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Millane Building and Shipp House receives protected historic status

HOUSTON, September 15, 2010 – Houston City Council designated the William Shipp House and the Millane Building as Protected Historic Landmarks.

The Millane Building at 3601 S. Sandman Street was constructed circa 1957. Thomas Millane and his son John were partners in the development and operation of the Millane Building. The building is a visible reminder of the development of mid-century Houston and the early suburban movement of small businesses away from downtown into office buildings located on or near commercial corridors.



The Millane Building is an excellent example of early modernist commercial architecture. The building incorporates characteristic elements of the mid-century Modernist style including a flat roof, ribbon windows, expansive use of aluminum framed floor-to-ceiling storefront glass on the ground floor, and elongated, coursed, rough faced sandstone detailing. The building remains on its original site with minimal alterations.

The William L. Shipp House at 1511 Everett is a Queen Anne style house built circa 1900 in Houston's Near Northside neighborhood. The Near Northside, located just north of downtown, was settled in the late 1800s, with many residents employed by the nearby railyards. Like many of his neighbors, William L. Shipp, worked for the railroad. The William L. Shipp House features an unusual and unique pierced frieze above the porch, as well as other elaborate decorative woodwork, and is an architectural gem of the neighborhood. The house is an excellent representative of the Near Northside's early houses and the City of Houston's first historic landmark in the neighborhood.



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