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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Bluebonnet Tourist Camp

other name/site number: Blue Bonnet Court

2. Location

street & number: 4407 Guadalupe

city/town: Austin

state: TX County: Travis

code: 453

zip code: 78751

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private

Category of Property: building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	0	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
2	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing:

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Curtis J. Murrell
Signature of certifying official

27 June 1990
Date

Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ✓ entered in the National Register
____ See continuation sheet.
____ determined eligible for the
____ National Register
____ See continuation sheet.
____ determined not eligible for the
____ National Register
____ removed from the National Register
____ other (explain): _____

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National Register

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for
Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic

Sub: hotel

Current: Domestic

Sub: multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Other: vernacular

Other Description: tourist camp

Materials:	foundation	wood
	walls	wood
		stone
	roof	asphalt shingles
	other	

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

☒ See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1929

Significant Dates: 1929

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Brydson Lumber Co.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

☒ See continuation sheet.

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Built in 1929, the Bluebonnet Tourist camp is a small 1-story complex consisting of 11 semi-attached units. It fronts onto the 4400 block of Guadalupe in a predominately commercial area of Hyde Park. The building has changed little since its completion.

Arranged around an open courtyard, the tourist camp is comprised of two detached buildings. Each contains a series of small 1-room units separated by covered spaces in which to park automobiles. Of frame construction, the buildings are generally rectangular in plan and are surmounted by low-pitched, front-gabled roofs. The primary (west) facades face Guadalupe Street and are fronted with petrified rock, a popular local building trend in the late 1920s and 1930s. Walls on the courtyard side are sheathed in 117/121 wood siding, while those exterior walls are clad in asbestos siding that is nearly obscured by vegetation and new construction on adjacent lots. Each "camp" includes a single room marked by a single door and paired double-hung wood sash with 4/4 lights.

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A unique example of its property type in Hyde Park, the Bluebonnet Tourist Camp was constructed during the period of greatest building activity in Hyde Park. Built on the primary route to cities north of Austin, the tourist camp developed to serve increasing number of tourists who came to Central Texas to take advantage of recreational opportunities afforded by the lakes being dammed by Depression-era public works projects. Although numerous courts and campgrounds were constructed in Austin during the 1930s, the Bluebonnet Tourist Camp remains the only example surviving in Austin of such facilities built before 1930. Renamed the Blue Bonnet Court about 1939, it was a neighborhood institution owned and occupied by Hyde Park residents for nearly three decades following its completion. Although it has suffered from deterioration since conversion to apartments, the tourist camp retains a high degree of its historic integrity. It is therefore nominated for its local architectural significance under Criterion C.

Held by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Land Co. until purchased by the Hall family in 1925, the lots at 4113 Guadalupe changed hands rapidly in the subsequent years, remaining unimproved until purchased by Beth Lucas for \$1000 on February 9, 1929 (DR 372:626,628; 416:452; 433:391). Perhaps in anticipation of increased traffic generated by the paving of Guadalupe Street in 1930, Beth and Joseph Lucas hired Brydson Lumber Co. on February 25, 1929, to build "camphouses and garages" for \$2500 (Mechanics' Liens 453:522). Living on the premises, the Lucases ran the Bluebonnet Tourist Camp until June 26, 1937, when they sold the property to John A. and Marie Q. Maige (DR 568:184). The Maiges also lived at the camp, which they renamed the Blue Bonnet Court about 1939 (Austin City Directories 1930-1958). In 1958 they sold the property to the current owner. The complex has retained its historic fabric, despite conversion to apartments.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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 X See bibliography for associated historic context.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey# _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record# _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- x State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	14	621840	3353640	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description:

Lots 8-10, Block 9, Hyde Park Addition No. 1

Boundary Justification:

Boundaries are those historically associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Hyde Park MPS

Travis County, TEXAS

Date Listed

COVER

1. Bluebonnet Tourist Camp

2. Commercial Building at 4113 Guadalupe St.

3. Covert, Frank M. and Annie G., House

4. Hildreth-Flanagan-Heierman House

5. Hyde Park Historic District Substantive Review

6. Hyde Park Presbyterian Church

7. Ledbetter, Charles P., House

8. Mansbendel, Peter and Clotilde ~~Shipe, House~~
Substantive Review

9. Missouri, Kansas and Texas Land Co. House

10. Oliphant--Walker House Substantive Review

11. Page--Gilbert House

12. Parker, James F. and Susie R., House

13. Ramsey, F. T. and Belle, House Substantive Review

14. Sears, Rev. Henry M. and Jennie, House

15. Shadow Lawn Historic District

16. Smith--Marcuse--Lowry House

17. Williams, W. T. and Clotilde V., House

18. McCauley, Robert H. and Edith Ethel, House

19. Robbins, Alice H., House

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Bluebonnet Tourist Camp
NAME:

MULTIPLE Hyde Park MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Travis

DATE RECEIVED: 7/05/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/17/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/02/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/19/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90001188

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 8/16/90 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone

Signed Date



BLUEBONNET TOURIST CAMP
4407 GUADALUPE
AUSTIN, TRAVIS CO., TEXAS
DANIEL HARDY
MARCH 1985
NEGATIVE ON FILE WITH TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
CAMERA FACING NORTHEAST

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500640