

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
APRIL 3, 2024
PR-2024-022486; GF-2024-028860
2407 SOUTH 3RD STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1955 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story house with side-gabled roof intersected by a gablet above the front stoop, horizontal wood siding, a stone veneer water table, and 1:1 wood windows.

RESEARCH

The house at 2407 S. 3rd Street was constructed in 1955. Julian Herrera, a plumber, and his wife, Ygnacia, owned the home; it was also occupied by Ygnacia's father, Porfirio Liscano III. Liscano, who lived to 111 years old, was Austin's oldest living cowboy at the time of his death in 1971. Liscano came to the U.S. with a remuda of broncos in 1912, and stayed to find work. Until he was 83, Liscano picked cotton for a Bluff Springs farm. Nanci Felice interviewed the former caballero before his 111th birthday: "'I didn't serve anybody in Mexico,' Liscano said with the haughty pride reserved for former caballeros. 'But when I came here I found out what it was to work for someone.' [...] Once, in 1937, he returned to Mexico, but revolution had brought hard times to his country so he returned to the United States.'" ¹ Liscano became a citizen in 1938, living with his daughter and son-in-law after the death of his wife, Cecilia, in 1967.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

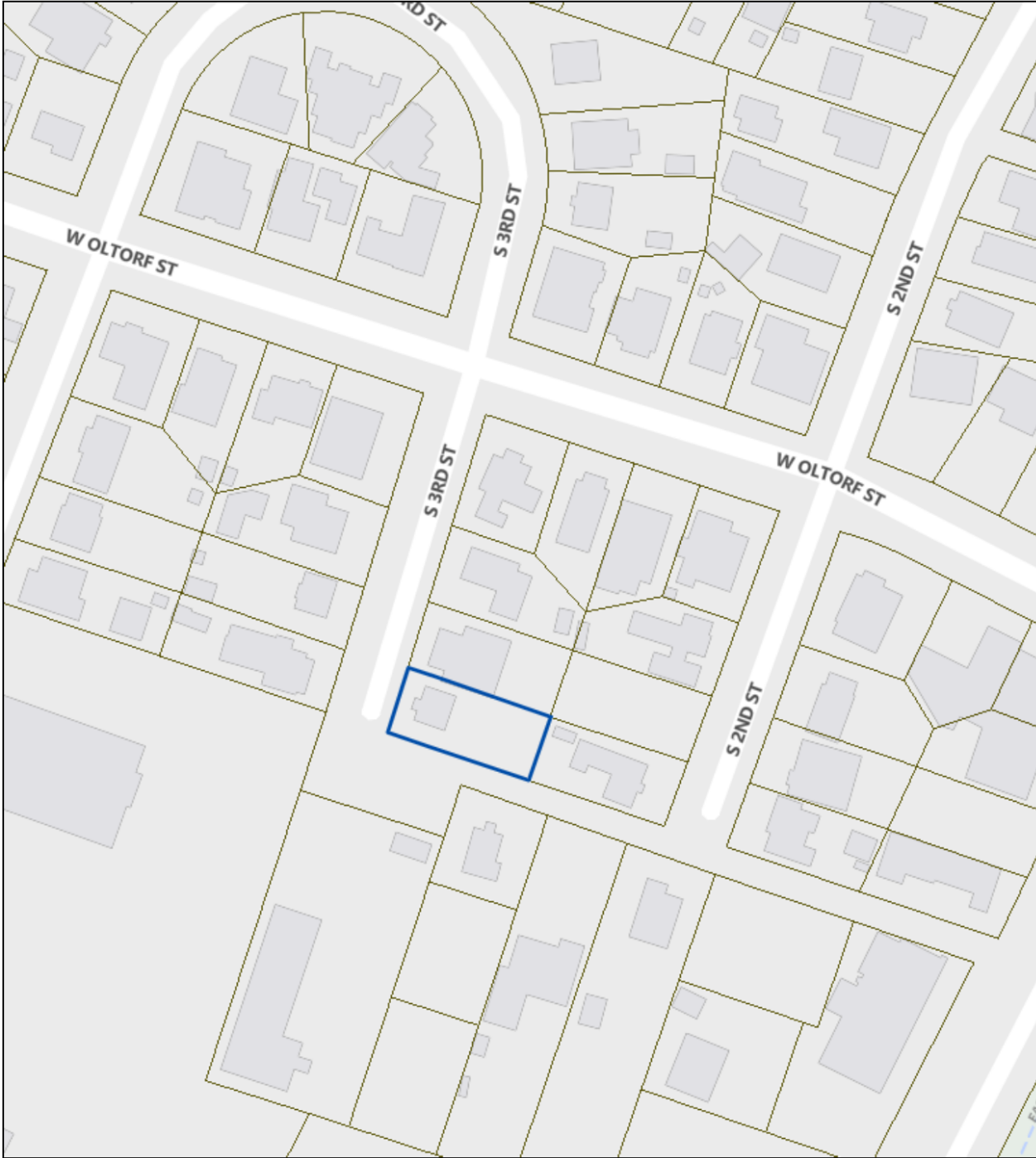
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria for landmark designation:
 - a. Architecture. The building does not appear to convey architectural significance.
 - b. Historical association. The property is associated with Porfirio Liscano III, Austin's oldest living cowboy at the time of his death in 1971.
 - 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.

¹ Nanci Felice Staff Writer. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 24 Feb 1971: A1.

LOCATION MAP



1: 1200

Lot Lines

Lot Line



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Demolition permit application, 2024

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, March 2024

- 1959 Julian G. and Ygnacia Herrera, owners
 1955 Julian G. and Ygnacia Herrera, owners – laborer, Superior Plumbing

Historical Information

First Vote At Age 111

Porfirio **Liscano**, an Austin man who celebrated his 111th birthday last week, registered Saturday to vote for the first time in his life.

The campaign offices of Betty Jane Whitaker, a candidate for Place One on the city council, assisted Liscano, who speaks little English, in filling out registration materials.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 28 Feb 1971: A6.

Austin 'Caballero'

Still Busy 111 Years Later

By Nanci Felice
Staff Writer

Porfirio Liscano has been a bronco-buster, a border cowpoke, a sower of cotton seeds, a craftsman of knick-knack shelves and the great-great grandfather of a pair of dark-haired twin girls.

A life of 111 years gives a man time for plenty of variety.

Sunday his family will gather about him in the home of his daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Julian Herrera, 2407 South Third St. for a fiesta. Mariachi music and homemade tamales will celebrate the birthday Liscano had Wednesday.

Liscano is a lively man who wears his 111 years as if they were only 70. He wears glasses and two years ago was fitted for a hearing aid. But he seldom wears the hearing aid now and requires only a slightly raised voice in those he talks with. This week as he talked of his life and the birthday fiesta plans, he displayed himself as a witty

man with an unawed acceptance of his own longevity.

"God gives life to those He wishes to give life to," Herrera said in Spanish. "To those He doesn't wish, He doesn't."

Liscano suggested the reporter, photographer and interpreter should come to his party early Sunday to help make more tamales.

"Are they going to go around asking all of us old geezers all these questions?" he asked.

Liscano was born in the town of Aranberre in Nuevo Leone where his father was El Presidente or a position similar to mayor. He was one of three sons and four daughters. None of the others are living.

At the age of 58, Liscano and his brother-in-law decided to come to the United States and look for work. When the pair herded a remuda of horses across the border in 1912 they slipped away from the other caballeros and

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began a trek which led to a Bluff Springs farm. There Liscano got work in the cotton fields. A year later he brought his wife Cecilia and their 10 children to Texas.

"I didn't serve anybody in Mexico," Liscano said with the haughty pride reserved for former caballeros. "But when I came here I found out what it was to work for someone."

For 24 years Liscano worked in the cotton fields, retiring partially in 1937. But each season until he was 83 he picked cotton. Once, in 1937, he returned to Mexico, but revolution had brought hard times to his country so he returned to the United States.

In 1958, with the aid of a son, Liscano became an American citizen. He has lived with his daughter and her husband since his wife died four years ago.

Liscano stays busy with gardening, carpentry of the knick-knack shelves he creates, and helping his daughter when she does the laundry at a nearby washateria. He often walks to a supermarket six blocks away but seldom goes downtown anymore since "they changed the numbers on the buses and I'm confused."

Liscano is a religious man, attending St. Jose Catholic Church regularly, but he doesn't think prudery has anything to do with longevity.

"I used to smoke, drink and fight," Liscano said. "If I could find some blind woman around maybe I'd marry again but I'm way out of the style of being married."

Liscano enjoys a chance to mingle with his young descendants, especially Geneva and Gidget Vasquez, his twin great-great-granddaughters who live nearby. Besides the twin toddlers, Sunday's fiesta will re-unite Liscano's five living children and 23 grandchildren. He stops his daughter when she tries to enumerate all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"There's too many," he says. "We can't count them all this afternoon"

Nanci Felice Staff Writer. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 24 Feb 1971: A1.



PORFIRIO LISCANO
111-year-old caballero

Austinite, 111, Dies In Hospital

Porfirio Liscano, died Tuesday after 111 years in two countries.

Born in Aramberre, Nuevo Leone, Mexico, Liscano was the son of the town's El Presidente, similar to Mayor. He was one of three sons and four daughters and was a Mexican caballero or cowboy.

In 1912, at the age of 38, when many men are contemplating retirement, Liscano and his brother-in-law herded horses across the Texas-Mexican border and managed to slip away from their compadres. A cross-country trip led them to a farm near Bluff Springs, where they were hired to pick cotton. One year later, Liscano brought his wife Cecilia and their ten children to Texas.

For 24 years he worked in the cotton fields, retiring partially in 1937. He returned to Mexico at that time, but found revolution had brought hard times to his country and came back to the U.S.

In 1938, Liscano became an American citizen. He has lived with his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Herrera, 2407 S. Third St., since the death of his wife four years ago.

A family fiesta celebrated Liscano's 111th birthday last February. At that time, he attributed his long life to nothing in particular and said, "God gives life to those He wishes to give life to."

Liscano was a part-time carpenter and made "knick-knack" shelves as a hobby. He also walked to a nearby washateria to help his daughter with her laundry. He seldom went downtown, however, saying that city buses had changed their routes and confused him.

Liscano is survived by two sons, Reynaldo Liscano and Porfirio Liscano Jr., both of Bryan; three daughters, Mrs. Igacia Herrera, Mrs. Simona Galindo, and Mrs. Carolina Medrano, all of Austin; 23 grandchildren, "too many to keep track of" great-grandchildren, and two twin great-great granddaughters.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 16 Sep 1971: A6.

PORFIRIO LISCANO III

Porfirio Liscano III, 2407 South 3rd, died Tuesday in a San Marcos Hospital.

Rosary will be recited Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Mission Funeral Home.

Requiem mass will be offered Thursday at 1 p.m. at San Jose Catholic Church, with Rev. John Haley CSC, officiating.

Survivors include two sons, Reynaldo Liscano, Bryan, Porfirio Liscano, Jr., Bryan; three daughters, Mrs. Ignacia L. Herrera, Mrs. Simona L. Galindo, and Mrs. Carolina Mefrano, all of Austin.

Burial will be held in Hornsby Bend Cemetery.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 15 Sep 1971: A22.

Permits

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