

Four River Oaks area homes receive historic designation

HOUSTON, October 9, 2013 – City Council designated three homes in the River Oaks area as historic landmarks and a fourth home as a protected historic landmark.

The Lena Meredith and Ada Carlton House at 2144 Brentwood was owned by sisters Lena Meredith and Ada Carlton and built by the Russell Brown Company for the River Oaks Corporation in 1930. The house is designed in an English style with Tudor elements. The Russell Brown Company was founded in Houston in 1906 and built a number of stylish and important houses in Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and other Texas cities. The house remains in the family of the second owners, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Naschke, who purchased the home in the late 1950s. Both were chemical engineers, and Mrs. Naschke was the second woman to receive a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Texas. The home was designated as a protected historic landmark giving it permanent protection from demolition and inappropriate alteration.



The Dr. and Mrs. Leonard A. Myers House at 3404 Piping Rock Lane was designed by Houston architects Harvin C. Moore & Hermon Lloyd and constructed in 1941. Dr. Myers was a physician for Memorial Hospital in Houston. The house is significant for its Greek Revival style and features Modernistic detailing. The Edward H. Andrews Family has owned the home since 1977.

The Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Pernelle House was built by residential developer George T. Broun in January 1928, making it one of the first homes built on Pelham Drive. George T. Broun would go on to develop 25 additional properties in River Oaks. The home is an example of the symmetrical French Eclectic style.



The William H. and Florence Skipwith House was built by residential contractor T.J. Portele in 1941 for the Skipwith family. Skipwith was associated with the South Texas Lumber Company,

West Mortgage Co., and West Securities Co. The house is located at 2155 Chilton Road in River Oaks and is designed in a simple Colonial style.