**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**
**Applications for Permits in National Register Historic Districts**
**December 2, 2026**
**HR-2026-134012**
**West Line Historic District**
**1006 Shelley Avenue**

## Proposal

Bring a contributing property into code compliance and construct a dormer addition at the roof.

## Project Specifications

1) Construct a rear utility room in the location of a non-original screened porch.
2) Bring 1980s interior renovation into code compliance, including stair to original attic space.
3) Construct two side dormers to allow for attic space to be used as additional habitable space.

## Architecture

This house is an excellent, intact example of a bungalow form with Classical Revival elements, including symmetrical front façade, porch columns, and a front hipped dormer window. The deep front porch spans the width of the building, and features a centered front door with sidelites. Two large windows, one on each of the two outer bays, appear to be replacements. The house is elevated a few feet above grade and the porch is accessed by a set of concrete stairs. The house has a minimal setback from the front of the property, and the width of the house makes it difficult to view the sides from the street. The siding is teardrop wood in material, and is in good condition. Overall, the house retains good integrity.

## Research

Longtime owners of the property were Spurgeon & Meda Parsons, who lived at the address from the 1920s to the 1940s. They worked as farmers on multiple occasions, and newspaper listings indicate that they sold livestock, with the Shelley Avenue address as their place of business. During the Great Depression, Spurgeon Parsons also worked for a time as a watchman at E.M. Scarbrough & Sons. By 1947, the property was occupied by William & Oneita Carlton. William Carlton worked as a salesman at a paper company during this time.

## 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:

*Repair and alterations*
*1. General standards*
Proposed dormers will remove portions of the roof structure. It is not certain whether the roof structure is original to the house, but it is assumed based on permit research that the overall form of the roof has been retained since original construction.

*2. Foundations*
Some foundation work is proposed at the rear porch to better integrate the design into the historic section of the house, as well as to accommodate the proposed laundry enclosure. This work will not be visible from the street and is in service of stabilization.

*3. Roofs*
Two dormers are proposed at the sides of the roof. While there is already a hipped dormer at the front of the building, the two proposed will be shed dormers and constructed to provide more space for a second floor of habitable space in the building. While it is recommended in the design standards to keep the roof structure intact, the proposed design is successful in meeting the standards for additions and alterations. First, the dormers start over 15 feet from the front of the roof structure and are minimal in size so as not to distract from the view from the street. Additionally,

the design standards recommend converting attics to conditioned space as a way to avoid inappropriate additions elsewhere on the property. Though there are alterations to the roofline, the minimal front and side setbacks, as well as their distance from the front of the building, make this a successful intervention to serve the programmatic needs of the owner.

*4. Exterior walls and trim*
The shed dormer walls will be clad in horizontal siding, much like the original house. It is recommended that this material differentiate slightly from the historic to allow it to be read as a later intervention.

*5. Windows, doors, and screens*
The proposed dormer windows are low and horizontal to minimize the overall height. While this is not ideal to maximize compatibility with other windows on the property, the goal of minimizing the overall height and visual interruption of the roof structure takes precedence, and the proposed fenestration therefore meets the standards.

*Summary*
The project meets the applicable standards.

**Department Comments**

This application will time out on February 15, 2027.

**Property Evaluation**

The property contributes to the West Line National Register district.

*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*
1) The building is more than 50 years old.
2) The building appears to retain integrity.
3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff have evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria for landmark designation:
    *a*. Architecture. The building is an excellent example of symmetrical residential Classical Revival architecture.
    *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 was not evaluated for its ability to convey a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

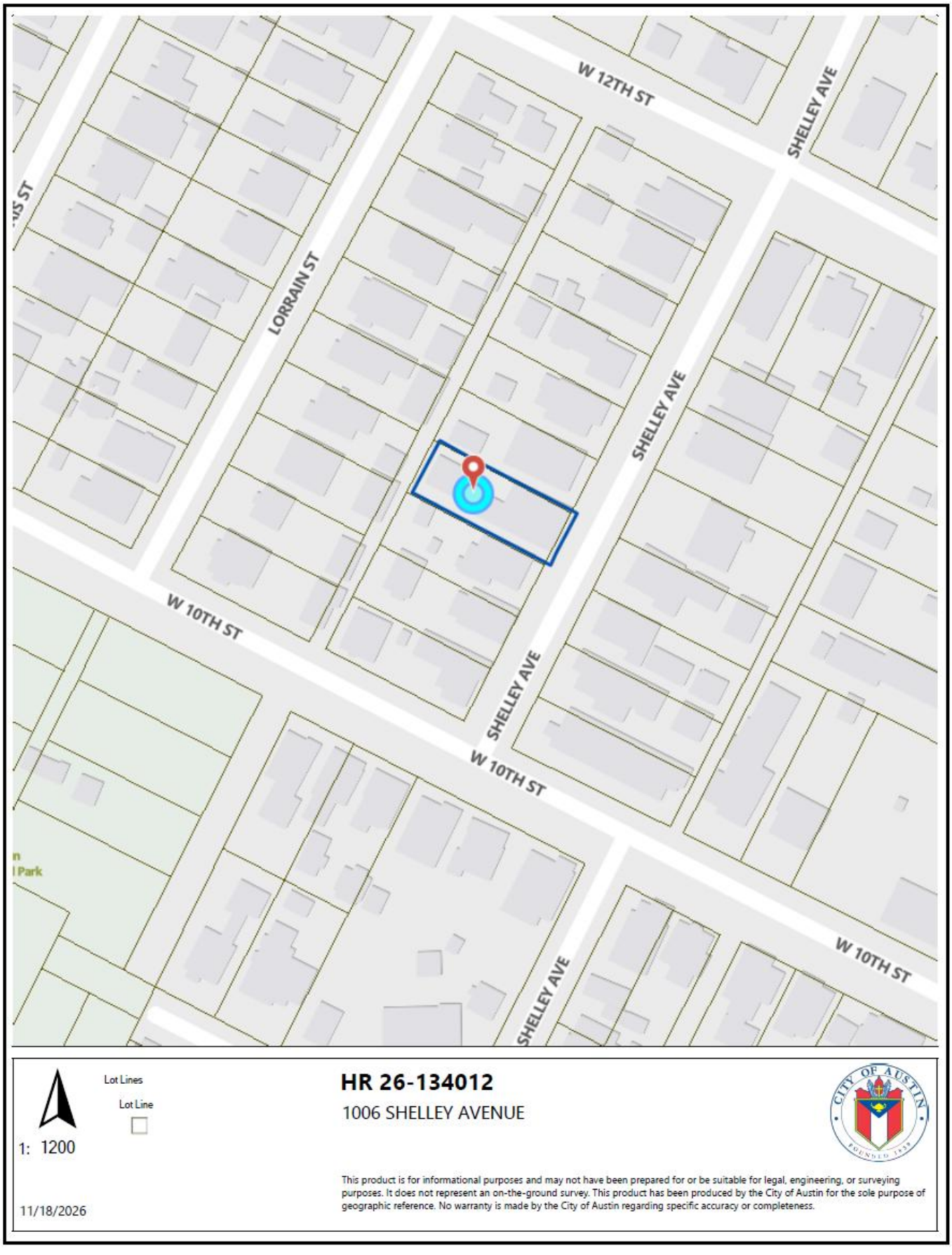
**Architectural Review Committee Feedback**

November 18, 2026: The dormer windows appear very short, but design is limited with the overall height of the roof. However, consider centering the windows on the dormer if possible.

**Staff Recommendation**

Comment on plans for alterations and additions in concurrence with Architectural Review Committee feedback and release the application.

**Location Map**



**Property Information**

*Photos*



*Google Streetview, 2024*

*Occupancy History*
City Directory Research, November 2026

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|---|---|
| 1960 | William & Oneita Carlton, owners; salesman at Riley Paper Company |
| 1957 | Same as above |
| 1955 | Same as above |
| 1952 | Same as above |
| 1949 | Same as above |
| 1947 | Same as above |
| 1944 | Spurgeon & Meda Parsons, owners; farmer |
| 1941 | Same as above |
| 1939 | Same as above |
| 1937 | Same as above |
| 1935 | Same as above, now working as a watchman at E.M. Scarbrough & Sons; with Carlton Parsons, renter |
| 1932 | Same as above; with Earl Parsons, renter |
| 1929 | Same as above |

1927 Same as above

1924 Same as above, now working as a farmer

1922 Walter & Carrie Hall, renters; mechanic

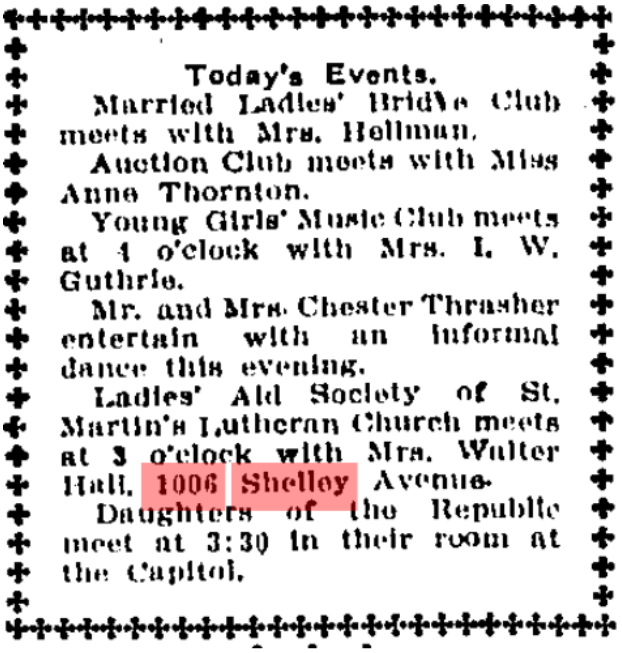
1920 Same as above, now working as a grocer

1918 Same as above

1916 Same as above, now working as a patternmaker at Tips Foundry & Machine Company

1914 Address not listed

*Historical Information*



**Today's Events.**

Married Ladies' Bridge Club meets with Mrs. Hellman.

Auction Club meets with Miss Anne Thornton.

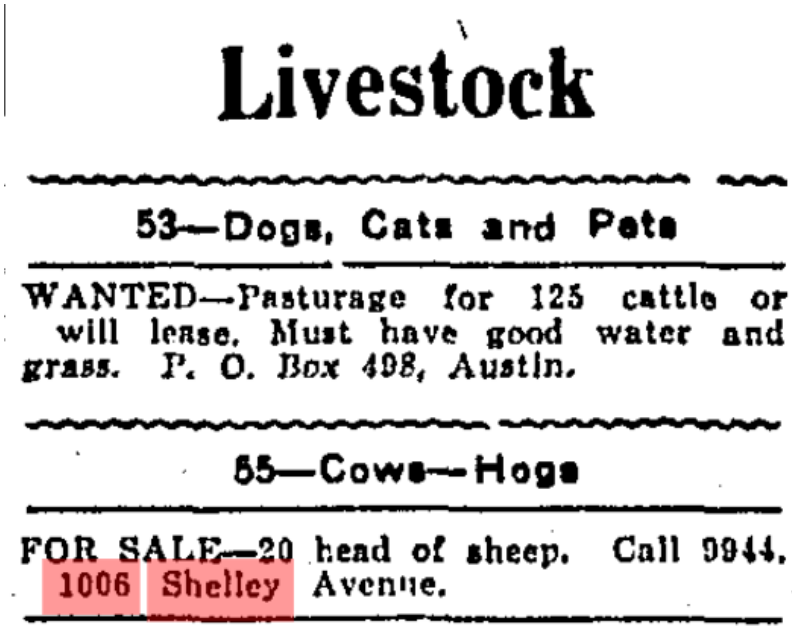
Young Girls' Music Club meets at 4 o'clock with Mrs. I. W. Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Thrasher entertain with an informal dance this evening.

Ladies' Aid Society of St. Martin's Lutheran Church meets at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Walter Hall, 1006 Shelley Avenue.

Daughters of the Republic meet at 3:30 in their room at the Capitol.

*The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); Austin, Tex.. 01 Apr 1914: 5.*



# Livestock

**53—Dogs, Cats and Pets**

WANTED—Pasturage for 125 cattle or will lease. Must have good water and grass. P. O. Box 498, Austin.

**55—Cows—Hogs**

FOR SALE—20 head of sheep. Call 9944, 1006 Shelley Avenue.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 13 June 1929: 15.*

## Happy Birthday

To MRS. MEDA PARSONS, 1006 Shelley.

LAWRENCE RAY YANT, 1209 W. 8th.

JACKIE YANT, 1209 W. 8th.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 14 Dec 1940: 9.*

## Carltons Return From West Coast

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Carlton, 1006 Shelley, have returned from a vacation trip to the West Coast. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton James of San Diego, former residents of Austin, and of Mr. Carlton's sister and brother, Mrs. Elbert Payne of Alhambra, Cal., and O. A. Carlton of San Mateo. Other stops included San Francisco and Los Angeles.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 28 July 1946: A4.*

# Deaths and Services

**ROBERT L. SWANEY**

Robert L. Swaney, 48, of 5304 Beechmoor Dr. died at his home Friday morning. He was an accountant with the Veterans Administration and had served in the Army during World War

**MRS. ONEITA P. CARLTON**

Mrs. Oneita Parsons Carlton, of 1006 Shelley, died Saturday in a local hospital.

Mrs. Carlton was a life-time resident of Austin and Travis County.

Church with Rev. Malcolm Ricker officiating. Burial was in Austin Memorial Park under direction of the Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Raymond Allen, Francis Stuart Ervin,

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 13 Dec 1970: A6.*

*Permits*

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT** — Austin, Texas — No. 15969 — See 92

Received of ____ Date 11-10-41

Address 1006 - SHELLEY - AVE.

Amount ____ $ ____

Plumber ____ Size of Tap ____

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|---|---|
| Date of Connection | 11-10-41 |
| Size of Tap Made | 3/4 |
| Size Service Made | 3/4 |
| Size Main Tapped | 6" |
| From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock | 6' |
| From S Prop. Line to Curb Cock | 3' |
| Location of Meter | BACK-A CURB |
| Type of Box | LOCK |
| Depth of Main in St. | 3' |
| Depth of Service Line | 2' |
| From Curb Cock to Tap on Main | 41.6' |
| Checked by Engr. Dept. | 6-28-AILE |

| No. Fittings | Size |
|---|---|
| Curb Cock | 3/4 |
| Elbow | |
| St. Elbow | |
| Bushing | 3/4 x 1/2 COPPER |
| Reducer | |
| Pipe | 5' 3/4 COPPER |
| Lead Comp. | |
| Nipples | 3/4 C-70-I |
| Union | |
| Plug | |
| Tee | |
| Stop | 3/4 COMP. - COCK |
| Box | |
| Lid | |
| Valves | |
| Job No. | |
| Req. No. | |

*Water tap permit, 1941*