

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
MARCH 6, 2024
DA-2024-001855; GF-2024-014695
1135-1143 WEST SIXTH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1949 office building and attached warehouse.

ARCHITECTURE

The front of the building, divided into offices, has lost integrity over the years and is now a two-story Postmodern structure. The rear of the building is a one-story masonry warehouse with horizontally oriented windows and large bay doors.

RESEARCH

The buildings at 1135-1143 West Sixth Street were built sometime after World War II, most likely 1949 based on archival research. It appears that the rear warehouse building originally served as a Post Office mechanic's office and ironworks, while the front building contained offices. Other tenants included Radiant Glassheat of Austin and the warehouse for Austin Hardware Company. While the front building has lost integrity after a 1980s remodel, the rear building appears to retain some integrity as a postwar warehouse.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

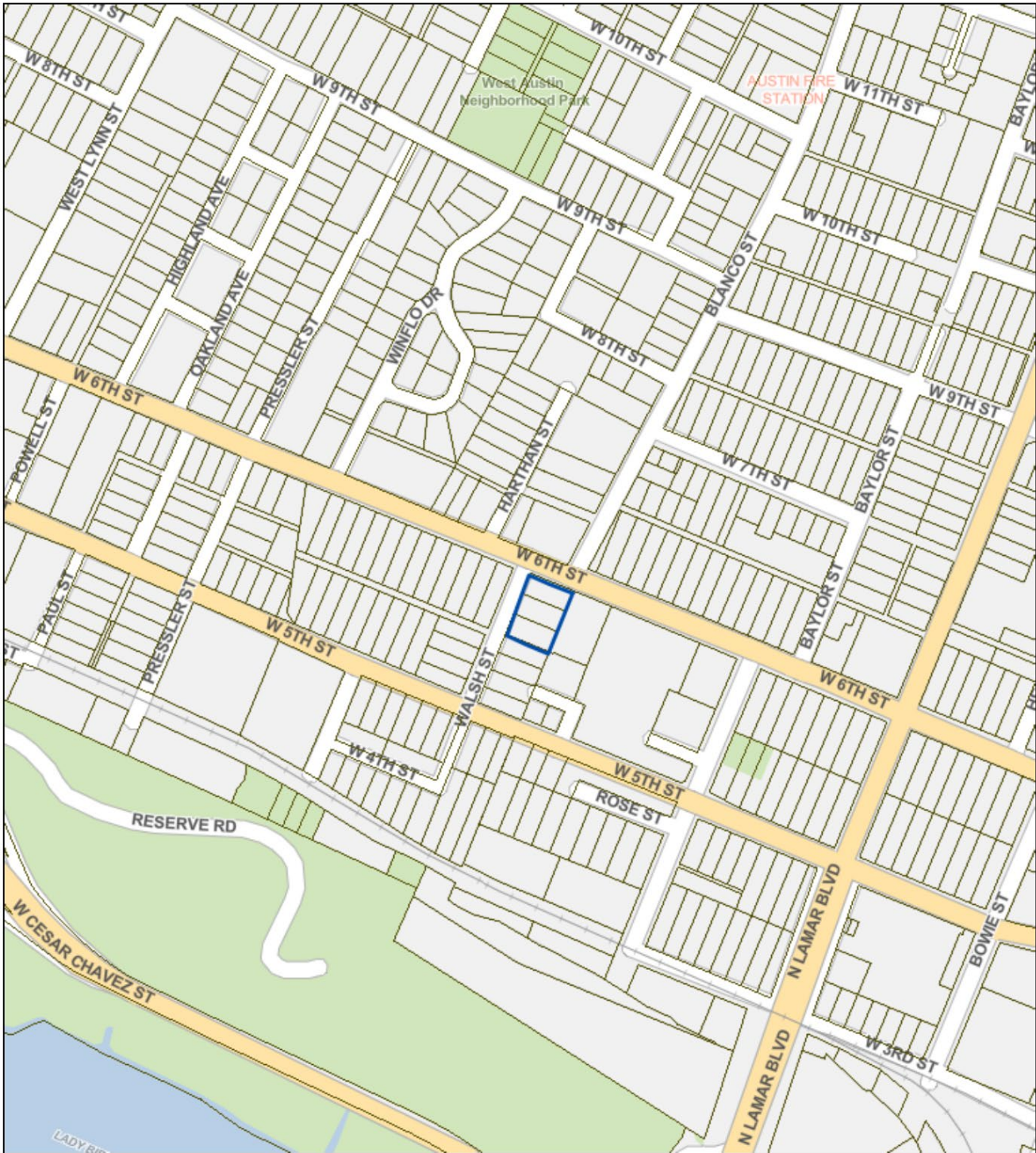
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark


- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The warehouse building appears to retain moderate integrity. Windows have been replaced. The office building at the front of the property retains low 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 for landmark designation:
 - a. Architecture. The rear portion of the building is a typical postwar warehouse building.
 - 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 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

Release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation package.

LOCATION MAP






1: 4800


Lot Lines

Lot Line



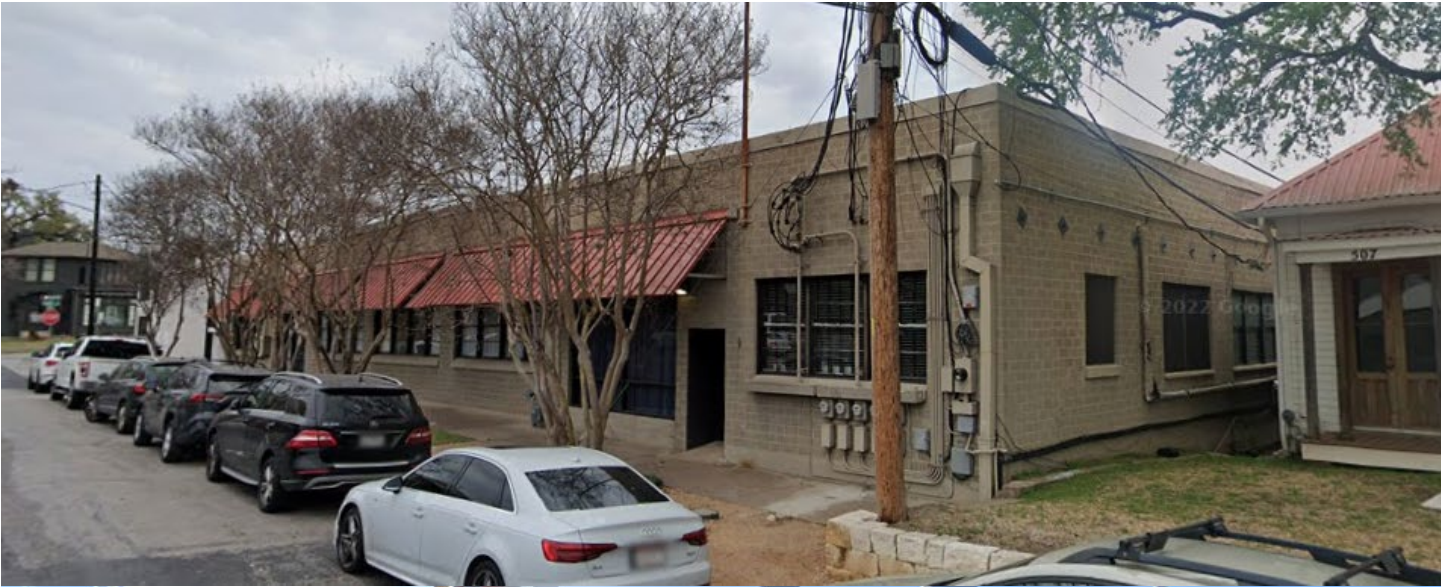
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PROPERTY INFORMATION*Photos**Google Street View, 2023*



Site plan exemption application, 2024

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, February 2024

1955	1137: Austin Hardware Co. 1139: Radiant Glassheat of Texas 1141: King Insurance Agency 1143: Clair T. Silver, chiropractor
1952	1137: vacant 1139: vacant 1141: Paul Gregory Real Estate 1143: Clair T. Silver, chiropractor
1949	1137: under construction

Historical Information

James Boyce Iron Works
Announces
the OPENING of their
SALES STORE
and DISPLAY
Monday, May 19th. 9:30 A. M.
HOUSE OF IRON
1137 WEST SIXTH
Making and Selling
CUSTOM MADE
Terrace Furniture—Mail Box Posts
Wrought Iron Table and Chairs—Lawn Signs
Cast Iron Lawn Furniture—Etc.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 18 May 1952: C7.

Former Army Officers Head Glassheat's Sales for Texas

Two retired Army officers have established headquarters in Austin for a new corporation holding the statewide sales and distribution rights for Radiant Glassheat by Continental.

President of the new industry, Radiant Glassheat of Texas, Incorporated, of 1139 West Sixth Street, is Retired Colonel Albert A. Horner, former chief of the Texas Military District.

Vice president of the corporation is Retired Brigadier General L. A. Diller, public relations officer for General Douglas MacArthur during all of World War II and a personal aid to the general prior to the war. Before retiring in

September of 1954, he was assistant chief of staff at Headquarters for the Fourth Army at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

Col. Horner decided to retire in Austin while he was serving as deputy chief of the Texas Military District here from 1947-49. At that time he bought a lot on Stratford Drive, where he built the first all-electric home in Austin. Horner returned here as chief of the district in 1954, retiring from the Army on May 31 this year.

Col. Horner and Gen. Diller organized the corporation this year, and the firm now is in full operation with branches scattered throughout Texas.

The firm has installed Radiant Glassheat by Continental in the

"All-Electric Home" built by Nelson Pruett and Associates at 1307 Berkshire Drive in Gaston Park for the Parade of Homes here Sept. 18-25.

Radiant Glassheat works on the principle of infra-red rays directly warming the body and objects, which in turn warms the air around them. Conventional heat warms the air, which then warms the body.

In praising the all-electric house at the "Parade of Homes," Horner said electric heating now is economical and "will become even more so." He predicted decreases in electric rates within the next few years over the nation in view of the increasing use of electricity in the home.



Retired Brigadier General L. A. Diller, left, and Retired Colonel Albert A. Horner now head the Radiant Glassheat of Texas, Incorporated, a new Texas industry with headquarters located at 1139 West Sixth

Street. Horner is president of the firm, and Diller is vice president. The new corporation, organized this year, has installed the heating in the "All-Electric Home" at the Parade of Homes here Sept. 18-25.

Austin American-United Press

Two Doctors Attended Talks

Two Austin doctors were in attendance at the educational research seminar conducted recently at the Hilton Hotel in San Antonio.

They were Dr. Preston M. Wheeler, 808 West Avenue, and Dr. C. T. Silver, 1143 West Sixth.

The seminar was an intensive course of instruction by Dr. Earl S. Robinson, chief of staff, outpatient clinic, of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, Glendale, Calif.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 26 June 1958: B1.

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Robert Barnstone, the local builder who has been concentrating on the downtown sector of Austin in the past two years (condominiums and townhomes) is about to renovate the Cohn Building, a former automotive garage on West Sixth Street, into office space.

The building, at 1135 West Sixth, was once the U.S. Postal Service maintenance garage. Plans for the \$200,000 conver-

sion, to be called "The Sixth Street Garage Offices," call for the industrial character of the building to be retained, Barnstone said.

The Austin American - Statesman (1973-1980), Evening ed.; Austin, Tex.. 02 Apr 1980: C8.

Permits

SIGN PERMIT			
OWNER	Austin Hardware Co	ADDRESS	1137 W. 6th St.
PLAT	101	LOT	A
			BLK
SUBDIVISION Pettus Addn .			
OCCUPANCY sign			
BLD PERMIT #	147855	DATE	2-20-75
		OWNERS	ESTIMATE \$310.00
CONTRACTOR	Modern Signs Inc	NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC #		SEWER TAP REC #	
erect sign proposed adv. Hardware Co.			