HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness
December 2, 2026
PR-2026-008188; GF-2026-025308
Robertson/Stuart & Mair Historic District
1005 East 8th Street

Proposal

Demolish a ca. 1906 house listed as contributing to a local historic district.

Architecture

The house at 1005 East 8th St. was likely originally constructed as a single story building, with the sloping elevation of the site creating a crawlspace or cellar to the east side of the building footprint. Since its construction, this has been enclosed, and a rear addition built, increasing the enclosed area of the building. However, the U-shaped form and Folk Victorian elements still read legibly, and decorative elements, especially at the front porch and gable ends, remain present. The integrity of the architecture is strong and the property remains contributing to the Robertson/Stuart & Mair historic district.

Research

For the first 30 years after construction, the property went through a series of renters, made up of families and individuals employed by various local industries and services, including carpenters, foundry workers, and porters. The first long term owners were Ernest & Marie Kemp, who operated a local grocery. Marie Kemp continued to live at the address after her husband's death, but by the 1950s, the property was vacant before becoming subdivided for oil industry and other professional offices. A third housing unit was added in 1970, indicating that this property continued use as residential rentals. An overnight fire occurred at the property on November 12th, 2025[1].

Department Comments

This application will time out on January 14, 2027.

Property Evaluation

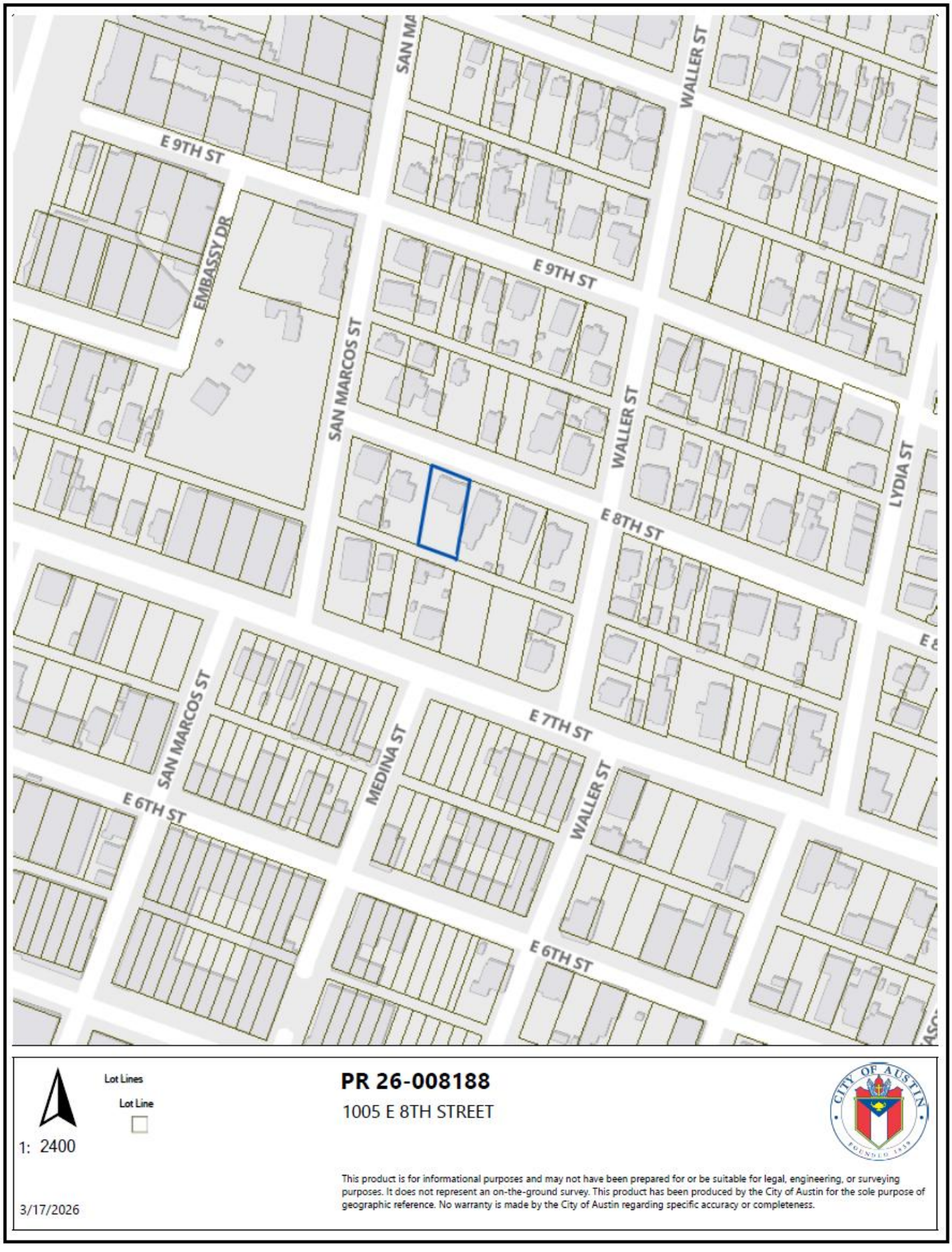
The property contributes to the Robertson/Stuart & Mair Historic District.

Staff Recommendation

Grant the applicant requested postponement to the January 6, 2027 Historic Landmark Commission meeting.

[1] "Firefighter injured in East Austin house fire, investigation underway". https://cbsaustin.com/news/local/afd-responding-to-house-fire-in-east-austin-no-injuries-reported

Location Map



Property Information

Photos



Texas Historical Commission, photograph, May 29, 1975. The Portal to Texas History.



Google Streetview, 2024



Site visit, showing fire damage (see backup for additional photos), May 2026

Occupancy History
City Directory Research, March 2026

1959	Offices: Norman Texas Company; Roche Oil Company; Pierre Aubuchon, engineer; Hamco Oil & Drilling
1957	Vacant
1955	Vacant
1952	Joseph & Maria Tamayo, owners; painter at South Lamar Automotive Service
1949	Same as above
1947	Alfredo, Joseph, and Maria Tamayo, renters; mechanic at Bergstrom Airfield
1944	Anna Kamp, widow of Ernest, owner
1941	Same as above
1939	Same as above
1935	Ernest & Anna Kamp, owners; owner of Kamp's Grocery
1932	Same as above (property listed as 905 E. 8th St.)
1929	Same as above (property listed as 905 E. 8th St.)
1927	Same as above (property listed as 905 E. 8th St.)
1924	Same as above, listed as renters (property listed as 905 E. 8th St.)

1922 Same as above, listed as renters (property listed as 905 E. 8th St.)

1920 Alonzo Beckmann, owner, with August & Emma Beckmann, renters; foreman at American Railway Express Company, steward at Driskill Hotel (property listed as 905 E. 8th St.)

1918 Same as above, with Alonzo Beckmann now working as a chauffeur at Brown Cracker & Candy Company (property listed as 905 E. 8th St.)

1916 Alonzo Beckmann, boarder, with August Beckmann, renter; driver at Quebedaux Fruit Company, steward at Driskill Hotel (property listed as 905 E. 8th St.)

1914 Same as above, with Oswald Beckmann, boarder, student; Alonzo Beckmann now working as a driver at American Railway Express Company (property listed as 905 E. 8th St.)

1912 Harvey Allison, renter; clerk at D.C. Heath & Company (property listed as 905 E. 8th St.)

1909 Frank Ephraim, renter; conductor at Houston & Texas Central Railroad (property listed as 905 E. 8th St.)

1906 William Reese, renter; manager at Scarbrough & Hicks Carpet Department (property listed as 905 E. 8th St.)

1903 Address not listed

Historical Information

Rear 207 Congress, 4 rooms, bath.. 16.00
4607 Ave. G, 3 rooms and bath... 16.00
1005 East 8th St., 4 rooms 15.00
606½ Onion St., 4 rooms 15.00
307 Attnyne, 4 rooms 13.50
305 Attnyne, 4 rooms 13.50

Rental listing for unfurnished house. The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 06 Mar 1927: 20.

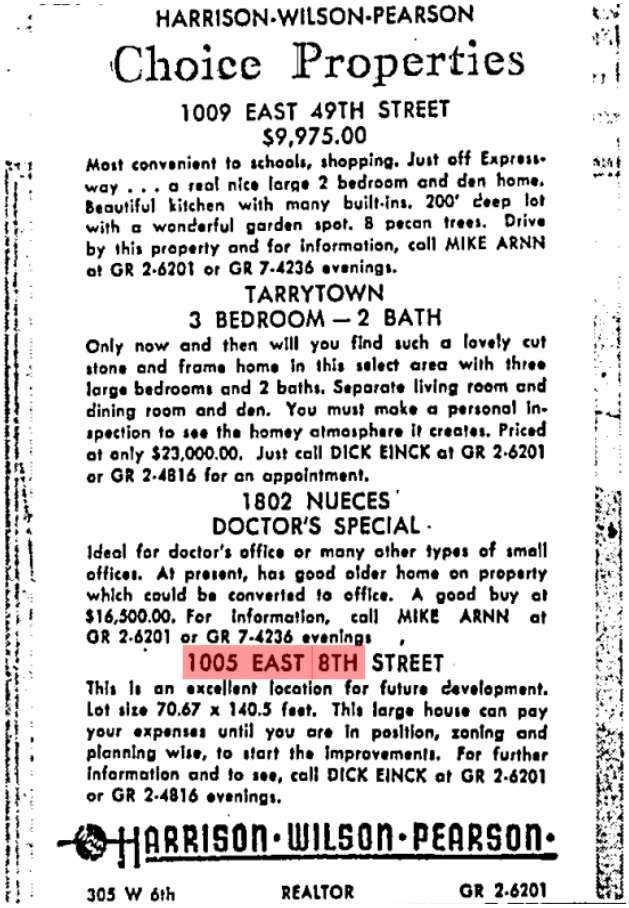
THE DEAD

KAMP—Ernst G. Kamp, 60, resident of Austin for 45 years, died at his home, 1005 East 8th street, Thursday morning at 7:05 o'clock. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna M. Kamp, four daughters, Mrs. J. N. Johnson of Round Rock, Mrs. Bruce Burke, Mrs. M. H. McFarland and Miss Mercedes Kamp of Austin, two sons, Karl J. Kamp of Austin, two sisters, Mrs. Fred Schuber and Mrs. Ed Brodbeck, both of Austin, one brother, John W. Kamp of Del Valle, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services, with the Rev J. Jacks officiating, will be held from the Cook Funeral Home Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Burial will be in the Masonic cemetery under auspices of Sons of Hermann.

Pallbearers will be Wm. Frenzel Ed Schutze, E. M. Chote, A. P Chote, Gus Riffe and Sol Stern.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 10 July 1936: 12.



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Choice Properties

1009 EAST 49TH STREET
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Ideal for doctor's office or many other types of small offices. At present, has good older home on property which could be converted to office. A good buy at $16,500.00. For information, call MIKE ARNN at GR 2-6201 or GR 7-4236 evenings

1005 EAST 8TH STREET

This is an excellent location for future development. Lot size 70.67 x 140.5 feet. This large house can pay your expenses until you are in position, zoning and planning wise, to start the improvements. For further information and to see, call DICK EINCK at GR 2-6201 or GR 2-4816 evenings.

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305 W 6th REALTOR GR 2-6201

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 13 Mar 1963: A51.

Permits

ADDRESS: 1005 E. 8TH ST | PERMIT 90070 | PLAT 31

LOT: 3 | BLOCK 1 | OUTLOT | SUB. GEO. ROBERTSON SUB.

FIRE ZONE 3 | USE DIST: A 1 | OCCUPANCY: REMODLE Y REP.

CALL 11-14-63	LAYOUT		1-29-64	FRAMING		2-10-64	FINAL		ROOF OVERHANG	
1-29-63	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.		PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.		PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	PRINC. BLDG.	
FOUNDATION	PIERS		FLOOR JOIST SIZE & O.C.	2X10 24		NECESSARY BLDG. CONN.			ACC. BLDG.	
FR. SETBACK	20		CEILING JOIST SIZE & O.C.	2X6 24		ROOM VENTILATION	V V		PAVED PARKING	
TOTAL & MIN. SIDE YD.	19² 8-2'		STUD SIZE & O.C.	2X4 24		STAIRS REQ. & NO.		(1) 1	3 PBATH 1 KIT SINK	V
SIDE STREET YARD			MASONRY WALL			ATTIC FIRE STOPS REQ.				

OWNER: G. P. BRIONES CONTRACTOR: OWNER

REP. FLOORS, SHEETROCK, REP EXT SIDING $50

F. I.

Repair permit, 1964

OWNER G. P. Briones ADDRESS 1005 East 8th Street

PLAT 31 LOT 3 BLK 1

SUBDIVISION George Robertson's

OCCUPANCY triplex

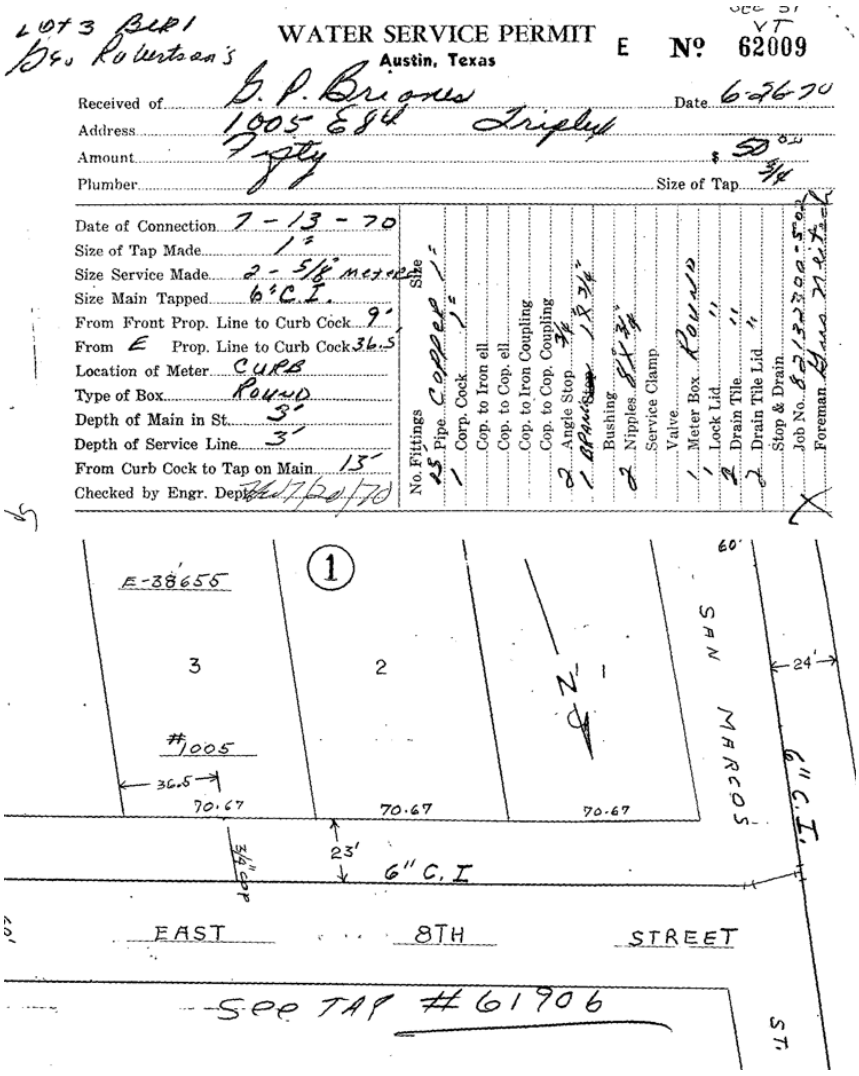
BLD PERMIT # 117517 DATE 6-10-70 OWNERS ESTIMATE $3,000

CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES yes

WATER TAP REC # exist SEWER TAP REC # exist

remodel a two family dwelling to create a three family dwelling

Remodel permit, creating a third housing unit, 1970



Water service permit, 1970