

ALDRIDGE PLACE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

BY THE NUMBERS

- 10-block residential neighborhood in North Central Austin (south of 34th street) between Speedway Blvd. and Guadalupe St. comprised of 138 properties and 159 historic resources.
- Includes the Buddington House on 34th Street. Built in 1860, it stands as the oldest house immediately north of the University of Texas.
- Period of significance is 1860: 1912-1965.
- Aldridge Place established and platted in 1912 by former mayor Lewis Hancock (1885-87).
- Planned community based on the then-popular City Beautiful Movement, resulting in the Hemphill Park greenbelt (the 4 acre community gathering place), vintage streetlights and bridges, curved streets sloping to the Park, sidewalks, no alleys, hidden electrical wires, and void of stables. In essence a relaxed, natural, front-porch neighborhood close to downtown. It remains that way 104 years later.
- Many homes designed by notable Austin architects of the period...Hugo Kuehne (1884-1963), Roy L. Thomas (1886-1968), Edwin C. Kreisle (1888-1971).
- Architectural styles include Vernacular, Prairie, Craftsman, Revival (Colonial, Spanish, Mediterranean, Tudor, Classical), and Ranch.
- 14 Austin Landmark Homes.
- Contributing Resources total 89%; Non-Contributing total 11%.
- 75% of owners responded to no fewer than three ballot requests.
- 95% of responders voted in favor of the Aldridge Place LHD.
- 5% of responders voted against the Aldridge Place LHD.
- 55% of properties are rented or have rental units. 60 rentable units are in primary residences and 54 dwelling units are garage apartments or similar units.