

PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION REPORT

LANDMARK NAME: Dr. Rupert O. and Catherine Roett – Dr. Catherine Roett-Reid – Rupert O. Roett, Jr., House
OWNER: Delores Jaman Tucker
APPLICANT: Delores Jaman Tucker
LOCATION: 3274 Holman Street – Third Ward
30-DAY HEARING NOTICE: N/A

AGENDA ITEM: IA
HPO FILE NO.: 05PL09
DATE ACCEPTED: Aug-17-05
HAHC HEARING: Sept-14-05
PC HEARING: Oct-06-05

SITE INFORMATION

Lots 7 and 8, Block 16, Forest Home Subdivision, City of Houston, Harris County, Texas. The building on the site is a two-story, brick veneer residence.

TYPE OF APPROVAL REQUESTED: Protected Landmark Designation

HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The Dr. Rupert O. and Catherine Roett–Dr. Catherine Roett-Reid–Rupert O. Roett, Jr., House has been designated by City Council as a Landmark of the City of Houston. The home of Dr. Rupert Orlando Roett, Sr. and his wife, Catherine Bryant Roett, and their children, Dr. Catherine Roett-Reid and Rupert O. Roett, Jr., is one of the best examples of a residence built on Holman Street for an upper middle-class African American family in the Third Ward. Dr. Rupert O. Roett was an African American physician who served the medical needs of African Americans in Houston for over 60 years. Not only was he instrumental in efforts to establishment the first in-patient hospital care facility for African Americans in Houston, but he also worked to establish the first African American full-service hospital, known as Houston Negro Hospital (renamed Riverside General Hospital). He also was the driving force behind the establishment of the Church of St. Luke the Physician, the first mission church in Houston where African Americans could worship their Episcopal faith. Dr. Roett was also a distinguished member of many local and national organizations as well as being an author.

Dr. Catherine Roett-Reid, the daughter of Dr. Rupert O. Roett and his wife, Catherine, also achieved her own prominence as a physician serving as Chief of Pediatrics at both Houston Negro Hospital and St. Elizabeth’s Hospital, as well as achieving the distinction of being the first African American woman pediatrician in Houston. She was not only the recipient of many awards from her professional associations, but she was honored and recognized by her church, St. James Episcopal, for her many contributions to its activities as well.

APPROVAL CRITERIA FOR PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION

Sec. 33-224. Criteria for designation of a Protected Landmark.

- (a) The HAHC and the commission, in making recommendations with respect to designation, and the city council, in making a designation, shall consider three or more of the following criteria, as appropriate for the Protected Landmark designation. If the HAHC reviews an application for designation of a Protected Landmark initiated after the designation of the Landmark, the HAHC shall review the basis for its initial recommendation for designation and may recommend designation of the landmark as a protected landmark unless the property owner elects to designate and if the landmark has met at least (3) three of the criteria of Section 33-224 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance (HPO) at the time of its designation or, based upon additional information considered by the HAHC, the landmark then meets at least (3) three of criteria of Section 33-224 of the HPO, as follows:

SITE LOCATION MAP

DR. RUPERT O. AND CATHERINE ROETT – DR. CATHERINE ROETT-REID – RUPERT O. ROETT, JR., HOUSE
3274 HOLMAN STREET

NOT TO SCALE