

Notes from interview with Sellers:

We fell in love with this home when we first stepped into it in late 2007. This was our first home purchase as a couple but we knew immediately that it was perfect. The spacious rooms, the spiral staircase, the tile floors, the large walk-in closets with built-ins, the open concept, each contributed to our infatuation. But the most important factor was that the home was two stories on a large lot and not a three or four story unit, effectively a vertical trailer. We were also certain it was out of our price range but a convergency of factors allowed the purchase in 2008.

We made a number of improvements over the years including adding radiant barrier and electric exhaust fans in the attic which reduced the electric bills. Nicer fixtures, a large safe, water softener, security doors, garage cabinets, and improved security system all were improvements made over the years. Although we were always concerned about security because we traveled for extended periods, we never experience an act of vandalism or theft. For that matter, we never experience any threat of flooding or storm damage during our thirteen years in the home. The home was a haven. We could sit on the front balcony and exchange pleasantries with our neighbors or retreat to covered patio and relax in shade.

As the years unfolded from 2008 we found the home perfect for entertaining our extended family and have many warm memories of the home and events. We were thankful that the carport will hold four vehicles and the acreage across the street will accommodate additional parking. This acreage is owned by a commercial entity but has been used as a park by the neighborhood. To our knowledge, no develop plans have been filed. Each year more of the neighboring small single family dwellings built in the neighborhood in the 1940s were being replaced with new homes and great neighbors. During our first years in the home the railroad line south of the home was classified as a silent zone which eliminated horn blowing and lesser nuisances. A noticeable improvement to the result that it is not noticed.

The home provides easy access to Memorial Park, one mile to the west. The unbelievable improvements the City is making to this park, which includes a tournament class golf course, jogging trails, swimming, baseball, soccer and arboretum, is creating a world class facility. Buffalo Bayou Park is less than a mile southeast of the home and is a wonderful park that stretches over two miles along both sides of Buffalo Bayou. We have taken many long walks through both of these parks and will continue the habit. Stores along Heights Blvd, one mile to the east, and a variety of restaurant along Washington Avenue and Shepherd are easily accessible.

As our family expanded we determined that a larger home with a swimming pool desirable if not essential. Thus, we moved less than one half mile from Inker in 2021. We will give up the home at Inker but retain many great memories and no bad ones.

Things we love about our home:

- ✓ Built on a large lot with front access.
- ✓ Two story home with spacious rooms.
- ✓ Spiral wrought iron staircase.
- ✓ Lots of windows and natural light.

- ✓ Tile floors, easy to maintain.
- ✓ Tall ceilings.
- ✓ Front balcony and spacious patio in back.
- ✓ All bedrooms have large walk-in closets with cabinets and shelving.
- ✓ Exterior is quality stucco with no issues.
- ✓ Close proximity to two great parks, shopping and restaurant.
- ✓ Large kitchen with central island and adjoining large breakfast area.
- ✓ Large centrally located dining room.
- ✓ Separate shower and hot tub in master bathroom.
- ✓ No water intrusion or storm damage through hurricanes Ike, Harvey and Rita.
- ✓ Huge attic with ample ceiling height and offers substantial indoor storage.
- ✓ Underground pipeline water drainage system installed from back through west side of home to the front.
- ✓ Designed with long line of sight on both the ground and second stories.
- ✓ The oversized front door is ornate wrought iron with separate smoked glass panel.
- ✓ Reinforced security doors at front, balcony and back plus security doors at master and second bedroom.
- ✓ Window blinds on all seventeen windows.
- ✓ Water softener.
- ✓ Multiple storage cabinets in garage.