

## Attachment A - Staff Report



### STAFF REPORT

To: City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Commission

From: Helana Ruter, Historic Preservation Planner

Subject: Exterior Rehabilitation Grant Application for 306 W. Almeria Road (Willo Historic District)

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This report recommends approval of an Exterior Rehabilitation grant of up to \$10,000 for stucco repair and exterior paint application and repair of deteriorated exterior wood elements.

#### BACKGROUND

Construction began on the dwelling at 306 W. Almeria Road in 1936 and was completed in 1937. The home was marketed in the April 11, 1937 edition of the *Arizona Republic* as a “beautiful new Monterey 3-bedroom home.” The Transitional/Early Ranch-style building displays several stylistic influences, combining a Monterey porch and roof form, a French Provincial bay window and Classical pilasters, but is particularly unique for its use of adobe construction. The building was listed in the Phoenix Historic Property Register as a contributor to the Willo Historic District in 1990. This district was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. The district—and building—is significant under Criterion C for its Architecture.

The former owner of the building, Wayne W. Chaney, purchased the property in 1980 and resided there until his death in January of 2019. The building experienced deferred maintenance that the proposed owners Billy Shields and Lora Villasenor (currently under contract) are looking to rectify. There are existing hairline cracks in the walls with needed stucco repairs. Mr. Shields notes that the repair persons that have come to look at the home did not notice any structural issues with the building indicating the hairline cracks in the adobe are superficial in nature.

#### GRANT REQUEST

The applicants are proposing to repair existing deteriorated exterior wood elements, repair/patch cracks in existing stucco, prep and paint the exterior of the home, and

remove and replace the roof with asphalt dimensional shingles. A new asphalt shingle roof will also be applied to the rear outbuilding. An Exterior Rehabilitation grant application was submitted on January 31, 2019. According to the bids provided in the application, the total project cost will be between \$20,700 and \$21,000.

The amount requested for the grant is \$10,000, with a proposed applicant match of \$10,700. In exchange for the grant funds, the city will receive a 15-year conservation easement on the property. The easement will require preservation of the property and that it be insured and maintained in good repair.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of an Exterior Rehabilitation grant of up to \$10,000 for repairs at 306 West Almeria Road.

Attachment: Grant Application