Street
further described as lot 36, block 28, outlot
subdivision Travis Hgt, division, plat 134
which place is to be used as a res

Sewer tap permit, 1935

C. M. Bartholomew, Jr. 1010 Harwood Place
134 28 36

Travis Heights

story added & room on rear
Asbestos siding add'n. to res. (2nd./

23422-3/3/42 \$2660.00

W. C. Hadler

Remodel permit, 1942

C. J. Moberg 1010 Harwood Place
134 36 -

Travis Heights, Resub block 28

Remodel & Repair Residence

84983 8-13-62 900.00

Owner

RESIDENCE

Change windows; remodel interior of Residence; Re-
pair floor of porch.

Remodel permit, 1962