

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**MARCH 6, 2024**  
**HR-2024-017548**  
**SIXTH STREET NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
**713 EAST SIXTH STREET**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Rehabilitate the building, repaint and repair gates, replace the storefront, and repoint brick.

## **PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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Repair and repoint the existing brick wall as needed and repair the existing entry stair. The proposed design includes replacing the existing storefront to fit within the existing masonry openings and repainting the existing gates on the front façade. No work is proposed for the back façade.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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Arched façade of a one-story masonry commercial building with a non-historic storefront and basement level beyond.

## **RESEARCH**

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The building at 713 East Sixth Street, known as 711 and 717 East Sixth Street, was built in 1894 as a grain and feed store. It was then used as a bakery by Mathias Grein before he moved to 722 East Sixth Street. From 1912 to 1937, Henry William Schlieker sold furniture from the building, sharing tenant space with watchmaker G. L. San Miguel. From 1941 to 1952, the building housed the Hong Kong Café, which changed hands several times before the building became vacant in 1955. The 1962 Sanborn map shows a vacant lot where the building appears to have stood; thus, the removal of the building behind the façade appears to have taken place between 1960 and 1962.

## **DESIGN STANDARDS**

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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 does not remove any historic material.

#### *4. Exterior walls and trim*

The proposal includes the repair of historic-age brick.

#### *11. Commercial storefronts*

The proposed storefront is appropriate in scale and design for the district.

### *Summary*

The project meets the applicable standards.

## **PROPERTY EVALUATION**

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The property is listed as contributing to the Sixth Street National Register district. The 2022 Sixth Street Snapshot resurvey recommends the property as contributing to the Sixth Street National Register Historic District.

### *Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain low integrity. Only the façade remains.
- 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 for landmark designation:
  - a. Architecture. The building does not retain sufficient integrity to be architecturally significant.
  - b. Historical association. The property is

- 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 was not evaluated for its ability 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. However, continued research into the Lebanese and Syrian business community who helped to establish 6<sup>th</sup> Street as a center of commerce may further reveal this building's role in their success.
- e.* Landscape feature. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

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**COMMITTEE FEEDBACK**

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None.

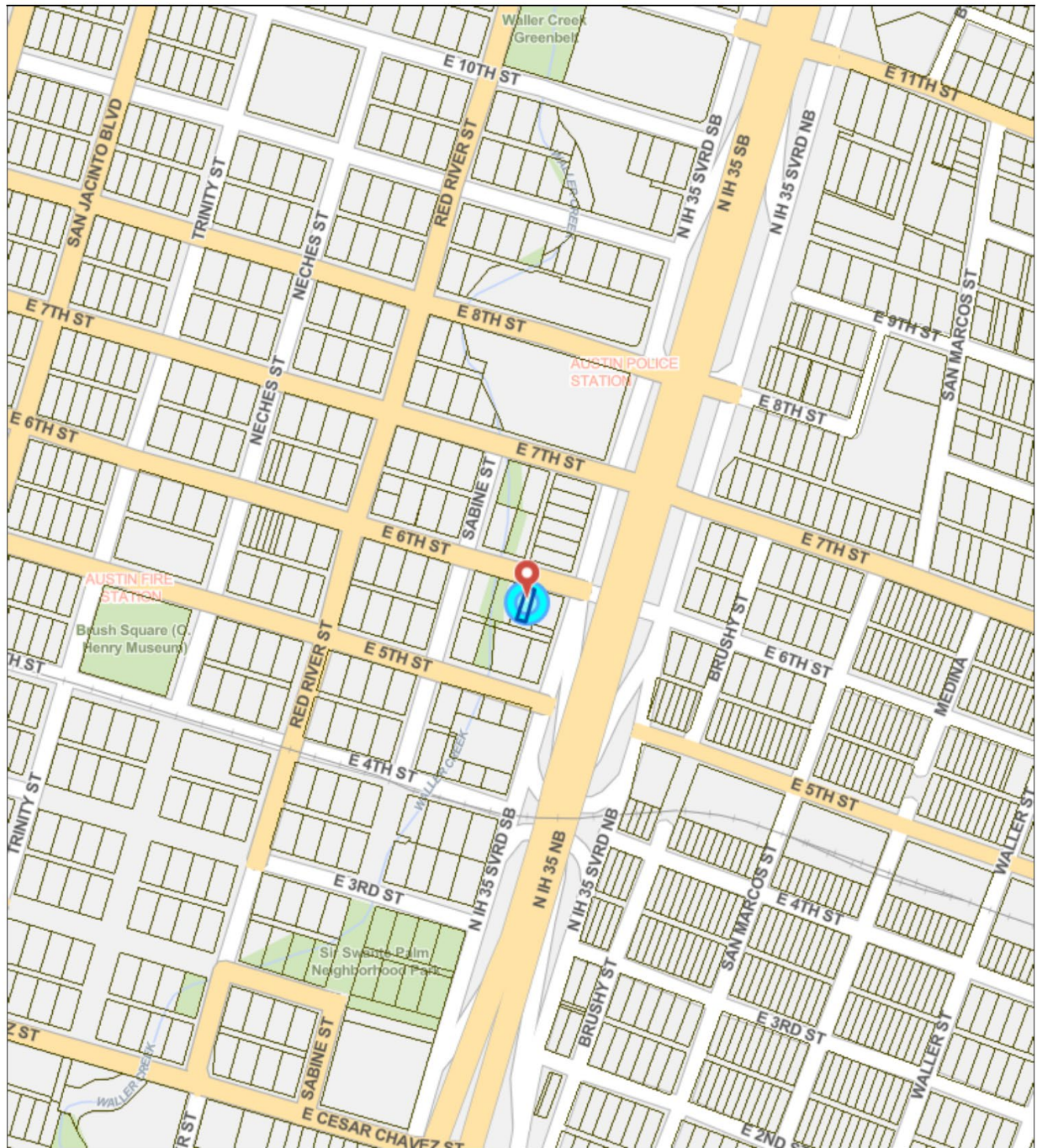
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Comment on plans.

# LOCATION MAP






1: 4800

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713 E 6TH STREET



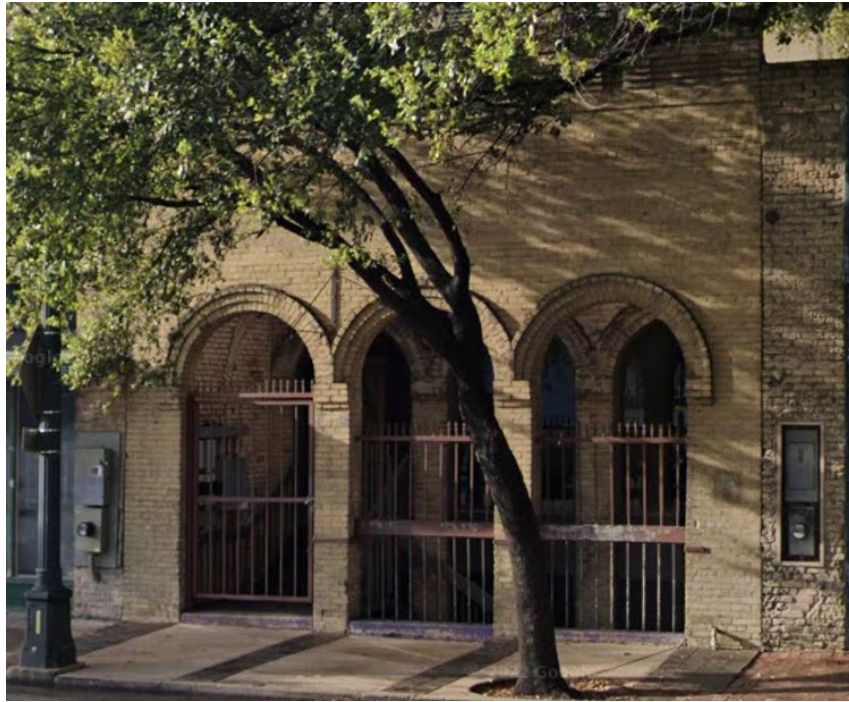
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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

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### *Photos*



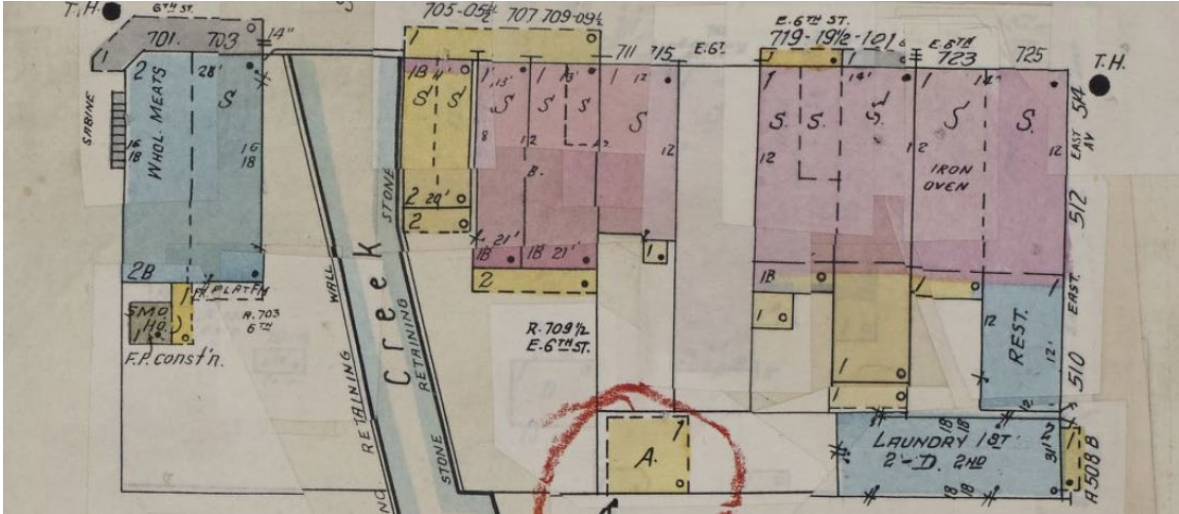
*Google Street View, 2022*

### *Occupancy History*

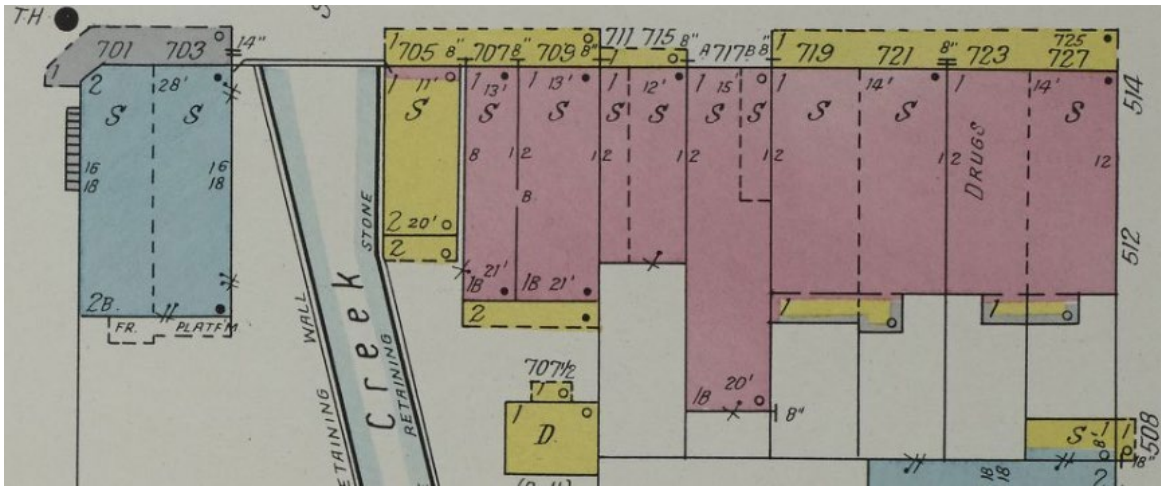
City Directory Research, June 2022

1959	Address listed as 717 E 6 <sup>th</sup> Street Vacant
1955	Vacant
1952	Hong Kong Café
1947	Hong Kong Café (restaurant)
1944	Hong Kong Café (restaurant)
1941	Hong Kong Café (restaurant)
1937	717 E 6 <sup>th</sup> Street – Henry W. Schlieker (furniture) 717 ½ E 6 <sup>th</sup> Street – G. L. San Miguel (watch and jewelry repair)
1932	717 E 6 <sup>th</sup> Street – Henry W. Schlieker (furniture) 717 ½ E 6 <sup>th</sup> Street – G. L. San Miguel (watch and jewelry repair)
1927	Henry W. Schlieker (furniture)
1924	Henry W. Schlieker (furniture)
1920	Henry W. Schlieker (furniture)
1916	Henry W. Schlieker (furniture)
1912	Henry W. Schlieker (furniture)
1909	Address not listed
1905	711 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street – Matthew Greim, bakery
1903	711 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> – Matthias Grein, bakery

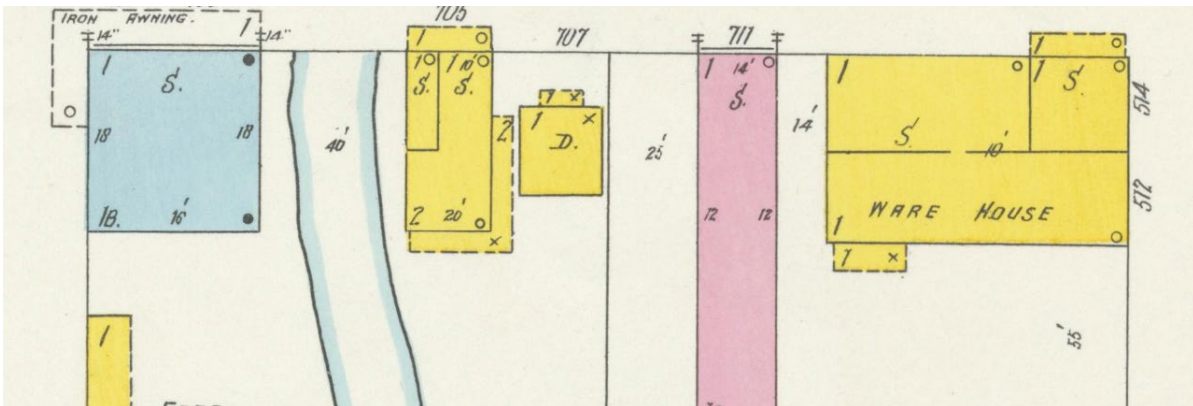
Historical information



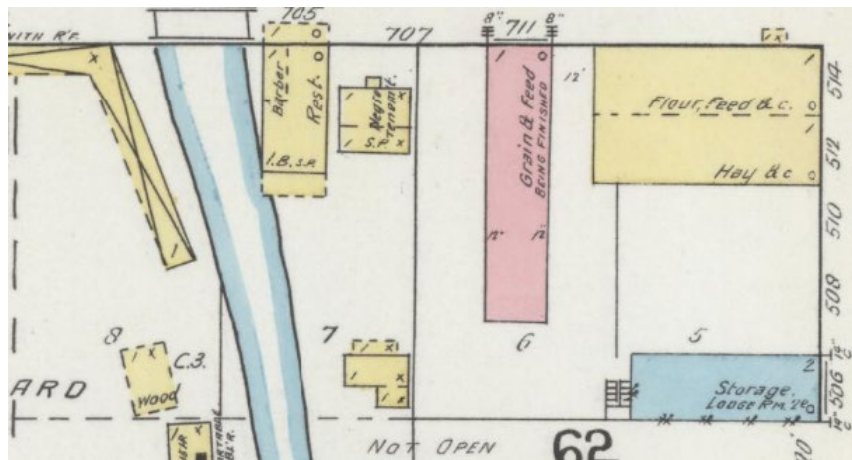
Sanborn map, 1962



Sanborn map, 1935



Sanborn map, 1900



Sanborn map, 1894

—A CAR OF—  
**New Assorted Furniture**  
 JUST RECEIVED AT  
**A. C. RANDLE & CO.'S**  
 713 EAST SIXTH STREET.  
 CASH OR EASY PAYMENTS. BEST REPAIR MAN IN THE CITY.

*The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); Austin, Tex.. 13 Jan 1907: 8.*

**Austin Furniture Co.**

Dealers in New and Second Hand Furniture, Stoves, etc. General Repairing and Refinishing. Highest cash price paid for second hand goods.

717 East Sixth Street. New Phone 751.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

R. D. MASON, Secretary. GEORGE MASON, Manager.

*The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); Austin, Tex.. 08 Nov 1907: 2.*

**H. W. Schlieker**

—Dealers in—

**NEW AND SECOND HAND  
FURNITURE**

**717 East Sixth St. Austin, Texas**

*The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); Austin, Tex.. 19 Jan 1913: 57.*



# WINES.

YOUR FAVORITE - DOMESTIC BRAND

Domestic Champagne

1-5 \$2.75

"FIFTH"

59¢

**El Charro No. 1 El Charro No. 2**

912 Red River — 2008 Speedway

ALAMO COFFEE SHOP

Alamo Hotel

HONG KONG CAFE

717 East 6th

G-C GROCERY, 1511 E. 6th St.

MEXICAN INN

700 East 6th St.

Prather Hall and to Charles Ray Robertson, 2708 Post Road.

Granted a beer and wine permit to Hong Kong Cafe, operated by Sam Azar, under change of ownership, at 717 East Sixth Street.

Referred to zoning board of adjustment application of Pedro Maci-  
(Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 15 Aug 1945: 11.*

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 23 Dec 1946: 1.*

## HENRY WILLIAM SCHLIEKER

Funeral services for Henry William Schlieker, 83, will be held at the Hyttin-Manor Funeral Home Wednesday at 4 p. m. with the Rev James Sapp of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Tom Stephens, Barney McCarty, Harold Johnson, Alvin T. Jackson, James Chandler and Walter G. Hatley.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 07 Mar 1951: 10.*

## Permits

ADDRESS: 713 E. 6th				PERMIT 14435-2		PLAT 4	
LOT: 6B				BLOCK		SUB. Original City	
				OUTLOT 62			
FIRE ZONE 2		USE DIST C-2+4th		OCCUPANCY: Remodel existing 3 story bldg. Offices			
LAYOUT		FRAMING		FINAL		ROOF OVERHANG	
PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	PRINC. BLDG.	
FOUNDATION		FLOOR JOIST SIZE & O.C.		NECESSARY BLDG. CONN.		ACC. BLDG.	
FR. SETBACK		CEILING JOIST SIZE & O.C.		ROOM VENTILATION		PAVED PARKING	
TOTAL & MIN. SIDE YD.		STUD SIZE & O.C.		STAIRS REQ. & NO.			
SIDE STREET YARD		MASONRY WALL		ATTIC FIRE STOPS REQ.			
OWNER: Harold + Elizabeth Davis				CONTRACTOR: Hambrick Craig			

Building permit, 1974

OWNER Harold Davis ADDRESS 713 E. 6th  
 PLAT 9 LOT 6B BLK  
 SUBDIVISION Orig. City  
 OCCUPANCY Offices  
 BLD PERMIT # 144352 DATE 8-5-74 OWNERS ESTIMATE 65,000.00  
 CONTRACTOR Hambrick Craig NO. OF FIXTURES See Plans  
 WATER TAP REC # Exist SEWER TAP REC # Exist  
 Remodel Exist. 3 Sty. Office Bldg. Parking Exist

*Building permit, 1974*

OWNER Chinaberry Affair Joint Venture ADDRESS 713 E. 6th St.  
 PLAT 9 LOT 6B BLK 62  
 SUBDIVISION Original City  
 OCCUPANCY restaurant  
 BLD PERMIT # 152295 DATE 10-2-75 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$2500.00  
 CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES see plans  
 WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #  
 remodel existing comm bldg.  
 parking non conforming ok Health Dept 9-26-75  
 Lawrence De Roche

*Building permit, 1975*