

# Staff Summary Report



Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting: 06/27/06

Agenda Item Number: 2

**SUBJECT:** Hold a public hearing for Roosevelt Addition for a historic district, located at 600 to 641 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, in the R1-6, Single-Family Residential District.

**DOCUMENT NAME:** 20060627dsrl01

**ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE (0414-02) (0414-05)**

**SUPPORTING DOCS:** Yes

**COMMENTS:** Hold a public hearing for **ROOSEVELT ADDITION (CC060048 / HPO-2006.39 / ORD NO. 2006.42)** (Tempe Historic Preservation Office, applicant) for the historic designation of the Roosevelt Addition Subdivision as a historic district including a code text amendment, consisting of twenty (22) lots with single-family homes, located at 600 to 641 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, in the R1-6, Single-Family Residential District.

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**LEGAL REVIEW BY:** N/A

**FISCAL NOTE:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** **Staff – Approval**  
**Historic Preservation Commission – Approval**

**ADDITIONAL INFO:** The request is located northwest of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Roosevelt Street, along the cul-de-sac of the 600 block of West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The applicant is requesting approval for historic designation of Roosevelt Addition as a historic overlay district. The site includes twenty-two (22) lots with single-family homes. Historic Preservation Officer considers the Roosevelt Addition to be an excellent candidate for historic district designation and listing in the Tempe Historic Property Register. Roosevelt Addition was the first subdivision developed in Tempe according to the design standards for FHA loans. Although begun as a local small business enterprise, the property was quickly acquired by a Phoenix realtor and largely built out by a local construction company. The subdivision is associated with the Community Planning and Development: Tempe 1945-1950 historic context (association with the post-war metro housing boom) and falls under the National Association of Home Builders classification of a small (<25 units) subdivision. Substantially completed within the four year period from 1946 to 1950, this is considered to be a highly successful subdivision. The subdivision is associated with the Residential Flood Irrigation: Tempe 1945-1958, and with the Architectural Design and Construction: Tempe 1945-1950 historic contexts, which continue to have significant effect on the character of the neighborhood. This first-tier subdivision maintains a high degree of historic integrity.

Staff recommends approval of this proposal. A neighborhood meeting was held on May 11, 2006. Tempe Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval for the request of designation as a historic overlay district.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. List of Attachments
- 2-11. Comments / Reasons for Approval
- 11-12. History & Facts
12. Description
  - A. Ordinance No. 2006.42
  - B. Location Map
  - C. Aerial Photo
  - D. Subdivision Plat
  - E. Site Photos
  - F. Neighborhood Meeting Summary
  - G. Letter of Support w/ Signatures

**COMMENTS:**

**HISTORY**

On March 18, 1946, J. J. McCreary filed a plat and requested annexation of the subdivision of 22 lots along 3rd Street, west of Roosevelt Street. William M. Blythe, a local contractor, was hired to start building frame and stucco houses at a cost of less than \$6,000 each. Blythe built a home for himself in the Roosevelt Addition at 600 West 3rd Street. In August 1946, Phoenix realtor, W. T. Helms bought most of the remaining lots from McCreary and contracted with the Loftin Construction Company of Phoenix to build 16 two-bedroom, 850 square feet cement block houses with steel sash windows, composition shingle roofing at a cost of \$4,000 each. By fall of 1947, Helms was offering two-bedroom homes for sale for \$7,750. According to the builder's advertising, among the most important features of the houses, were "FHA-Approved! GI Financing!" In 1950, Roosevelt Addition property owners formed Improvement District Number 38 - Roosevelt Addition Irrigation System Additions to extend city residential flood irrigation service to the subdivision.

**CONTEXT**

During the post-World War II period, 1946-1960, Tempe experienced rapid population growth in an expanding economy. From 1940 to 1950, Tempe's population grew from 2,906 to 7,686, an increase of 235%. In the following decade growth was even more pronounced. In 1960, the city's population reached 24,897 giving Tempe a rate of growth of 324% throughout the 1950s. More than one hundred new subdivisions were opened for development, and with frequent annexations, Tempe's city boundaries were constantly expanding. These characteristic trends are clearly reflected in the thousands of houses and structures that were built in Tempe during this period.

Tempe remained strongly committed to agriculture until the war ended. Fields surrounding Tempe had long been productive and profitable, initially based on year-round production of alfalfa and grain, then shifting to cotton production, and finally after the Cotton Crash of 1920, returning to alfalfa and grain as components of a more diverse agronomy. It was during this post war expansion period that housing demand would drive development-based land values to overcome the profitability of productive Tempe agricultural lands.

The following historic contexts have been identified by Tempe HPC as a basis for evaluating the historic significance of candidate districts.

- Arizona State University (association with development of the campus)
- Custom Homes (architect designed, or builder variants)
- Tract Homes (association with the post-war metro housing boom)
- Flood Irrigation (residential utility service)
- Prominent Persons (association with significant Tempe citizens)
- Mom-and-pop developers (local small business or one-time enterprises)
- Corporate developers (see subdivision size classifications)
- Subdivision Size (National Association of Home Builders classifications: small <25 units, medium 26 - 100 units, large >100 units)

**CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION**

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Community Planning and Development); or
- B. That are associated with the lives of significant persons in our past; or
- C. That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a

master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction (Architectural Styles); or

\_\_\_\_ D. That have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

Roosevelt Addition Historic District in Tempe, Arizona, demonstrates community planning and development after World War II. This subdivision is laid out in a cul-de-sac configuration with homes of uniform architectural design typical of Early/Transitional Ranch style houses. Neighborhood elements are consistent with post-World War II subdivisions satisfying the demand for housing returning veterans and their families. The single-family house on its individual lot within a contained neighborhood is significant for a majority of Americans in the mid-twentieth century. The combination of federal loan financing with simple design and construction allowed suburbs to be developed quickly and inexpensively at the perimeter of the city proper. The cul-de-sac pattern allowed for automobile usage but maintained the atmosphere of a relatively secluded neighborhood. These properties have lush foliage watered by residential flood irrigation which shade and border the lots, and 60 years of flood irrigation has produced a mature landscape that distinguishes the district as a unique part of our community. All of the original homes remain and relatively few changes have been made to the street elevations of the original facades. These Early/Transitional Ranch style houses continue to represent the relatively rare row-lock-brick masonry type and maintain a high degree of architectural integrity.

## DESCRIPTION

Roosevelt Addition subdivision was platted in 1946 at the periphery of the Tempe city core. It is accessible from Roosevelt Street, located west of the 600 block of Third Street in a cul-de-sac configuration. Small homes are built on large lots radiating off the Third Street cul-de-sac to the north, south, and west. The subdivision is located approximately three blocks west of Mill Avenue and the heart of downtown Tempe and four blocks south of Rio Salado Parkway. The contrast between the subdivision layout and the grid pattern of the original townsite marks the transformation of approach to community planning and development in Tempe from its agricultural origins to expansion by real estate speculators in the postwar period. It also indicates a shift in the demographics of Tempe's population and the trend toward greater housing density following World War II.

Roosevelt Addition is laid out in a cul-de-sac pattern of residential development in contrast with the street grid blocks of the original townsite. The design facilitated increased automobile usage by residents while maintaining the friendly feel of the neighborhood as there is no reason to enter the cul-de-sac unless one is associated with the residences located therein. As a result, idle traffic is not encouraged to enter the Roosevelt Addition and it retains a relatively secluded and quiet atmosphere.

Roosevelt Addition exhibits a uniformity and cohesive visual character for all 20 homes, 16 of which were constructed by the same builder. The notable exception is Centennial House located at 601 West Third Street, which was constructed in 1888 in the then popular Colonial Revival style and moved to its present location in 1988. Centennial House was listed in the Tempe Historic Property Register on December 1, 2005, on the basis of its significance as the oldest brick residence, which is also believed to be the first brick residence, constructed in Tempe.

Roosevelt Addition properties have lush foliage watered by residential flood irrigation which shade and border the lots. A variety of tree and shrub species are present indicating each homeowner could choose his or her landscaping.

Roosevelt Addition has sidewalks and streetlights that are located at the rear of the cul-de-sac and mid-block on the north side of Third Street. The property at 624 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street has a fence around the front perimeter of the property. Many properties have fences around the rear yards and there is no alley or rear entry for these properties. New additions have been made to the rear or side of the structures and some of the homes have added carports. The properties at 633 and 640 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street have altered front facades with new siding, windows and doors. Driveways are concrete, gravel, or dirt with and without definite borders.

Roosevelt Addition represents early post-World War II housing development in a planned neighborhood with simple design to facilitate quick, economical construction. The homes were affordable for the working-class families that originally occupied the subdivision and the location was convenient to downtown Tempe and Arizona State College at Tempe.

## ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

Roosevelt Addition consists predominately of Early/Transitional Ranch style homes. This style combined function, simplicity, and affordability, in a product suitable to the arid western landscape. The simple design and construction techniques could cost as little as \$7,750 for these one-story homes. Housing styles were in transition at the end of World War II; revival and bungalow styles were waning and the ranch-house movement was poised to begin market dominance. Early/Transitional Ranch style homes combined elements of both past and future eras. The small box-like form had an L-shaped plan with a low pitched gable end or hip roof. These homes were constructed of brick, often laid up in interesting geometric patterns. In the Roosevelt Addition, the predominant bond pattern was the distinctive row-lock brick masonry type. Brick masonry, and especially row-lock brick masonry, houses are rare in Tempe, and very rare throughout the Valley. Row-lock brick masonry was only used briefly before concrete block largely replaced this method of residential construction. The ephemeral trend is evidenced in the Roosevelt Addition as the 16 homes built by Loftin in 1947 and 1948 are row-lock brick masonry, while the two homes built in 1949 and 1950 are concrete block masonry. Often horizontal wood siding is used on the gable ends. Windows were typically steel-sash, crank-casement type in the classic small pane configuration or with elongated horizontal panes, and usually without trim. Foundations were concrete slab-on-grade and roofs were asphalt shingle.

Roosevelt Addition homes are typical of Early/Transitional Ranch style homes constructed with no true porch, but with broad overhanging eaves at the juncture of the intersecting wings supported by porch posts. The eave is also seen extending along the primary façade to provide a distinct entry veranda supported by two or three posts. The property at 629 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street has ornamental ironwork posts reflecting French Colonial adornment. The property at 604 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street has an Art Moderne influence in the design of porch and posts.

Roosevelt Addition homes typically have carports, possibly added later, but not detrimental to the overall integrity of the structures. Most of the properties have outbuildings or sheds at the rear or side of the parcel. Homes have been painted in light pastel colors typical of the period of significance and many feature complimentary contrasting trim colors.

Roosevelt Addition includes several variant house forms in addition to the 16 Early/Transitional Ranch style homes. The property at 604 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street has a home built in the National Folk Ranch style. This one-story home has a low-pitched pyramidal hip roof with overhanging eaves. This wood-frame home has a stucco finish. Windows are steel casement without trim and the small porch has an extended eave. With 1,356 square feet under roof, this house is considerably larger than the predominant Early/Transitional Ranch style homes.

The property at 610 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is a one-story square plan with box-like massed wood-frame construction, clapboard siding, and a low-pitched gable asphalt shingle roof. Original windows appear to have been replaced in their original openings. The front porch is an extension of the roof gable and the house has no ornamentation. Supported on pier footings, the house is reputed to have been moved into the neighborhood in 1946. This is both the earliest house and the smallest house in the neighborhood with 720 square feet under roof. Solliday 2001 finds this property notable as the single prefab dwelling in the Roosevelt Addition. The property is in the process of being permitted for demolition and new construction. Plans for the Evans House proposed a 5,000 square foot single-family residence.

## **INTEGRITY**

Roosevelt Addition Historic District retains sufficient architectural integrity to convey its historic significance. The suburban plan and street features, residential architecture, and landscaping still appear essentially as they did during the mid-twentieth century. The setting for the houses along the cul-de-sac has changed little since 1950. Small houses built on large parcels maintain a constant rhythm of facades along the street with little variation. To date there has been no modern infill and Centennial House at the southeast district boundary is the only structure not dating to the 1946 to 1950 period of significance.

Roosevelt Addition Historic District contributing properties vary only slightly in individual levels of architectural integrity. Collectively, they readily convey the historic character of their period of significance. Some houses have been repaired and maintained and still look as they did in the last half of the 1940s. Some houses have sustained alterations and additions during either the historic or modern periods to adapt them to contemporary lifestyles. Typical changes involve replacement of steel casement windows or fixed pane windows with aluminum windows in original, unaltered openings. Room additions to the rear and carport additions to the side are also typical changes. Overall, changes to individual properties do not substantially or adversely affect the character of the streetscape as a whole.

The Solliday 2001 evaluation of neighborhood integrity was based on several factors including the proportion of individual properties that possess a high level of integrity, the presence of all of a subdivision's key non-residential elements (streets, vegetation, irrigation system, etc.), and the absence of any significant non-conforming encroachments in residential areas. Only those houses that portray the highest level of architectural integrity (i.e., that still possess all elements of their original design) were reported as contributing properties in Solliday 2001.

Solliday 2001 surveyed 22 lots in the Roosevelt Addition and evaluated 11 properties built between 1946 and 1950 as contributing to an historic district. Solliday 2001 noted 1 property (Centennial House) was previously listed in the Tempe MRA. Solliday 2001 noted 6 properties were not listed due to integrity. Roosevelt Addition reported high integrity in the 2001 survey with 70% (n=14) evaluated as contributing properties. More than two-thirds of the 21 properties within the subdivision boundaries were evaluated as contributing to an historic district. Fieldwork conducted by Staff on March 23, 2006 indicated closer to 86% integrity in Roosevelt Addition.

Solliday 2001 broke new ground as the first Post-World War II housing context study completed in Arizona. Primary study objectives were to identify the number of surviving postwar subdivisions and provide initial integrity evaluations.<sup>1</sup>

Solliday 2001 identified a number of External Threats to maintaining neighborhood integrity at various locations in Tempe. Solliday noted the neighborhoods that are most vulnerable to external threats tend to be in areas west of downtown Tempe (Section 16) and east of Rural Road (Sections 23 and 24). Located in the southeast quarter of Section 16, the Roosevelt Addition is also exposed to noise from Sky Harbor Airport. Areas of elevated noise levels occur in an irregular contour emanating from the runways and stretching from nearly 15th Avenue in Phoenix to past Rural Road in Tempe. Sky Harbor and the City of Phoenix have implemented a residential airport noise mitigation program that provides window replacement and other architectural remediation treatments that can potentially have adverse effects on the architectural integrity of historic properties. In fact, a number of homes in the Roosevelt Addition Historic District have participated in the Phoenix program and have already replaced windows.

Since completion of Solliday 2001, Tempe has implemented a new General Plan and a new Zoning & Development Code. These instruments seek to facilitate a new urban vision for the community through infill and redevelopment accommodations. While this overarching goal may revitalize many areas, potential impacts on the historic integrity of Cultural Resource Areas may be less certain. Often residents themselves are most intimately aware of changes to the quality of life within their neighborhood. Residents of the Roosevelt Addition have communicated their concerns about the risks facing this area in the near term and it is not inappropriate to consider the relative exposure to risk for specific resources in a determination of historic designation. In addition to the teardown phenomenon promulgated by decreased R1-6 development standards, the Roosevelt Addition Historic District is located adjacent to the University-Hayden Butte Redevelopment Overlay District and the Rio Salado Overlay District. The purpose of these districts is to accomplish the objectives of the specific area plans adopted by the City Council including infill and redevelopment to higher densities.

On Saturday, April 29, 2006, Commissioners Deskin, Esquer, Gasser, Patterson, Siefer, and Wilson joined Donna Baker, Chris Higgins, Vic Linoff, Pamela Rector and HPO to tour the historic 1946 Roosevelt Addition subdivision for evaluation of the frequency of contributing properties to the proposed historic district. HPC identified 16 of 21 properties (76%) as contributing properties. The apparent vacant lot, Assessor's parcel number 124-31-021, includes the properties at 601 W 3rd Street (Centennial House), and 320 S Roosevelt Street. The subdivision contains a total of 21 parcels.

## **SIGNIFICANCE**

Roosevelt Addition Historic District is significant under National Register Criteria A for its association with the theme of Community Planning and Development from 1945-1960 (1958) in Tempe, Arizona, and Residential Flood Irrigation: Tempe 1945-1958. Roosevelt Addition Historic District is also significant under National Register Criteria C for its association with the theme of Architectural Design and Construction: Tempe 1945-1950.

Resources in the Roosevelt Addition Historic District associated with the post-World War II era in Tempe are typical of construction activity seen throughout the post-war United States. "Sun Belt" states such as Arizona drew new manufacturing industries and veterans who took advantage of educational and financial benefits characteristic of the period. Neighborhood design follows Federal Housing Authority (FHA) guidelines for subdivisions which then permitted veterans and other buyers to qualify for long-term, low

interest home loans underwritten by the Federal government. Roosevelt Addition Historic District, with mostly Early/Transitional Ranch house types, allowed affordable housing to be constructed quickly to help address the critical housing shortage in post-World War II Tempe. Most of the homes have retained the integrity of their historical period and were constructed before 1950, making the Roosevelt Addition Historic District a first-tier subdivision eligible for historic district designation and listing in the Tempe Historic Property Register. Roosevelt Addition property owners formed an improvement district in 1950 to extend city residential flood irrigation service to the neighborhood.

The Solliday 2001 survey included an examination of approximately 4,500 properties that were built in Tempe between 1946 and 1960. From this survey, inventory forms were completed for 62 subdivisions and nearly 1,800 individual properties. Each postwar subdivision was evaluated for its historic and architectural significance, as well as integrity. The significance of a subdivision was determined by its relation to historic themes, such as community planning and development, federal housing policy, or association with prominent builders and developers.

From a universe of over 100 original post-war subdivisions, Solliday 2001 recommended seven subdivisions to be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places as historic districts. Each of these subdivisions has some significant historical associations. Most or all of the houses in these neighborhoods were built before 1950, and most of the houses, as well as the subdivisions themselves, exhibit a fairly high level of integrity. Obtaining historic district status for these subdivisions will provide recognition and protection of these earliest residential areas in the city that still convey their historic appearance and sense of place.

The Roosevelt Addition was the first subdivision developed in Tempe according to the design standards for FHA loans. Average house size is 1,066 square feet. Average lot size is 10,273 square feet. Average site building coverage is 11%, ranging from 838 / 13,443 (6%) to 2,286 / 9,823 (23%) and evidencing a characteristic development pattern of small houses on large lots. According to the builder's advertising, among the most important features of the houses, were "FHA-Approved! GI Financing!"

## HISTORIC OVERVIEW

Modern settlement on the banks of the Salt River began in 1870, when the first groups of homesteaders built shacks or pitched tents at the natural crossings of the River. Research published by Don Ryden, Doug Kupel, and Scott Solliday documents early historic contexts in Tempe. From initial founding through the period of World War II, Tempe's development remained strongly rooted in agriculture. Tempe and Arizona were relatively unaffected by the Depression of the 1930s due to the diverse agricultural economy, although New Deal funds did provide low-interest loans, grants, and other monetary relief. WPA construction projects built the framework for rapid urbanization that would occur after World War II. The war quickly brought the nation out of the Depression and valley communities benefited from climate and inland location.

The Salt River Valley was the perfect location for wartime industries and military installations. *Historic Homes of Phoenix: An Architectural and Preservation Guide* notes that "by 1945 the Valley had six military facilities: two major air bases, three training fields, and a Naval air station. These facilities created an immediate demand for new housing, stores, and other businesses to meet the needs of thousands of military personnel stationed in the Valley." Tempe farmers benefited from the wartime boom as cotton was in great demand for many military uses. Citrus production was also important and Tempe became a regional shipping center for agricultural products.

Wartime shortages of manufactured goods and the demands of war brought severe restrictions on new construction. This was a time of remarkable population growth in Tempe and there was a serious housing shortage. The shortage became critical after the war when servicemen who trained in the area returned to live here. Also, many of the manufacturing companies that located in the Valley during the war remained and continued to operate in peacetime. In 1945, Arizona State Teachers College became Arizona State College at Tempe offering Bachelor's and Master's degrees in professional and technical fields. Aided by the G. I. Bill, veterans enrolled at ASC in numbers so large as to require the college to buy military surplus trailers and barracks to provide temporary campus housing for students.

In the two decades after World War II, Tempe and the Valley grew rapidly creating great need for housing. From 1940 to 1950, Tempe's population grew 235% and that was surpassed in the next decade by 324% population growth. More than one hundred new subdivisions were opened for development with corresponding annexations into the city limits. By 1960, Tempe was home to 24, 897 individuals living in the thousands of houses that were built during the post-war period.

## HISTORIC CONTEXTS

### Community Planning and Development: Tempe 1945-1950

Due to wartime restrictions, very little building activity occurred in Tempe during World War II, but three new subdivisions were platted early in 1945 as restrictions on building materials began to relax. By February, twenty new homes were under construction and another hundred families who had purchased home sites could not build because of continuing materials shortages. A year after the war a continuing shortage of resources still hampered home construction in Tempe. Recycled wartime facilities from the federal government provided some temporary assistance. Structures from the Papago Park POW Camp and the Rivers Japanese Relocation Center on the Gila River Indian Reservation were dismantled and offered to veterans.

The scarcity of building materials was not the only obstacle to keeping pace with the need for new home construction. Tempe was still a small farming community and, as was common throughout the nation during the Depression, local banks did not offer home mortgages. The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) was created in 1934 to reform lending practices, to insure home mortgages, and to create jobs in the construction industry. In Arizona, Valley National Bank began aggressively promoting home mortgages in Phoenix, Mesa, and other Valley cities, but Tempe banks did not participate in FHA-insured loans until after World War II, when it was estimated that up to four million veterans nation-wide could not find adequate housing and the federal government provided a solution with federally financed mortgages.

Without financing, new home construction was an individual affair and an inherently slow process. The FHA provided advantageous terms and payments could be spread over a period of up to twenty years. To protect their investment, the FHA set rigid standards for eligibility so the houses would not decrease in value over time.

The building block of the post-World War II residential landscape is the single-family house on its own lot situated in the residential subdivision. The FHA used a standard rating system to evaluate the quality of construction and design for individual homes and the neighborhoods in which they were located. Lower ratings were applied to neighborhoods where houses were of varying sizes and styles or that were racially integrated because these factors were believed to adversely affect property values. By the late 1940s, corporate builders started adhering to the FHA's building standards, which was a selling point with homebuyers because homes in these subdivisions were pre-approved for mortgage insurance. This, in turn, encouraged large-scale production of virtually identical single-family houses in planned neighborhoods.

FHA financing also brought changes in the housing construction industry. Before WWII, subdividers sold lots to customers, who then contracted with an architect or builder to construct a home on their lot. FHA controls coupled with improved financing, and later post-war economic prosperity, resulted in real estate organizations undertaking both land development and home building on speculation that there would be buyers immediately ready to purchase homes.

Roosevelt Addition Historic District was the first subdivision developed in Tempe according to the design standards for FHA loans. Developer J. J. McCreary and his wife Carrie, filed a plat on March 18, 1946, and requested that the subdivision of 22 lots along Third Street, west of Roosevelt Street, be annexed by Tempe. They designed their subdivision around a cul-de-sac, a new design concept used for the first time in the post-war subdivision of Radburn, New Jersey. The intent is to create a partially enclosed neighborhood and to exclude traffic related to commercial development or main arterial streets located on the subdivision perimeter. In contrast, neighborhoods faced inward with curvilinear streets and cul-de-sacs that kept traffic and noise out of the residential area. William M. Blythe, a local contractor, was hired to start building frame and stucco houses at a cost of less than \$6,000.00 each. Blythe built a home for himself in the Roosevelt Addition. In August 1946, Phoenix realtor W. T. Helms bought most of the lots from McCreary and contracted with the Loftin Construction Company of Phoenix to build 16 two-bedroom cement block houses with steel sash windows and composition shingle roofs. Planned at 850 square feet and a cost of \$4,000.00 each, the original product was not what was ultimately delivered and by fall of 1947, Helms was advertising two-bedroom homes for \$7,500.00 to buyers who could take advantage of FHA approval and GI financing.

Roosevelt Addition Historic District resources are associated with Community Planning and Development in post World War II Tempe (Criteria A). While new community growth was evident throughout the post-war United States, few communities experienced the vigorous rate of development that was taking place in Tempe and other Valley cities. A "Sun Belt" city with new manufacturing industries, a growing college, availability of land, and absence of geographic barriers allowed Tempe to develop outward in an orderly

fashion. Local developers and builders took care to design their subdivisions to follow FHA guidelines for homes and the subdivision as a whole. The convenience of the automobile and the availability of land encouraged suburban development away from the traditional city center. Rather than measure growth in streets and blocks, the explosive post-war housing boom can be expressed in terms of square miles. The unprecedented scale and rate of development in the period of significance (1945-1950) defined the Tempe that exists today.

#### Residential Flood Irrigation: Tempe 1945-1958

During the early years of Tempe's post-war boom, it appeared that residential flood irrigation would continue to be regarded as an essential city service. Irrigation had been a part of Tempe's culture and landscape since the town's founding. When the earliest subdivisions were carved out of farms, developers simply dug more ditches to bring irrigation water to individual lots. The open ditches were gradually replaced by buried pipes beginning in the 1930s, but otherwise the practice of irrigating residential lots continued virtually unchanged.

In 1948, residents of the first two subdivisions to be annexed into the original townsite; College View and University Park, began petitioning the City Council for construction of neighborhood irrigation systems. Council approved formation of the first of several special districts in 1948, and property owners were assessed the cost of improvements to construct a \$31,000 underground irrigation system in University Park and portions of College View in Improvement District 36. Subsequent districts provided irrigation in Roosevelt Addition, Vista Del Rio, Hudson Manor, Borden Homes, and Tomlinson Estates.

After construction, the systems were turned over to the city, which operated them on behalf of the residents. Initially this extension of the municipal irrigation service was challenged by Salt River Project, which allowed the city to deliver irrigation water but only within the original incorporated area. Outside that one square mile area, the Project wanted to supply irrigation water directly to property owners. Its primary concern appears to have been the assessments it collected from landowners. If Tempe residents no longer received their water directly from the Project, they might fall behind in the annual assessments that every Project customer was required to pay in order to continue receiving water. Eventually, Project objections were overcome and SRP and the city signed a new water contract in 1948. As long as property owners in a neighborhood paid their past-due assessments and brought their accounts up to date, the Project allowed them to receive water from the city, which would then pay future annual assessments to the Project when it purchased water for distribution in the Tempe residential flood irrigation program.

For the next decade, every new subdivision in Tempe was developed with an underground irrigation system. On May 01, 1950, Roosevelt Addition property owners formed Improvement District Number 38, the Roosevelt Addition Irrigation System Additions Improvement District, to extend city residential flood irrigation service to the neighborhood.

As a strategy for beautifying the city, the residential irrigation network was a success, as it allowed Tempe's new neighborhoods to quickly acquire lawns and much needed shade trees. However, as a self-supporting utility service, it was a failure. Irrigation customers paid very nominal fees, only \$6 per year in 1946, yet the service was expensive to operate. Unlike the potable water service which was self-supporting, the irrigation service operated with deficits that had to be covered by the city's general fund. As the size of the irrigation system continued to expand, so did the deficits.

In 1958, after learning that the deficit was now \$11,000.00, the city council tried to increase the irrigation fee, which was then \$15 per year. This produced uproar among longtime residents who had grown accustomed to the low-cost service, and the council retreated. Explaining their refusal to raise rates, several council members argued that residential flood irrigation contributed enough to the charm of the neighborhoods and to the character of Tempe to justify using money from the general fund to help pay for this beautification service. In the end, the city halted expansion of its residential flood irrigation service simply because it was a messy chore for homeowners and an expensive program for the city to operate. The last subdivisions to be served with city irrigation were those built in the late 1950s: Broadmor Estates (1956) and Tempe Estates (1958) located along College Avenue south of Broadway Road.

The Tempe historic context "Residential Flood Irrigation: Tempe 1945-1958" begins with the premise that historic sites include historic landscape features as integral parts of their identity. This context recognizes that preservation of the perceived and actual integrity of flood irrigated neighborhoods requires protection of historically accurate landscapes and landscape elements contained therein. The study of these historic landscapes and their elements provides an understanding of the cultural and social significance of other

common visible features in these neighborhoods.

To a large extent, historic landscapes are representative of the time and era when they were originally established. Many architectural periods are closely linked to specific landscape patterns and plant palettes; including the FHA subdivision layout of the Roosevelt Addition Historic District. Much of the mental imagery we conjure up when reflecting on Tempe's historic neighborhoods includes recollections of their lush, flood irrigated landscapes. Although there are a variety of plants that have evolved to become associated with these historic landscapes, caution is necessary to avoid developing a false or created sense of history. Long-term effects of the systematic elimination or preservation of historic landscape elements and features will only become more apparent over time.

Conservation of water and energy are important aspects of sustainable desert living. From the onset, development of Tempe's irrigated neighborhoods was linked to flood irrigation from Valley canals. The shade trees and mesic vegetation attendant upon flood irrigation create a microclimate effect in these neighborhoods by shading structures and grounds. Ultimately, this can cool neighborhoods by as much as ten degrees, thereby decreasing energy demand for air conditioning. Shade also decreases the evapotranspiration rate, allowing vital ground water to stay where it is needed most, instead of being pulled from the ground by the desert sun.

Tempe Preservation is working with Tempe Water Utility Department to implement incentives for water conservation strategies appropriate to historic preservation objectives in Cultural Resource Areas. The goal of this process is to address conservation principals common to overall neighborhood enhancement and environmental quality.

#### Architectural Design and Construction: Tempe 1945-1950

Resources in the Roosevelt Addition Historic District are associated with Design/Construction (Criteria C) as exemplary of the Early/Transitional Ranch house type. The Ranch Era (1935-1960) departed from earlier architectural periods as construction styles reflected growing demand for affordable housing. In Tempe and throughout the Valley, the ranch house type experienced infinite variation in design and craftsmanship as houses adapted to meet an immediate demand for affordable housing took increasing advantage of technical innovations in materials and methods of construction available at the end of WWII.

Application of innovative design and manufacturing processes developed by war industries to home building speeded construction and saved costs. Ranch style architecture epitomized this building program as homes did not require a basement or sub-floor foundation which would be difficult to excavate in caliche-laden desert soils. Construction on a cost-efficient concrete slab surmounted by traditional wood frame, brick, or concrete block bearing walls was typical. Builders almost universally provided steel casement windows, sometimes adding corner windows or shutters. Ranch style architecture developed in response to a need to house as many as possible as inexpensively as possible while still providing the American Dream in a pleasant and familiar form. This was the architecture of the war veteran, the frank creation of working class tradesmen who constructed housing for millions at the time when the need was greatest. New materials and methods would, over time, come to replace skilled labor at the construction site with increasingly prefabricated product assemblies. From 1945 to 1950, however, homebuilding was still largely the work of craftsmen skilled in the traditional methods of their trades. New materials and methods were being introduced during this period, but they were primarily placed in the hands of experienced builders.

In contrast to previous Period Revival styles, early ranch architecture was deeply rooted in the American West. Based on house forms from California's colonial and territorial periods, the basic ranch form was historically shaped by a scarcity of materials and technology. Houses built immediately after WWII combined elements of both past and future eras, but mostly the World War II Cottage and Early Ranch types were abstractions of residential architecture to its most essential form. Trends away from the exotic designs and materials used in Period Revival homes from the 30s was reinforced by modernism's tenets of simple, clear, unpretentious design. It was, however, economy and demand for small, simple houses in great numbers at the end of the war that caused the Early/Transitional Ranch form to come to dominate the market. Evolution of the house type from Period Revival to World War II Cottage to Early/Transitional Ranch is a process of subtraction, as character defining features of earlier styles are eliminated to reveal the derivative ranch form.

Roosevelt Addition Historic District houses were built before 1950 and most of the houses exhibit a fairly high level of integrity. They have all the classic character defining features of the Early/Transitional Ranch house; one story, L-shaped plans, masonry

construction, low-pitched gable roofs, entry porches, steel casement windows, and wood gable ends. Occasionally façades reflect National Folk or International style architectural features. Obtaining historic district status for this subdivision would provide recognition and protection for one of the earliest post-war residential neighborhoods in Tempe that still conveys its historic appearance and sense of place.

The majority (n=16) of houses in the Roosevelt Addition Historic District are constructed of row-lock brick masonry. Brick masonry, and especially row-lock brick masonry, houses are rare to Tempe, and very rare throughout the Valley. Row-lock brick masonry was only used during a brief period before concrete block largely replaced this method of residential construction. The remainder of the subdivision uses more common residential construction methods.

Tempe did not adopt a building code until after this subdivision was built out. The change in construction materials and methods evidenced in the Roosevelt Addition Historic District, beginning with the 16 row-lock-brick masonry homes constructed by Lofton in 1947 and 1948, and ending with the two concrete masonry homes built in 1949 and 1950 is indicative of a broad trend in residential construction taking place throughout the Valley during this period. Superlite Builders Supply Company of Phoenix, Arizona, started in 1945 and, in the 15 years following WWII, grew to be the largest block plant in the United States.

Lumber was difficult and expensive to obtain in the early postwar years because of the huge demand that war housing production had placed on its supply. As a result, Arizona builders turned to other construction materials, choosing those that were inexpensive and readily available. Masonry materials were the most frequently used and these included block, brick, and stone. Row-lock-brick masonry construction creates a cavity wall by using "bull headers" (rowlock bricks laid with longest dimensions perpendicular to the face of the wall), and "bull stretchers" (rowlock bricks laid with longest dimension parallel to the face of the wall) in two wythes. In addition to providing a cavity wall, row-lock-brick masonry produces a wall with special visual interest. As brick construction became more elaborate, the use of brick became more sophisticated.

The evolution of brick construction design led, in part, to the development of concrete block. This evolution was prompted by the development of cavity walls. When originally developed, cavity walls consisted of two separate brick or stone walls with about a 2-inch air space between them. Cavity walls were developed to reduce the problems associated with water penetration. Water that would seep inside the outer wall would run down that wall, while the inside wall would remain dry. Cavity walls soon became recognized as the best way to build, not only because they helped reduce problems with water penetration, but because they could support a heavy load such as a roof or floor. In 1850 a special block with air cells was developed. Over the years modifications to this product were introduced until the industry arrived at the standardized product we see today.

Block, and particularly pumice block made from native volcanic scoria materials, became the choice for the majority of Arizona builders. It was cheap, costing an average of \$500 less per house than wood, and was locally manufactured. Manufacturing in Phoenix to meet local market demand, Superlite utilized native volcanic scoria to produce a lighter weight block with a higher fire rating, a higher R value and more effective for sound absorption (NRC rating). Of course, larger concrete masonry units also reduced labor as fewer blocks were handled than smaller bricks to construct the same wall area. Ultimately, Block would become the least expensive and most readily available building material in the Phoenix metropolitan area largely as a result of the phenomenal postwar success of the locally operated Superlite Builders Supply Company. Taken together, this collection provides an interesting reflection of the evolution of residential construction technology at the point in time when modern building codes began to have influence in the valley metro area.

#### **REASONS FOR APPROVAL:**

1. 1946 Roosevelt Addition subdivision is of historic significance and expresses a distinctive character, resulting from a significant portion of it being at least fifty (50) years old; it being reflective of the city's cultural, social, political or economic past; and it being associated with events significant in local, state or national history.
2. Tempe Historic Preservation Commission supports the nomination for historic district designation and listing in the Tempe Historic Property Register of the Roosevelt Addition, and that Tempe HPC direct Staff to assist in this regard.

## HISTORY & FACTS:

- March 18, 1946 J. J. McCreary filed a plat and requested annexation of the subdivision of 22 lots along 3rd Street, west of Roosevelt Street. William M. Blythe, a local contractor, was hired to start building frame and stucco houses at a cost of less than \$6,000 each. Blythe built a home for himself in the Roosevelt Addition.
- August 1946 Phoenix realtor, W. T. Helms, bought most of the remaining lots from McCreary and contracted with the Loftin Construction Company of Phoenix to build 16 two-bedroom cement block houses with steel sash, composition shingle roofing, and 850 square feet of floor space, at a cost of \$4,000 each.
- September 12, 1947 Helms offered two-bedroom homes for sale for \$7,750. According to the builder's advertising, among the most important features of the houses, were "FHA-Approved! GI Financing!"
- May 1, 1950 Roosevelt Addition property owners formed Improvement District Number 38 'Roosevelt Addition Irrigation System Additions', extending city residential flood irrigation service to the neighborhood.
- December 8, 1966 Tempe City Council adopted Annexation Ordinance Number 482 providing annexation of 5 acres for the Roosevelt Addition and bringing Tempe land area to 20.964 square miles.
- May 7, 1984 Sampson/Tupper House, (Centennial House) listed on the National Register of Historic Places, along with a number of other properties as part of the Tempe Multiple Resource Area nomination.
- December 1987 City of Tempe acquired downtown property including the Sampson/Tupper House for redevelopment and the house was scheduled for demolition.
- 1988 Susan Harter moved the Sampson/Tupper House to 601 West 3rd Street, one hundred years after the house was built. Susan renamed the home "Centennial House".
- December 14, 2001 Tempe HPC produced the Post World War II Subdivisions Survey (Solliday 2001). This study examined approximately 4,500 properties that were built in Tempe between 1946 and 1960. From this group inventory forms were completed for about 1,500 properties occurring in 62 subdivisions. The Context Study identified 31 subdivisions as candidates for designation as historic districts in two groups; 7 first-tier subdivisions each of which are recommended for designation now, and 25 second-tier subdivisions from which a representative sample of more contemporary districts can be drawn in the future.
- December 4, 2003 Tempe Voters adopted Tempe General Plan 2030 providing Cultural Resource Area designation for 31 candidate historic districts. Areas identified on the GP2030 density map, are considered culturally significant to the character of Tempe, based on the 2001 Post World War II Subdivision Study. It is desirable to maintain the character of these areas. The underlying zoning should remain the highest appropriate density for these areas. These areas are shown as Cultural Resource Areas, with a projected density to match the zoning at the time the plan was adopted on December 4, 2003.
- January 20, 2005 Tempe City Council adopted the Zoning and Development Code replacing Zoning Ordinance 808 and revising development standards in the R1-6 single family residential zoning district.
- June 20, 2005 Tempe City Council designated the historic 1947 Borden Homes subdivision as Tempe's first historic district, and directed that it be listed in the Tempe Historic Property Register. The purpose of the Borden Homes Historic Overlay District is to provide protection for significant properties which represent important aspects of Tempe's heritage; to enhance the character of the community by taking such properties and sites into account during development, and to assist owners in the preservation and restoration of their properties.
- November 10, 2005 Tempe HPC determined to prioritize designating the first-tier + 2 subdivisions referring to this group as "Priority Eligible Historic Subdivisions".
- December 1, 2005 Centennial House at 601 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is listed in the Tempe Historic Property Register.
- January 31, 2006 Development Services received an application for BA060011, a request for a use permit to increase lot coverage by 10% for property at 610 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in the Roosevelt Addition.

- March 7, 2006 Tempe Hearing Officer continued BA060011 demonstrating potential effects of current development standards in contrast to existing neighborhood conditions and sparking neighborhood interest in historic district designation.
- March 10, 2006 Tempe HPO received a call from Margaret Strength, owner 621 W Third Street, requesting a presentation to the Roosevelt Addition neighbors regarding the process and benefits of creating an historic district and listing property in the Tempe Historic Property Register.
- March 21, 2006 Tempe Hearing Officer approved with modifications BA060011 requiring front yard setbacks to match existing neighborhood conditions per adjacent properties.
- March 23, 2006 CDD Staff surveyed Roosevelt Addition determining 16 of 20 (80%) properties to be contributing generally to the distinctive character of the proposed district. HPO transmitted a preliminary determination of eligibility in the April 2006 HPC agenda packet.
- April 6, 2006 Tempe Preservation presented the historic 1946 Roosevelt Addition in the Cultural Resource Area context and as a candidate for historic designation and listing in the Tempe Historic Property Register to neighborhood residents at the Tempe Westside Community Center. Residents indicated unanimous support for historic designation.
- April 10, 2006 Tempe HPO received a nomination for designation of the Roosevelt Addition Historic District as a Tempe Historic Property and listing in the Tempe Historic Property Register signed by neighborhood residents.
- April 29, 2006 Tempe HPC toured the historic 1946 Roosevelt Addition subdivision for evaluation of the frequency of contributing properties to the proposed historic district and identified 16 of 21 properties (76%) as contributing.
- May 11, 2006 Neighborhood Meeting held for HPO-2006.39 (ORD# 2006.42) for historic designation and listing in the Tempe Historic Property Register for Roosevelt Addition Historic District.
- June 8, 2006 Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval for HPO-2006.39 (ORD# 2006.42) historic designation and listing in the Tempe Historic Property Register for Roosevelt Addition Historic District.

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Owners –	multiple
	Applicant –	Joe Nucci, Historic Preservation Officer
	Existing zoning –	R1-6, Single-Family Residential District
	Site area –	5.01 net acres
	Number of Lots –	22 (including a parcel split)

Roosevelt Addition building information:

- year subdivision platted = 1946
- number of lots = 22
- build out 1946~1950 (highly successful 1-5 yrs)
- Subdivision Size = Small, <25 homes
- Subdivision Type = tract
- Subdivision Operations = J. J. McCreary (Local Developer), W. T. Helms (Corporate Developer); William Blythe (1 home), Loftin Construction (16 homes)
- Average House Size (sq ft) = 1,100 typical
- Street Patterns = cul-de-sac
- Landscape Patterns = flood irrigation
- Significance Summary = first subdivision to adopt FHA design standards, offered FHA & VA terms / tract development / corporate developer / significant physical design/construction characteristics = uniform house designs.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006.42

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE CITY OF TEMPE ZONING MAP, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE PART 2, CHAPTER 1, SECTIONS 2-106 AND 2-107, RELATING TO THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICTS, AND A CODE TEXT AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE PART 6, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 6-304.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the City of Tempe Zoning Map is hereby amended, pursuant to the provisions of Zoning and Development Code, Part 2, Chapter 1, Sections 2-106 and 2-107, by designating the below described properties as the Roosevelt Addition Historic Overlay District on 5.19 net acres.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lots 1 through 22, Roosevelt Addition to Tempe, according to the plat of record in the office of the Maricopa County Recorder in Book 33 of Maps, Page 42.

**Section 2.** That Part 5, Chapter 8, is hereby added pursuant to the provisions of Zoning and Development Code Part 6, Chapter 3, Section 6-304, to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 8 – ROOSEVELT ADDITION HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT**

**Section 5-801 Purpose.**

The purpose of the Roosevelt Addition Historic Overlay District is to provide protection for significant properties which represent important aspects of Tempe's heritage; to enhance the character of the community by taking such properties and sites into account during development, and to assist owners in the preservation and restoration of their properties.

**Section 5-802 Boundaries.**

The location and boundaries of the Roosevelt Addition Historic Overlay District are established as shown on the map entitled "Zoning Map, City of Tempe", as amended. Properties in the Roosevelt Addition Historic Overlay District include lots 1 through 22, of Roosevelt Addition to Tempe, according to the plat of record in the office of the Maricopa County Recorder in Book 33 of Maps, Page 42.

Figure 5-802. Roosevelt Addition Historic Overlay District



### Section 5-803 General Regulations.

**A. Historic Preservation.** Maintaining the historic character and integrity of the Roosevelt Addition Historic Overlay District is central to historic designation. Preservation of community cultural resources contributes to the stabilization of neighborhoods and encourages complementary design of alterations and renovations within historic districts, and contemporary buildings developed on properties adjacent to historic districts. The Tempe Historic Preservation Program has been developed to encourage individuals, companies, and agencies to undertake actions that will preserve the historical, cultural, and architectural heritage unique to Tempe.

**B. Review Procedure and Criteria.** Application requests through Development Services in the Roosevelt Addition Historic Overlay District will be reviewed by the Tempe Historic Preservation Office or the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Tempe Historic Preservation Ordinance. The standard permitting process shall commence upon completion of historic preservation review. Historic Preservation review shall evaluate applications in accordance with development standards or criteria established in the following authorities:

1. Tempe Historic Preservation Ordinance. The provisions contained in Chapter 14A of the Tempe City Code, the Tempe Historic Preservation Ordinance, shall apply to all requests for zoning considerations, construction, or major alterations of buildings or site features. Reasonable and fair regulations are included in this chapter as a means of balancing the rights of property owners and the value to the community for conservation and enhancement of these significant properties and sites. The designation of any property or district shall not inhibit uses as permitted by this Code, as adopted and amended by the City Council.
2. Historic Property Nomination. Nomination materials, including the application, supporting information, research materials, staff reports and recommendations identify character-defining features of the district relating to the historic period of significance. Conservation and enhancement of these character defining features is the basis for historic preservation

review.

3. Design Guidelines. Subsequent to designation of an historic district, the Historic Preservation Commission will, in cooperation with representatives from the district, and in order to preserve and enhance the distinctive character of the district, adopt design guidelines which shall apply only to the exterior features and general character of contributing properties and alterations thereto, as well as new construction within the district as follows:
  - a. District design guidelines will address general aspects such as building materials, massing, scale and proportion of openings and other features, orientation and relative position of buildings and landscape character; as well as specific aspects such as roof forms, textures, color theme, character of signage, window and door types, and other details relative to architectural and landscape styles significant to the district;
  - b. District design guidelines will not regulate maximum building height, maximum lot coverage, minimum setbacks, required landscape, required parking, allowable signs or other provisions of this Code;
  - c. District design guidelines, upon adoption, will be included in the Appendix of this Code.
4. Development Standards. District development standards may be revised within designated historic districts through the public process of developing design guidelines and codifying design review criteria. If adopted, District development standards will be included in this Code.
5. Interim Standards. Following designation of an historic district, and until such time as district specific design guidelines can be adopted, the Commission shall refer to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties are common sense principles described in non-technical language. They help protect our cultural resources by promoting consistent preservation practices. Guidelines are given for preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and reconstruction.
6. Cultural Resource Area. The area of the Roosevelt Addition Historic Overlay District is a Cultural Resource Area identified on the Tempe General Plan Projected Residential Density map. These areas are considered culturally significant to the character of Tempe, based on the 2001 Post World War II Subdivision Study. It is desirable to maintain the character of these areas, therefore review procedure and criteria undertaken by preservation review shall conform to the Cultural Resource Area objectives set forth in the Tempe General Plan, as amended.

**Section 3.** Further, those conditions of approval imposed by the City Council, **Case #HPO-2006.39** are hereby expressly incorporated in ordinance by this reference.

**Section 4.** Pursuant to City Charter, Section 2.12, ordinances are effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

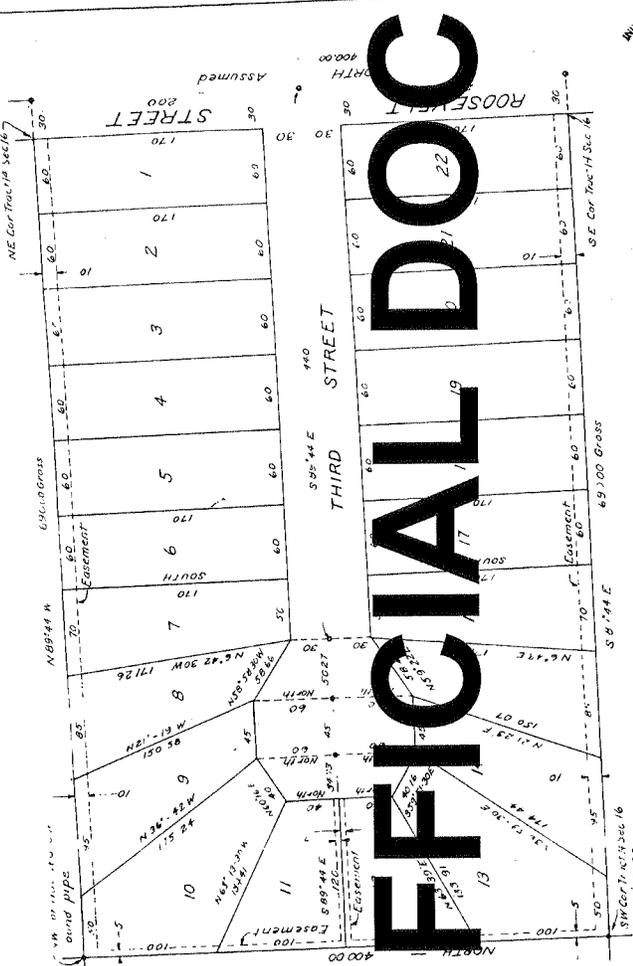
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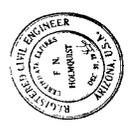
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**ROOSEVELT ADDITION**  
**TO TEMPE**  
 A SUBDIVISION OF  
 TRACT 14 - SECTION 16  
 T1N. R4E. GfSR BfM  
 MARICOPA COUNTY ARIZONA  
 F.N. HOLMQUIST-ENGINEER  
 JOB NO. 2989 MAP NO. D2446  
 SCALE - 1 INCH = 50 FEET

Legend:  
 - Indicates p.p.v. set unless otherwise noted  
 - Dimensions shown include easements



This subdivision was prepared by the undersigned and platting thereon was made under my supervision during the month of March and April, 1946.

*F.N. Holmquist*  
 F.N. Holmquist  
 Registered Civil Engineer

State of Arizona } ss  
 County of Maricopa }  
 Know All Men By These Presents,  
 that Alvin McCree, a married man, has subdivided under the name of ROOSEVELT ADDITION TO TEMPE TRACT 14 SECTION 16 T1N. R4E. GfSR BfM Maricopa County, Arizona, the following described property, reference being made to the Plat of said property in the office of the County Recorder at Tempe, Arizona, and to the Plat of said Roosevelt Addition and given the dimensions of said lot and streets shown on the plat and each respectively on said plat and streets shown on said plat and included in the above described premises Encumbrances shown are dedicated to the use of Public Utilities. In Witness Whereof, he has hereunto affixed his signature this 15th day of March, 1946.

*Alvin McCree*  
 Alvin McCree

State of Arizona  
 County of Maricopa  
 On this the 15th day of March, 1946, before me, KENNETH S. CLARK, the undersigned, appeared to me to be the person whose name and address are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purpose therein contained. In witness whereof, hereunto set my hand and official seal.

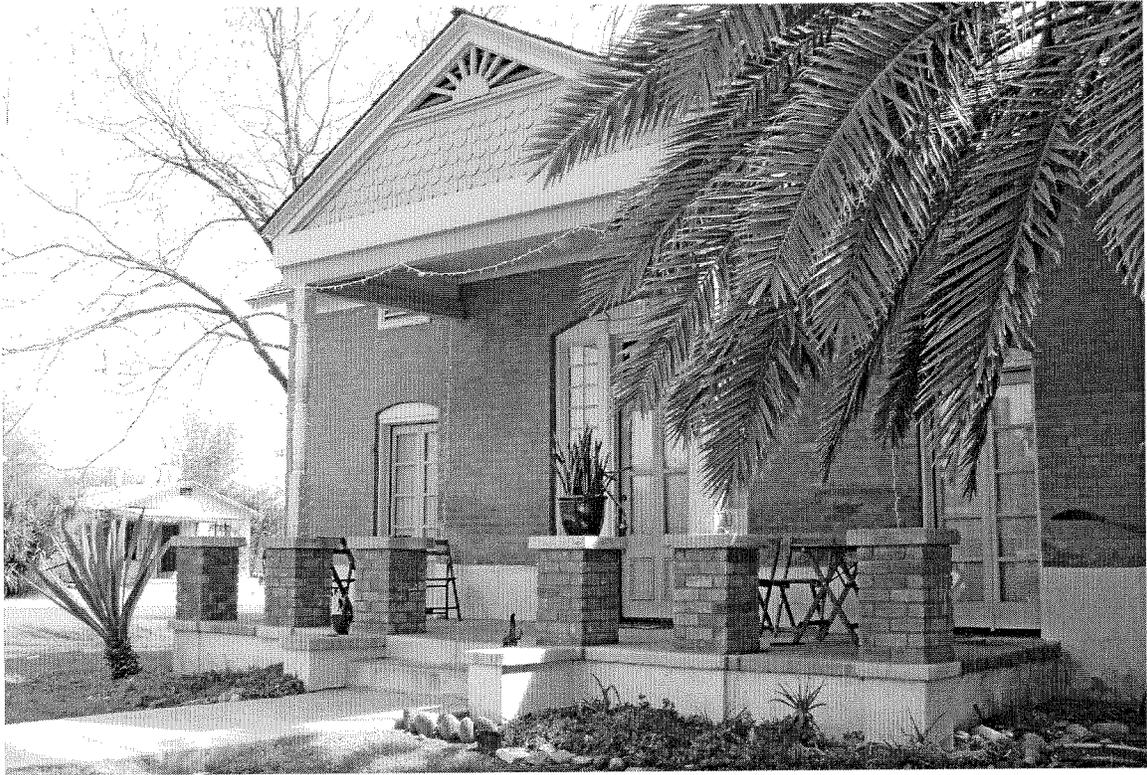
*Kenneth S. Clark*  
 Kenneth S. Clark  
 Notary Public  
 My Commission Expires: April 2, 1948

Approved by the City Council of the City of Tempe, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 15th day of March, 1946.

*W. J. O'Leary*  
 W. J. O'Leary  
 Mayor, City of Tempe  
 City Clerk



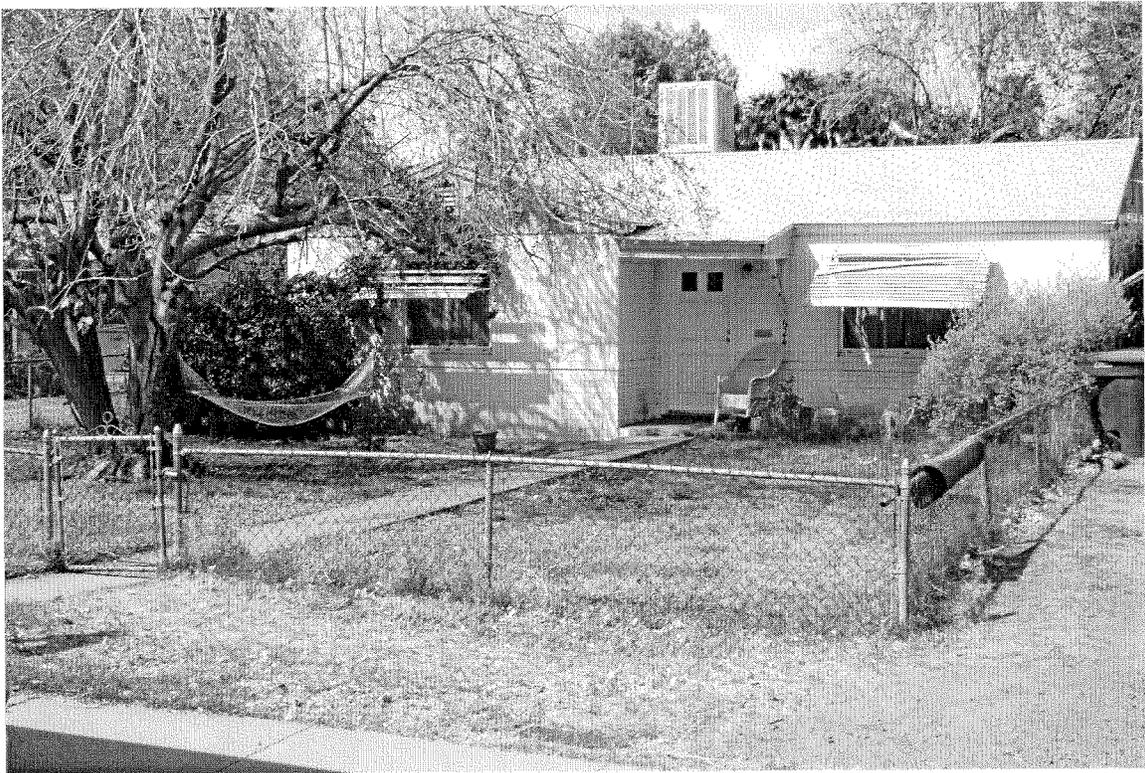
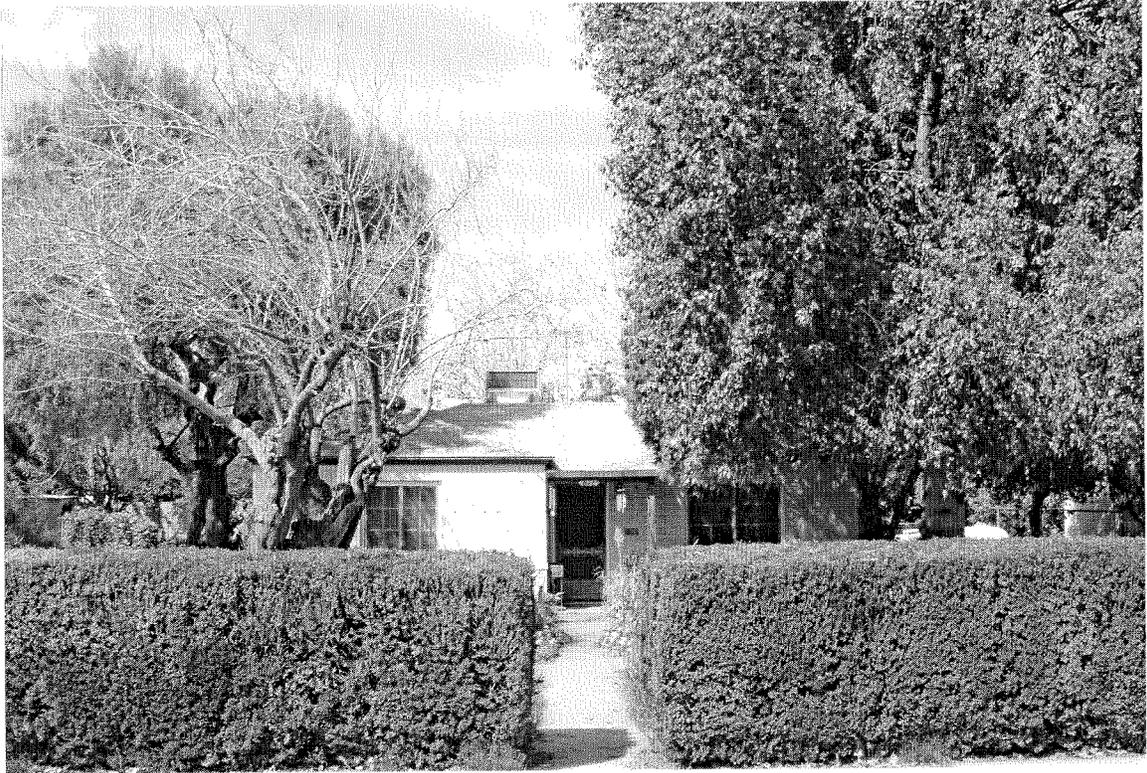
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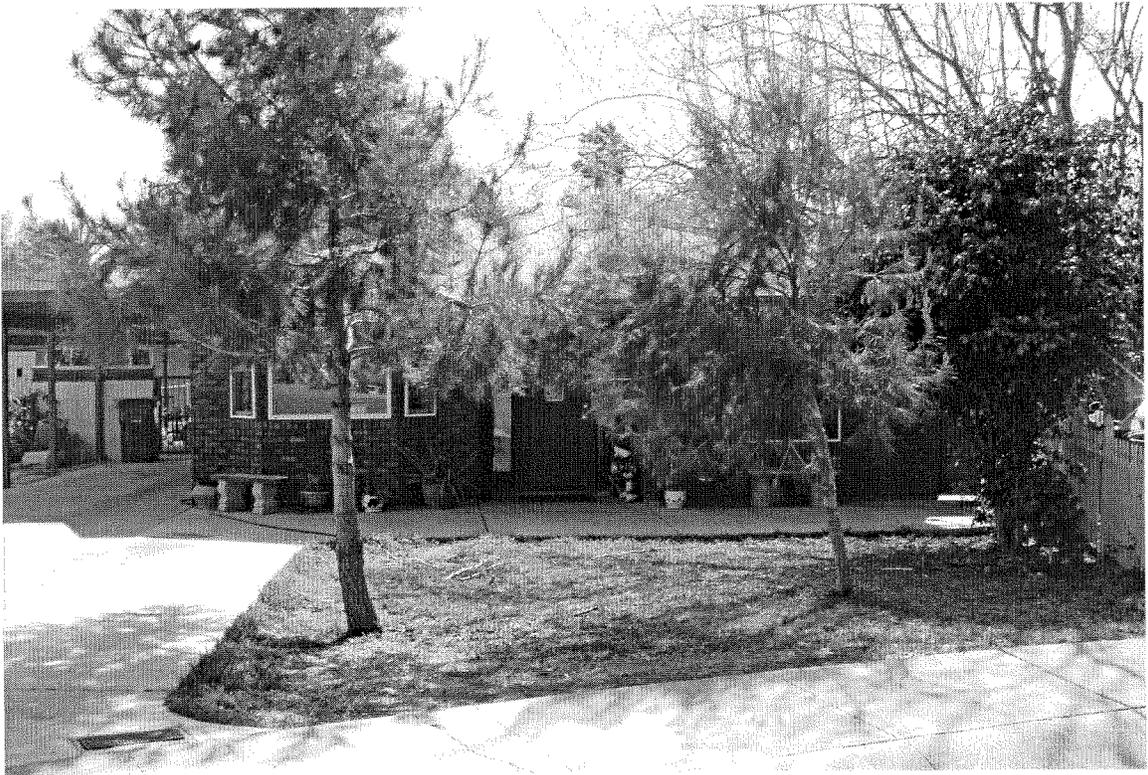
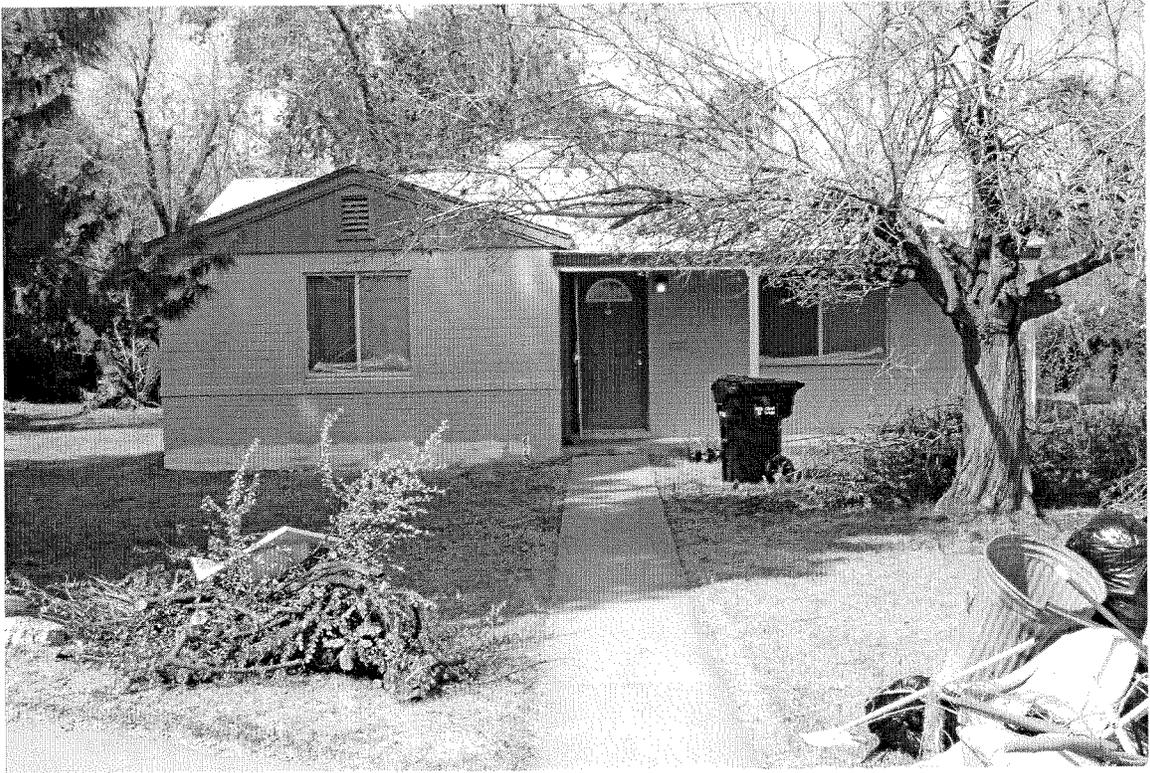
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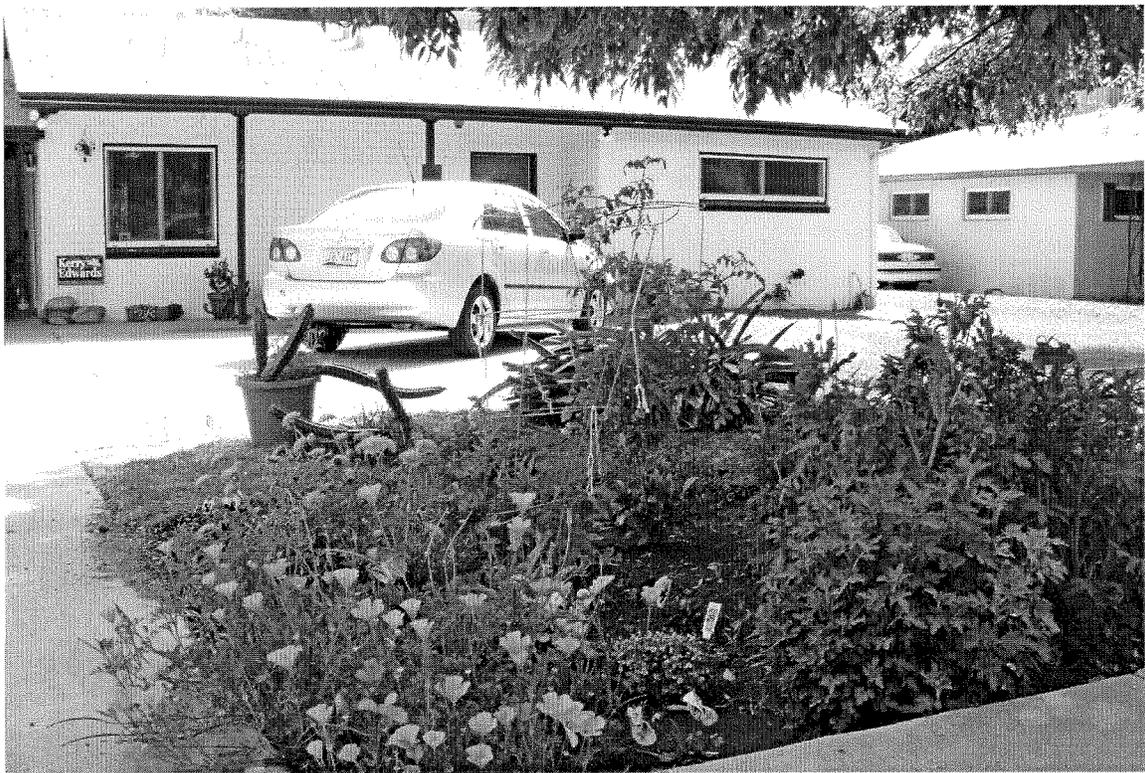
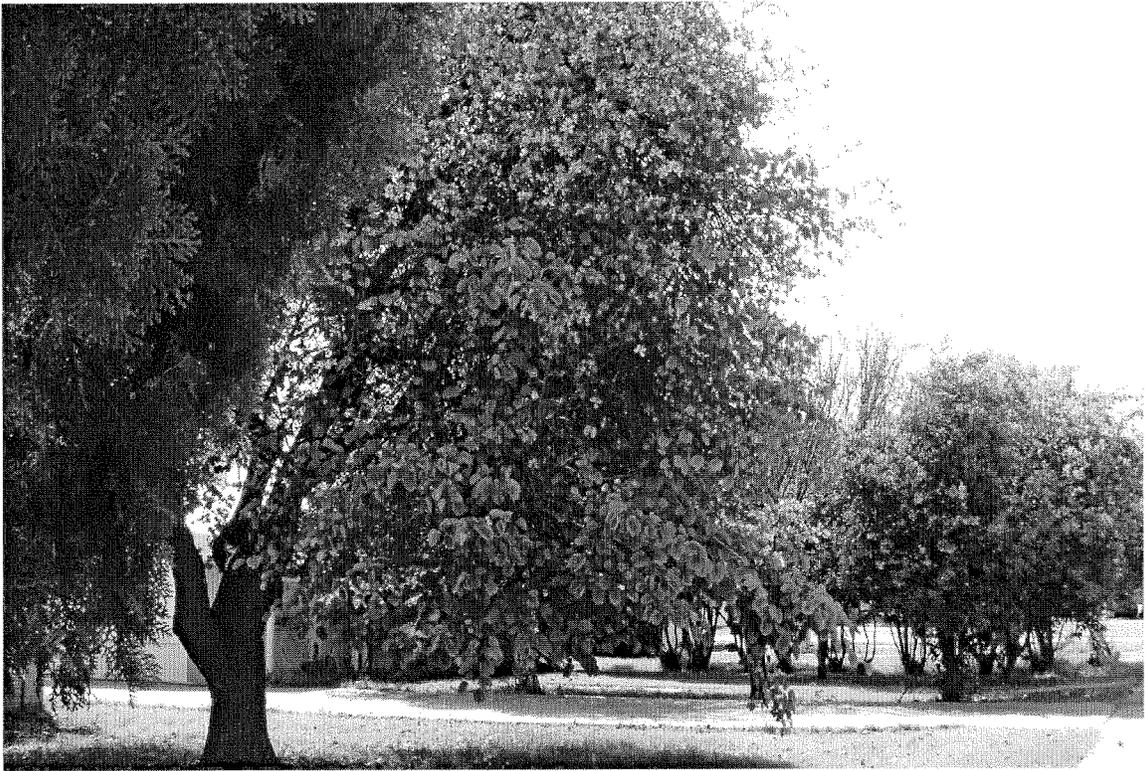
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## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING SUMMARY

On Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission held a Section 6-402 Neighborhood Meeting for the historic 1946 Roosevelt Addition Historic District Designation, at Hatton Hall, 34 East Seventh Street. Roosevelt Addition residents Diane Schmidt, Mike Schmidt, Margaret Strength, Randy Strength, and Mary Virzuela each spoke in support of historic property designation. Roosevelt Addition is one of seven first-tier subdivisions that the Commission has already accepted as eligible for historic designation. It was the first subdivision in Tempe developed according to FHA design standards. Begun as a small business enterprise, the property was quickly acquired by a Phoenix realtor and largely built out by a Phoenix construction company between 1945 and 1950. It is a small (less than 25 units) subdivision according to National Association of Home Builders classification. It receives flood irrigation and continues to maintain its historic integrity.

April 10, 2006

Re: Applying for Historic designation for Roosevelt Addition, Tempe, Az 85281

Dear Mr. Nucci,

We, the undersigned homeowners on the cul-de-sac known as the Roosevelt Addition, want to apply for Historic Designation for the post WWII homes built from 1946-1950.

Diane M. Schmidt  
Sincerely, Diane Magnusson-Schmidt  
616 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Tempe, Az 85281

Michael Schmidt 616 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Tempe AZ 85281

Mary A. Vazquez 612 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Tempe, Az 85281

Ron D. Sen 621 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. TEMPE 85281

John 639 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Tempe, 85281

Eduarda Yates + 601 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> (owner) Tempe 85281

Ronald D. Yates 601 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> (owner) Tempe 85281

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