

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

**Applicant:** Munir Aljijakli, agent for Juan A. Espiga Dorta, owner

**Property:** 1135 Walling Street, Lot 12, block 104, North Norhill Subdivision. The property includes a historic 1,086 square foot, one-story wood frame single-family residence and one story PC detached garage situated on a 5,000 square foot (50' x 100') interior lot.

**Significance:** Contributing Bungalow residence, constructed circa 1928, located in the Norhill Historic District

**Proposal:** Demolition – Garage

The applicant is proposing to demolish the one story 480 SF garage that was built in 1981 according to Harris County Appraisal District.

**Public Comment:** No public comment received.

**Civic Association:** No comment received.

**Recommendation:** Approval

**HAHC Action:** -

APPROVAL CRITERIA

DEMOLITION OF A LANDMARK, PROTECTED LANDMARK, CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE, OR WITHIN AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Sec. 33-247(a): The issuance of a certificate of appropriateness for the demolition of a landmark, a protected landmark, or a contributing structure, or for the demolition of a building, structure or object on or in an archaeological site shall be granted only if:

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- (1) The building, structure, or object has seriously deteriorated to an unusable state and is beyond reasonable repair; and
(2) The HAHC finds, based on the preponderance of credible evidence presented subject to the establishment by the applicant, the existence of an unreasonable economic hardship under subsection (c) of this section or the establishment of an unusual and compelling circumstance pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

(c) Determination of the existence of an unreasonable economic hardship shall be based upon the following criteria:

- (1) That the property is incapable of earning a reasonable return, regardless of whether the return is the most profitable return, including without limitation, regardless of whether the costs of maintenance or improvement of the property exceed its fair market value;
(2) That the owner has demonstrated that the property cannot be adapted for any other use, whether by the current owner, by a purchaser or by a lessee, that would result in a reasonable return;
(3) That the owner has demonstrated reasonable efforts to find a purchaser or lessee interested in acquiring the property and preserving it, and that those efforts have failed; and
(4) If the applicant is a nonprofit organization, determination of an unreasonable economic hardship shall instead be based upon whether the denial of a certificate of appropriateness financially prevents or seriously interferes with carrying out the mission, purpose, or function of the nonprofit corporation

OR

(d) Determination of the existence of an unusual and compelling circumstance shall be based upon the following criteria:

- (1) That current information does not support the historic or archaeological significance of this building, structure or object or its importance to the integrity of an historic district, if applicable; The Inventory says it was built in 1950 whereas Harris County shows that it was built in 1980 which matches staff's opinion.
(2) Whether there are definite plans for reuse of the property if the proposed demolition is carried out and what effect such plans have on the architectural, cultural, historical or archaeological character of the context area; and
(3) Whether reasonable measures can be taken to save the building, structure or object from further deterioration, collapse, arson, vandalism or neglect.



PROPERTY LOCATION  
NORHILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

1135 Walling



Building Classification

- Contributing
- Non-Contributing
- Park



**INVENTORY PHOTO**



**CURRENT PHOTO**



**CURRENT PHOTO  
SURVEY**



**SANBORN MAPS & BLAs**

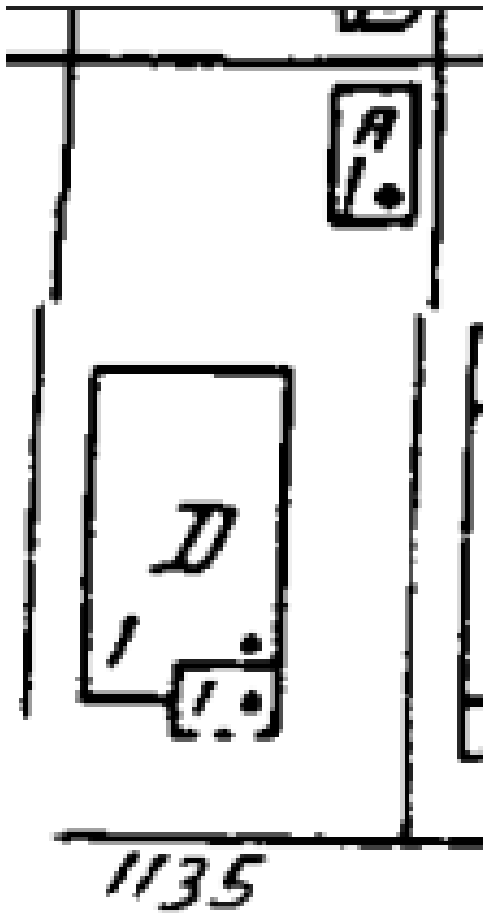
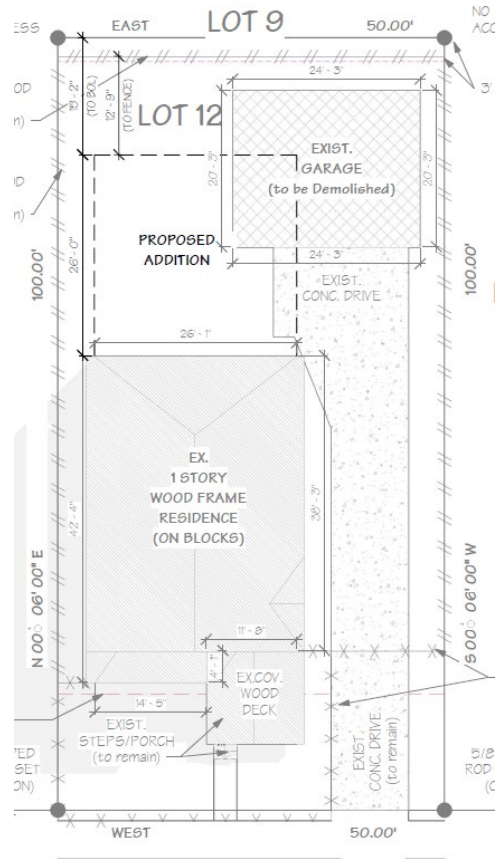
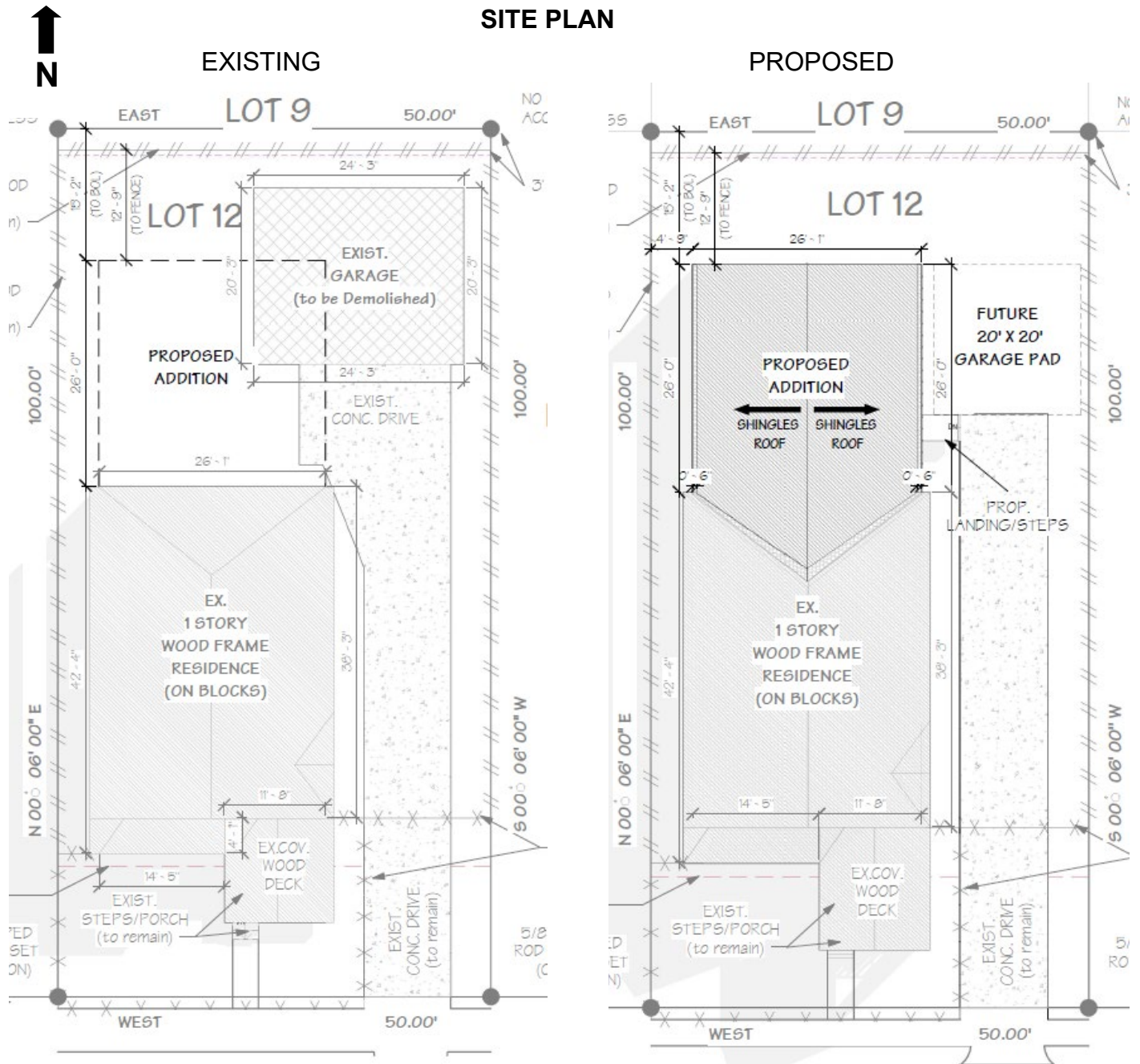


Figure 1- Sanborn Map 1924-1950





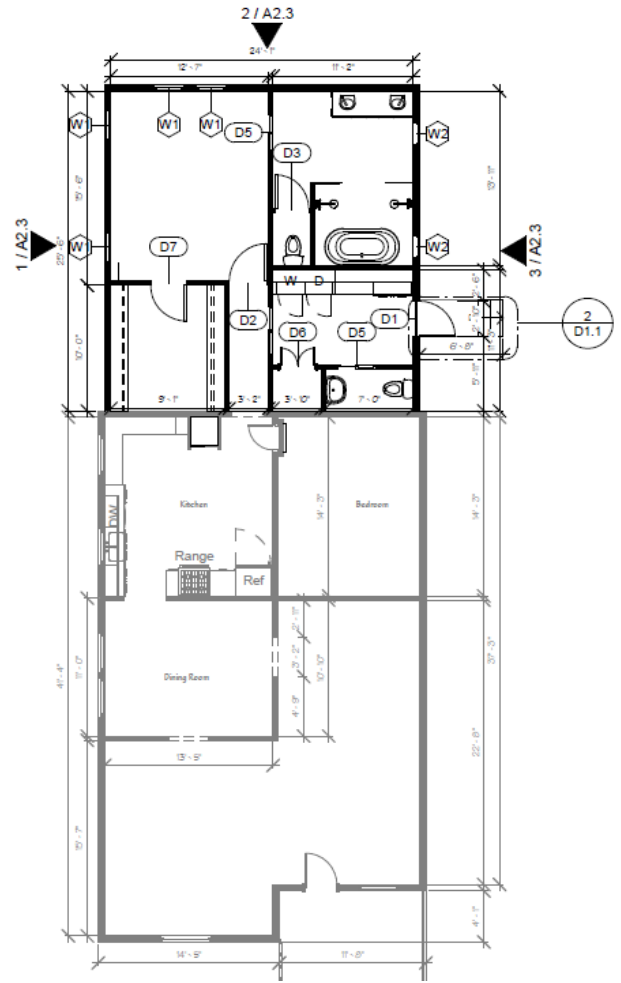
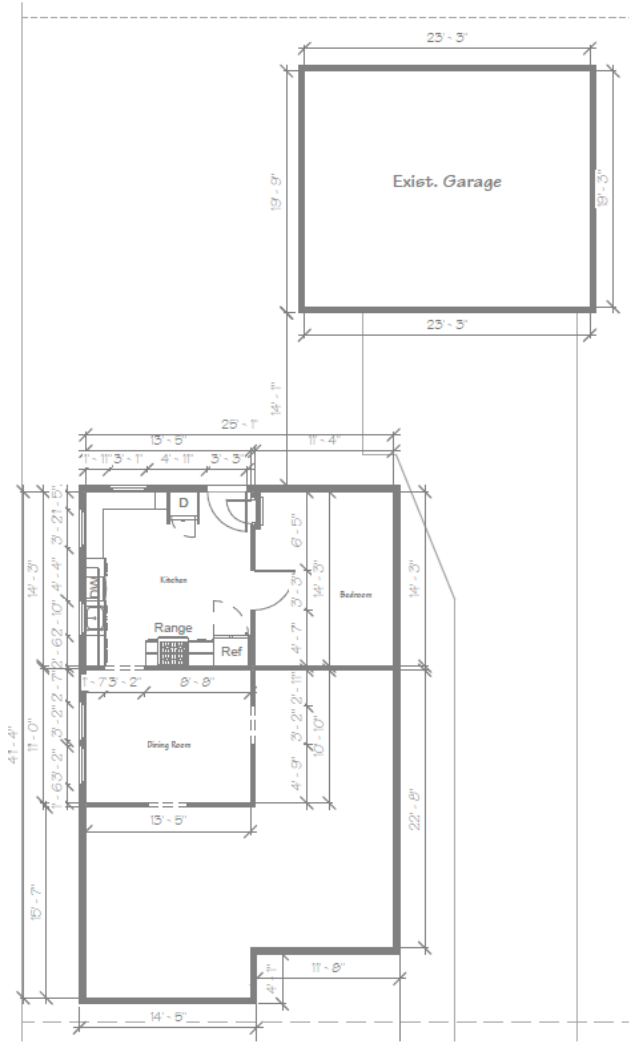
SITE PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

EXISTING

PROPOSED





**EXISTING GARAGE PHOTOS**  
EXTERIOR



INTERIOR

