HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

July 01, 2015 Agenda Item No: 18

| HDRC CASE NO: ADDRESS: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: | 2015-106 2202 FREDERICKSBURG RD NCB 6173 BLK 2 LOT 1, NW TRI 13 FT OF 2, N IRR 79.75 FT OF 3 & 4 EXC SW TRI 10 FT |
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| ZONING: | C3R |
| CITY COUNCIL | 1 |
| DIST.: APPLICANT: | Office of Historic Preservation |
| TYPE OF WORK: | Finding of Historic Significance |

REQUEST:

The Office of Historic Preservation is requesting a Finding of Historic Significance for the property located at 2202 Fredericksburg Rd.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

UDC Section 35-607(b) - Designation Criteria for Historic Districts and Landmarks

1. Its value as a visible or archeological reminder of the cultural heritage of the community, or national event [35-607(b)1]: The building's original function and existing form has contributed to the visual landscape along Fredericksburg Road for over 50 years. The building is an intact fixture to the neighborhood and serves as an example of an early 20th century neighborhood filling station.

5. Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials [35-607 (b) 5]; The Streamline Moderne style of the 1930s was directly influenced by earlier Art Deco examples. The architectural style is typified with long horizontal elements, rounded corners, smooth stucco wall surfaces, and flat roofs, all of which are present at the 2202 Fredericksburg gas station.

6. Its historical, architectural or cultural character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, including, but not limited to, bridges, acequias, gas stations, transportation shelters, or other commercial structures [35-607 (b) 6]; The utilitarian structure is a unique example of an early gas station.

7. Its unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature [35-607(b)7]: The service station is located on a prominent residential corner where it would have served the surrounding neighborhood.

11. It is distinctive in character, interest or value; strongly exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, ethnic or historical heritage of San Antonio, Texas or the United States[35-607(b)11]: The stylized, utilitarian building type strongly exemplifies cultural and economic trends in San Antonio's early automobile suburb, Monticello Park.

FINDINGS:

- a. The automobile service station located at 2202 Fredericksburg was constructed ca. 1940s.
- b. The DDC visited and reviewed the site February 25, 2015. A formal committee recommendation could not be made on site due to insufficient committee attendance, but it was noted that the structure was significant.
- c. The DDC met for the second time on June 5, 2015. The committee concurred that the structure is significant.
- d. The building's architectural type, as an early service station structure, is distinctive in character and is an exceptional example of a Moderne/Deco style gas station.
- e. Located along Monticello Park's major thoroughfare, Fredericksburg Road, the service station served one of San Antonio's early automobile suburbs and exemplifies the cultural, economic, and social trends of the

neighborhood. The service station contributes contextually to the historic fabric of the Monticello Park Historic District.

- f. The service station features a Y-shaped floor plan with a central office/storefront, a three bay service garage that extends from the rear façade, and doors made of steel and glass.
- g. Significant character defining details include the half decagon shaped central office, the prominent five tiered dome and the two attached rounded canopies that extend and anchor the structure to the corner intersection between Hildebrand and Fredericksburg Street.
- h. The structure's significant details and materials are mostly intact and have high integrity.
- i. The automobile service station is a significant historic resource with high architectural and cultural integrity.
- j. The structure has been surveyed and identified by UTSA and the San Antonio Conservation Society as a significant historic resource eligible for landmark designation.
- k. The UDC requires that a property meet at least three of the designation criteria. This property meets four items from the criteria for designation (35-607)(b)1,5,6,7,11.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval based on findings a through k.

CASE MANAGER:

Alyson Smith





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Statement of Historic Significance 2202 Fredericksburg Rd.







CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION



Y-shaped, two canopies



Canopy with island



Three bay garage



Dome roof

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

| Name: | Gus Mann Automotive Service Center | |
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| Year Built: | ca. 1940s per Conservation Society Gas Statio | |
| | Survey, operating as a Service Station by 1951 | |
| Location: | 2202 Fredericksburg Rd. | |
| Style: | Moderne/Deco | |
| Materials: | Metal Cladding | |
| Architect: | Unknown | |
| Current Use: | Automobile Service Center | |
| Historic Use: | Gas Station and Auto Service Center | |

Significance:

The building located at the 2202 Fredericksburg is an exceptional example of a Moderne/Deco style gas station. The existing structure is located directly next to the Monticello Park Historic District, and contributes contextually to the historic fabric of the neighborhood. The building's architectural type, as an early service station structure, is distinctive in character and exemplifies the cultural, economic, and social trends that are distinctive to San Antonio's early automobile suburbs. The building is a significant historic resource with high architectural integrity.

Architectural Description:

The service station features a Y-shaped floor plan with a central office/storefront. The building has a three bay service garage that extends from the rear façade and features doors made of steel and glass. Two canopies are attached to the main structure and extend out to Hildebrand and Fredericksburg Street. The building is steel framed and metal clad. The central office space has a half decagon shape with the prominent glass walls facing the street corner. The roof of the structure is flat and level from the canopies to the back, with the exception of a prominent five tiered dome. Although the pumps themselves have been removed, the concrete islands and piers that support the canopies still exist. The building's split color scheme consists of a blue (at the lower portion of the building) and white (covering the upper half). There is a continuous red band that runs around the entirety of the structure. The structure is mostly fully intact.

History/Timeline:

Property in City Directories:

1946-1971: Sinclair Station

1972-1975: Gus Mann Arco Service Station

1976-1987: Gus Mann Texaco Service Station

1988-1988: Gus Mann Conoco Service Station

1998-present: Gus Mann Automotive *

*No mechanics Lien exists for the original construction of the present gas station service center. There are deeds that concur with each of these transactions evidenced in the City Directories. Without a mechanics lien the date of construction remains unknown. The property is first said to be occupied by a gas or automotive company in 1946.

Recommendation:

The property is recommended for local landmark designation. The property represents an architecturally significant building type that exemplifies cultural and economic trends in San Antonio's early automobile suburb, Monticello Park. The building is a significant historic resource with high architectural integrity and meets the following, UDC Section 35-607(b) – Designation Criteria for local landmark designation:

Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials [35-607 (b) 5]; The Streamline Moderne style was directly influenced by earlier Art Deco examples. The architectural style is typified with long horizontal elements, rounded corners, smooth stucco wall surfaces, and flat roofs, all of which are present at the 2202 Fredericksburg gas station.

It is distinctive in character, interest or value; strongly exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, ethnic or historical heritage of San Antonio, Texas or the United States[35-607(b)11]; The stylized, utilitarian building type strongly exemplifies cultural and economic trends in San Antonio's early automobile suburb, Monticello Park.

Its historical, architectural or cultural character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, including, but not limited to, bridges, acequias, gas stations, transportation shelters, or other commercial structures [35-607 (b) 6] The early gas station structure is mostly intact and has high integrity.

Case Comments:

The structure has been identified and surveyed by UTSA and the San Antonio Conservation Society as a significant historic resource eligible for landmark designation. The DDC committee met on-site at 2202 Fredericksburg on February 25, 2015.

Sources:

City of San Antonio Directories

Deed records available from the Bexar County Clerk website Gus Mann Automotive Center Report, UTSA Student Project

Written By:

City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation Staff

Gus Mann Automotive Service Center



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History

Gus Mann Automotive, currently 2202 Fredericksburg, is representative of the Art Deco style service station. From the city directories, it is evident that prior to its designation or construction as a filling station, other businesses occupied the site. During the 1930's, the location was the site of the North Side Cash Lumber company, then Northside Lumber company, and finally Northside Building Materials. All of these companies were responsible for selling building materials and/or building houses. Following that it became the Towery Equipment Company, and then Victory Truckline Inc. The latter was responsible for freight and mobile transportation.

In approximately 1951, 2202 Fredericksburg opened as a Sinclair full automotive service station. However, it is inconclusive if the owners utilized an existing structure or the current one was built prior to its start as a service station. While operating as a service station, it had three consecutive owners. From 1951 to 1954 it was called Harry Galloway's (Sinclair) Service Station. Then from 1955 to 1962, it was known as Don French's Service Station. The last operator was Gus Mann who owned and operated the property from 1963 until 1998, when it was purchased by the current owner Mike Koebke. Gus Mann continued its use as a Sinclair station until 1972, when he transferred its affiliation to Arco gasoline. Nevertheless, it remained as Arco only until 1976 when he again changed affiliation to Texaco. It remained a Texaco service station from 1976 to 1988. Sometime between the 1960's and 1970's, an adjacent structure was added to the property. Additionally in 1981, a second listing appears, the U-haul Neighborhood Dealers, which may have been situated in the added property. Following its time as Texaco, it was transferred to Conoco until it was purchased by the current owner in 1998. The current owner then proceeded to remove the gas selling functions of the service station, leaving it as a purely automotive service shop, which is still in service today.





City Directories:

Prior to being a gas station, the address was already listed as occupied, so it is inconclusive if the gas station is an original structure or built sometime in the 40's or 50's:

1933-1935: North Side Cash Lumber Co. (started looking in 1933)

1935 Northside Lumber Co.

1936-1941 Northside Building Materials (Ivan Riley listed as operator)

1942-? Towery Equipment Co. (listed under Theo F. Towery)

(Break in directory 1942-1944) **1944?-1948** Victory Truckline Inc. (Transportation/freight/mobile, under Arvan Bates President)

BREAK in directories available (directory skips from 1948 to 1951)

1951-1954 Harry Galloway's (Sinclair) Service Station

1955-1962 Don French's (Sinclair) Service Station

1963-1971 Gus Mann Sinclair Service Station

1972-1975 Gus Mann Arco Service Station

1976-1987 Gus Mann Texaco Service Station (and a U-Haul dealer was added to the site in 1981)

1988-1998 Gus Mann Conoco Service Station

1998-present Gus Mann Automotive

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S A Light 10-03-1937 Northside Lumber 19 **Changes** Hands

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Purchase of the Northside Lum-Εh ber company, Inc., by the Northside Building Materials company was announced Friday. The company will remain at the old locution. 2202 Fredericksburg road. corner of Hildebrand avenue, and will be managed by I. H. Riley and W. K. Newton.

The concern will handle a full line of building materials, and is ready to render a complete building service, including plans, and specifications, and assistance to home buyers in finance arrangements.

Newton has resided in San Antonlo since 1922, and has been engaged in the lumber business all his life. Riley has been a resident of this city for two years, and of the state of Texas for seven years. He has a record of 10 years as architect. It is said Riley designed and installed the Texas exhibit in Chieago at the Century of Progress exposition in 1933. Following the hurricane in the Lower Rio Grande valley in 1933 and 1934 he handled the reconstruction of 42 school buildings in the section. . The company plans to offer a complete and combined building service, from the open site to the completed home, it was explained.

S A Express 1-19-1944



Bexar Facts

By MORRIS WILLSON

ACCENT - PEOPLE: Chuck Reiley's Alamo City Jazz Band will present the Fiesta Navi-

dena Wednesday night at the Market . Morris Mathieu, the Handy Andy vice president, has a clever holiday greeting in some badges he's passing out proclaiming. "Have a Happy" . Gus Mann. owner- operator of the Arco Service Center, 2202 Fredericksburg



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Road, has been cited for ranking in each of the past five years in the top 100 among more than 15,000 U-Hauf dealers in the nation . . . discussing the citation. Mann philosophized, "A service station operator today in order to make a living has to do a lot more than just sell gasoline and oil" . . . After veteran real estate in vestor cach other . . . Overheat should build a bank vault to vintage wine collection val figure estimates"... "Texas Dance Hall G Johnny Bush has recorde the title tune and such of songs as "We're Back in Li "Muscatel Memories" Warm Red Wine" . . . Jei raine Brown mailed their cards from Nepal, enclose made aboard a steamship University balladeer Kris appearing Sunday and Mor at the Connection on Fre Road, near the medical co-Fred Morgan has been sin broadly lately friends we he's up to . . . Regulars ; near Boerne, reveal the plaa celebrity image after the by Charles Becker and Mori other notables there inclu-Elmer Haile and savings exec Curtis Farris.

Interview With Current Owner Mike Koebke

Mike Koebke bought the Gus Mann automotive center in 1998 form then owner Gus Mann. Mike Koebke worked at the full service station when he was younger in the 1960's. Once the owner decided to retire he gave Mike the opportunity to purchase the automotive station. He kept the name Gus Mann and has been the owner since.

Mike remembers as a child that the place began as a full service gas station where you can get gas and have your car fixed.

He states that he has heard from various sources that the site was a lumber yard before it became a full service gas station.

He recalls as a child that it was originally a Sinclair gas station which had a green dinosaur on top of the dome. During which time the gas station was a full service station with 8 gas pumps, 4 on each bay.

Following Sinclair he recalls the site being owned by Texaco roughly around the 1970's. The gas station became a Texaco. The main color of the building were green and white with red. During this time the site was still a full service gas station.

In 1981 the site then changed hands and became a Conoco. The station was still a full service station during this time. He recalls the color scheme was beige with red.

The station was still a Conoco when he purchased it. He took out the gas pumps and converted it into a full service station. He removed the Conoco sign which is now where the Gus Mann Automotive sign is.









Gas Station Justification & Comparative Analysis

Gus Mann Automotive is a steel framed and metal clad structure, with Y-shaped floor plan. The gas station matches the style typical of other deco and Sinclair stations in Texas of the 1940-1950's. Its significance lies in that it is one of few representations of the 1940-50's Sinclair station. San Antonio has several representations of the 1920-30's style used as auto shops or restaurants, but from a cursory examination, no others of this style were documented. Additionally, according to the Field guide to Gas Stations in Texas, by 1948, there were only 6 Sinclair stations in San Antonio, making this one of a very few representations of Sinclair.

It has a geometric shape. The central portion of the Y consisting of the office space, mimics a decagon, or 10-sided shape, cut in half. The rest of the center of the Y consists of the 3 service bays, with multi. The 2 extensions of the Y are the canopy's that housed the gas pumps on islands at the street side end. The canopy's and main structure also have the raised banded colored stripe around the top. The service/show room has large display windows.

The roof of the central portion is 5-tiers, the first two mimicking the half decagon, followed by a full decagon, then a circular tier, and finally capped with a dome. It is assumed that a dinosaur once rested on the dome. The walls are constructed of plates of metal. The longer sheets around the service bays and sides are 2x3, and those around the windows and front are 2x2. Also, while not porcelain siding, it still uses the angular/geometric material of square and rectangular plates.

It also has had few modifications applied throughout its period of operation. According to the current owner, only such things as new paint, removal of the dinosaur and gas pumps when he purchased the property. Therefore the material integrity is high. Art Deco (Field Guide to Texas Gas Stations) • Decorative ornamentation, sometimes polychromatic.

- Ridged surfaces or fluting.
- Raised band and column elements.
- Angular surfaces using geometric patterns.
- Stucco siding.
- Porcelain enamel paneled siding.

Identifying Features to Sinclair 1940-1950 Model: (Field Guide to Texas Gas Stations)

- Two or three service bays with multi-light windows in the upper part of overhead doors.
- Large plate glass windows for the service and show room.
- Banded color stripes around upper part of oblong box.
- Detached island with or without light standards.
- Flat roof sometimes with raised parapet.



Canopy and Island



Sinclair station with dinosaur on top



Art Deco with similar roof details



Art Deco with similar roof details



Art Deco with similar layout



Similar color scheme



Art Deco with similar roof details



Art Deco with similar roof details and color



Sinclair station with signage and pump

Architectural Characteristics of site



Canopy with banding



Art Deco Facade with Display windows



interior view of Bays



Art Deco Roof Detail



Canopy and Island (absent of gas pumps)



Close up of Metal Frame and wood siding



Metal Clad Facade



Bay Doors



View of window

Gas Station Recommendations

The following recommendations are for the improvement of the architectural integrity of the site.

The architectural integrity of the gas station is in good shape. The gas station needs several repairs and restorations in order to bring it back to its original form.

The first recommendation for the gas station would be to paint it the original color that it was at the height of its period. The owner of the property told us that the property under Sinclair had the colors of green, red and white. This would bring the property back to the original colors of its time period.

The next suggestion is to bring back the original signs which were once displayed upon the walls and the roof. The original sign as the owner recalls was where the current Gus Mann Automotive sign is housed today. Removing this and replacing it with the proper time period Sinclair sign would help bring it back to its days of prominence. The owner and several sources revealed that the original gas station had a green Sinclair dinosaur a top of the ball on the roof. This was not only a part of the property but is a iconic part of the Sinclair company. Many of the Sinclair gas station had dinosaurs on the premise which created a landmark for the property. Restoring this would significantly improve the character and integrity of the property. This would also create traffic for the building as onlookers would want to see it and take pictures with the dinosaur.

Another suggestion is to bring back the pumps which were housed underneath the canopies. The gas pumps wee a integral part of the gas station and full service shops. Even if the pumps are used for aesthetic purposes this would reclaim an important part of the full service station.

The interior of the space as the owner claims is still in the original layout as was when he worked there in the sixties. This includes the service bays, sinks, and layout of the interior.

Remediations

The following suggestions are to improve the physical integrity of the site.

The first suggestion is to repair the canopies on the site. The canopies suffer from water damage as they have began to rust and in some instances there are holes in the canopy. If the problems are left unattended the canopy will continue to deteriorate until it will cause enough damage where they will collapse.

The next suggestion for repair is the roof. Upon analysis of the site it was evident that the rain was entering the bays where the cars where being worked on. Any infiltration of water can be harmful to the interior of the site and if it was entering the back it may also be entering the interior which was covered. This may be more hazardous as it is not visible thus prolonging the amount of time which it will be detected allowing further damage to occur. This may also add to the fact that some of the walls have rust and damage.



Canopy Damage



Interior Damage to metal and walls

Source:

Jones, Dwayne. *Field Guide to Gas Stations in Texas*. Texas Department of Transportation. 2003.

Interview with Mike Koebke.

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STATE OF TEXAS,

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COUNTY OF BEXAR.

THAT we, JOE BARSHOP, also known as Joseph J. Barshop, and wife, MARY BARSHOP, both of Bexar County, Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) and other good and valuable considerations to us cash in hand paid by SINCLAIR REFINING COMPANY, a Maine corporation with its principal business office at 630 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York, with an office at 307 West Seventh Street, Fort Worth, Texas, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have GRANTED, SOLD and CONVEYED, and by these presents do GRANT, SELL and CONVEY unto the said SINCLAIR REFINING COMPANY, the following described property situated in Bexar County, Texas:

All of Lot No. 1, a small triangular shaped strip of ground off the northwest corner of Lot No. 2, and all of Lots Nos. 3 and 4, in Block No. 2, New City Block No. 6173, in Angeles Terrace, in the City of San Antonio, in Bexar County, Texas, according to the plat of said Angeles Terrace recorded in Volume 368, at page 82, of the Plat Records of said County, EXCEPT a small triangular shaped strip of ground off the southeast corner of said Lot No. 1, and EXCEPT also a triangular shaped portion of said Lots Nos. 3 and 4 conveyed to the City of San Antonio by Bonald Nurick and Ben Nurick, by deed dated August 10, 1945, recorded in Volume 2153, at page 637, of the Deed Records of Bexar County, Texas, and used for the widening of Hildebrand Avenue, the property herein conveyed being more particularly described in one body as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe on the northeast line of Fredericksburg Road at its intersection with the south line of Viendo Street, being the northwest corner of said New City Block No. 6173;

THENCE in an easterly direction with the south line of Viendo Street, with a curve to the right whose radius is 891.1 feet, a distance of 123.22 feet to an iron pipe at fence corner at the northwest corner of the Gene Flesher property;

THENCE with fence line along the west line of said Flesher property, south 51° 24' west, a distance of 100.84 feet to an iron pipe at the southwest corner of said Flesher property;

THENCE with fence along the north line of said Lots Nos. 3 and 4, being the south line of said Lots Nos. 1 and 2 in said Block, north 36° 06' east, a distance of 121.8 feet to an iron pipe on the west line of Angeles Drive, the northeast corner of said Lot No. 4;

THENCE with the west line of Angeles Drive, south 24° 45' east, a distance of 73 feet to an iron pipe, the southeast corner of said Lot No. 4;

THENCE with the northwest line of Hildebrand Avenue, south 22° 39' west, a distance of 108.85 feet to an iron pipe at an angle in same;

THENCE with the new established northwest line of Hildebrand Avenue, south 46° 56' west, a distance of 100.61 feet to an iron pipe on the northeast line of Fredericksburg Road, the southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE with the northeast line of Fredericksburg Road, north 43° 30! west, a distance of 35.55 feet to an iron pipe at an angle in said line;

THENCE continuing with the northeast line of said road, north 41° 46' west, a distance of 169.8 feet to the place of beginning, according to a survey made by James C. Adams, County

Surveyor of Bexar County, Texas, in August, 1946.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described property, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereunto in anywise belonging, unto the said SINCLAIR REFINING COMPANY, its successors and assigns, forever. And we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, to WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND all and singular the said property unto the said grantee herein, its successors and assigns, against the claim or claims of every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same, or any part thereof, but we do not warrant against any restrictive covenants which may now be in force against said property or any portion thereof as shown by instruments duly recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Bexar County, Texas. Current taxes have been prorated to the date of this conveyance and taken into account in arriving at the amount of the consideration herefor, and the grantee expressly assumes the payment of all such current taxes.



BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JOE BARSHOP, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed. RY PUGIVEN under my hand and seal of office, on this the 28- day of October, 1946. Notary Public in and for Bexar County, Texas.

COUNTY OF BEXAR.

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared MARY BARSHOP, wife of JOE BARSHOP, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same by me fully explained to her, she, the said MARY BARSHOP, acknowledged such instrument to be her act and deed, and declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that



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RELEASE OF LIEN

DEED OF TRUST

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

the legal and equitable owner and holder of that one certain promissory note in the original principal sum Sixty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty and No/100-----68,350.00Dollars (\$_____) dated December 2, 1975, executed by Gus M. Mann

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| payable to the order of A. J. | Ploch Oil Co., Inc. | |
| more fully described in a | Deed of Trust | data 7760 |
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| said note being secured bysaid | Deed.of Trust | County, Texas; |
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against the following described property, to-wit:

PART 1.

A certain tract of land containing six hundred ninety-two (0.692) thousandths of an acre or 30,158 square feet, comprising all of Lot 1 except a triangular shaped strip off the southeast part, and comprising a triangular shaped strip out of Lot 2, all of Lots 3 and 4 except a triangular shaped parcel used for the widening of Hildebrand Avenue, in Block 2, Angeles Terrace Addition, recorded in Volume 368, Pages 82 and 83, Plat Records Bexar County, Texas, New City Block 6173, situated in the City of San Antonio, and being more particu-

Beginning at a steel rod set at the Northwest corner of Lot 1, in New City Block 6173, being at the intersection of the east line of Fredericksburg Road with the south line of Viendo Streat; thence in an easterly direction with the south line of Viendo Street, with a curve to the right whose radius is 890.61 feet for a distance of 123.22 fact to an iron pipe for the most northerly Northeast corner of this tract; thence with a chain link fence along the east line of this tract, being the west line of Nielsen Tract, crossing the northwest part of Lot 2 and the southcast part of Lot 1, South 29 degrees 26 minutes East, 100.84 feet to a cross in concrete, the Southwest corner of Nielsen Tract for an interior corner of this tract; thence with chain link fence along the south line of Lot 2 and the north line of Lot 4, being the south line of Nielsen Tract, North 38 degrees 06 minutes East, 121.80 fest to a cross cut in concrete on the west line of Angeles Drive, being the Southeast corner of Lot 2 and the Northeast corner of Lot 4; thence with the west line of Angeles Drive, South 24 degrees 45 minutes east 73.00 feet to a cross cut in concrete on the north line of Hildebrand Avenue, the Southeast corner of this tract; thence with the north line of Hildebrand Avenue as follows: South 22 degrees 39 minutes West, 108.85 feet to a cross cut in concrete at an angle; South 46 degrees 56 minutes West, 100.61 feet to a cross cut in concrete on the east line of Fredericksburg Road, the Southwest corner of this tract; thence with the east line of Fredericksburg Road as follows: North 43 degrees 30 minutes West, 35.55 feet to a cross cut in concrete at an angle; North 41 degrees 46 minutes West, 169.20 feet to the place of beginning, in accordance with survey dated October 28 & 29, 1975, and prepared by James C. Adams, Texas Registered Public Surveyor \$24, and being the same premises conveyed to <u>Sinclair Refining</u> Company(predecessor in title, through mergers, to Atlantic Richfield Company) by Deed dated October 18, 1946, and of record in Volume 2310, Pages 83 and 84, Deed Records of said County 1/29/86 800046 \$7.00 Y 1 230 07 0 01/29/86 00 PART 2. MARI-5

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Two 5,000 gallon underground tanks; one 3,000 gallon underground tank; one 550 gallon underground tank; 8 single computer gasoline pumps; two auto lifts; one air comprossor; one overhead lube system; two Seloil cubinots; one 16-foot C-M sign pole w/standard; and all other equipmont and personal property above or below ground on the promises described in Part 1 above, and which include all replacements thereof and additions thereto.

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Figure 3. Walter Dorwin Teague updated Texaco's standard stations in the 1930s, with horizontal banding, white wall treatment, and a parapet punctuated with bright red stars. A canopy topped by two parallel fins was a noted feature of one of Teague's designs. Austin's Sledd Nursery at 12th Street and West Lynn Street is a finely preserved example of a Teague station from this period. (Photo by author)



Figure 4. Magnolia Oil Company's station had a residential appearance (circa 1920). Constructed of dark brick, it had contrasting light colored stone used as lintel and sill pieces at the doors and windows. This example is in Dallas. (Photo by author)

For their more elegant stations, Magnolia used similar materials, but the building was of a much larger scale and much more elaborately detailed. The company's stations from the 1920s in Amarillo, San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Houston, all demonstrate a preference for corner lots with drive-through access from at least two sides. Although different architects are credited with the buildings' design, standard design elements are consistent among them.

By the 1940s, Magnolia Petroleum Company had become Mobil, and the flying red horse appeared as its signature logo. Mobil's stations of this period demonstrate a modern design while maintaining many of the same features as its past stations, such as the common use of materials that are easy to clean and offer longevity and durability.

Humble Oil Company

Consistent with other oil companies, early Humble stations demonstrated an attitude of easy access of curbside service. Humble's first station in Houston was completed in March, 1919, and cost \$50,000. The company intended to get its name out on the market, but for the following decade only owned three or four other stations.⁸ Humble stayed out of the service station competition until the 1930s.⁹ By 1938, the company had developed its logo signage that included an oval edged in blue with white letters on an orange background. Variations on this color scheme continue throughout Humble's history. By the late 1940s, the company had adopted all of standard gasoline station features of the period: a canopy for covered service, display windows for product advertising,

SINCLAIR

1940-1950





Figure 68: A large, green brontosaurus often marked Sinclair stations in the 1940s.

In 1943, Sinclair Consolidated Oil Company changed its name to Sinclair Oil Corporation, a named used earlier in some parts of the country. The company continued its use of the stucco Mission influenced station design through the mid-1940s, especially east of the Rocky Mountains. After World War II, however, the company introduced a more modern design of an oblong box with and without canopies. As the interstate highway system developed, Sinclair built hundreds of new outlets using the oblong box form. The highway sites usually incorporated a free-standing sign with a green and white round porcelain enamel sign containing "H-C" in black or white. In some cases, the large brontosaurus, first introduced in the 1930s, was combined with the "Sinclair" signage on the building or as an outline atop of the free-standing sign.



Distribution of Sinclair during the 1940s.



Figure 69: In the 1940s, Sinclair offered a variety of toys for children, including the above clever promotion.



1940-1950

SINCLAIR

Form: Oblong Box With or Without Canopy

With Canopy

Identifying Features:

- Two or three service bays with multi-light windows in the upper part of overhead doors.
- Large plate glass windows for the service and show room.
- Banded color stripes around upper part of oblong box.
- Detached island with or without light standards.
- · Flat roof sometimes with raised parapet.
- Modern architectural features.







Without Canopy







1930-1940



Texaco, also known as the Texas Company, relocated its headquarters to the Chrysler Building in Manhattan in 1930, and introduced Texaco Golden Motor Oil that same year. In 1932, the company unveiled a new product, Texaco Fire Chief Gasoline, offering a higher octane level. This new product was sold through some 40,000 outlets nationwide. Establishing a national presence, the company began to sponsor radio shows by Ed Wynn. In the mid 1930s, The Texas Company initiated a new marketing research component to update its logo and signage with a corporate identified service station.

Under contract, Walter Dorwin Teague, one of the nation's leading industrial designers, provided the company with five variations of a Streamlined (Moderne) station design executed in porcelain enamel panels. Each variation was modified to a different lot configuration with different uses of the canopy. Teague also designed a "banjo" shaped sign that identified the company to the motorist.



Figure 53: This Type C gas station was designed for the Texas Company by Walter Dorwin Teague in the late 1930s.



Figure 54: Another example of Teague's 1930s design, this Texaco station features his distinctive "banjo" signage.



Distribution of the Texaco Company during the 1930s.

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1930-1940

Form: Oblong Box With or Without Canopy

Designed in five variations, A-E.

- Type A: Oblong box with island canopy and two service bays. Purchase price: \$15,000.
- Type B: Triangular box with canopy and two to three service bays. (Designed for corner lots.) Purchase price: Unknown.
- Type C: Oblong box with single canopy projecting from the main block and two service bays (most common). Purchase price: \$10,000-\$13,000.
- Type D: Oblong box with canopy flush with the main block and with one or two service bays (common form). Purchase price: Unknown.
- Type E: Oblong box. Smallest version with only one room. Purchase price: \$5,000.

Identifying Features:

- White porcelain enamel steel panels (rarely stucco or wood).
- · Rounded corners on the box and canopy.
- · Raised bands of trim, sometimes in green.
- · Ghost impressions of a five-pointed star.
- Parallel rounded forms projected across the canopy and served as a back-lighted space for signage.
- Three green bands were featured around the building above the display area and service bay doors.
- Single red stars were placed on the upper part of each facade.
- Large metal windows opened to the display and service area.
- Small metal columns supported the canopy.
- Separate pump islands may have been included, sometimes placed perpendicular to the oblong box and canopy, with "Texaco" stretched across the top of the island canopy.
- Large glazed overhead service doors.
- A large round sign on single square column, "banjo" shaped, contained the five-pointed red star emblem with a green "T" and "Texaco" written and lighted.
- Streamlined Moderne (industrial, machine-made).

Oblong Box with Detached Canopy Type A



Oblong Box with Canopy Type C



Fredericksburg, 2002 (corner of Hildebrand)

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San Antonio Conservation Society Survey

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| PRESERVATION |
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| ADDRESS: 2202 Fredericksburg_ Meeting Location: Lone Star Rm-1901 S. Alano |
| APPLICANT: Michgel Koebke |
| DDC Members present: Michael Guarino, Jacob Valenzuela, Lori |
| Staff present: <u>Alyson Smith</u> , <u>Claudia Guerra</u> Rodriguez |
| Others present: Gerard Pastrono, Mich Michhel A. Koebke, |
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| COMMENTS/CONCERNS: - New construction - proposed plans reviewed |
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