

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD MINUTES**

APRIL 19, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Cultural Heritage Board of the City of Santa Rosa was called to order at 2:30 p.m., in the Department of Community Development Conference Room 7, City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, California, with Chairman Eelkema presiding.

Present: Clark, Eelkema, Flock, Henrikson and Spence

Absent: Arias and Much

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Joint Cultural Heritage Board and Design Review Board held on March 1, 2006 were approved by the Cultural Heritage Board as presented. Those minutes will now be referred to the Design Review Board for their review and approval.

The Cultural Heritage Board minutes of April 5, 2006 were approved as presented.

3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES - None

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Board Member Flock reported on the potential designation of the Landmark Baptist Church and requested that the item be placed on the May 17, 2006 agenda.

Board Member Spence presented an article regarding Neighborhood Associations for the Board Members to review.

The Board Members inquired about the status of the application to designate the Davis Ranch area as a preservation district.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Anderson stated that he would have a status report on the Davis Ranch at the May 3, 2006 meeting of the Board.

6. STATEMENT OF ABSTENTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Flock abstained on Item 7: Appeal of Zoning Administrator's Decision

– 641 Maple Avenue. He noted that he had meet extensively with the appellants.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING: APPEAL OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S DECISION
– 641 MAPLE AVENUE**

Mr. Anderson stated that the neighbors filed an appeal of the Zoning Administrator’s decision approving a 16’ high garage to be located at 641 Maple Avenue. The grounds for the appeal are:

1. The new garage is being built in an historic neighborhood and is not consistent with original design, which was a two-car garage approximately 10.5 to 12 feet tall.
2. Not compatible with adjacent or nearby structures, which have modest-sized one-story garages between 10.5 and 12 feet tall.
3. Not consistent with the time period when accessory buildings were small and unpretentious.
4. Will adversely affect the architectural features of the existing home and those nearby.
5. Will set an unwelcome precedent in the Burbank Gardens Historic district.

The applicant’s representative Greg Mitchell, stated that the proposal is to construct a 16 foot high garage that will be set back 14 feet from the property line. The garage will match the existing house and will meet all codes.

Chairman Eelkema opened the public hearing.

Blake McNaulty, Judy Kennedy, Bob Ruiz, and Thea Daniels residents of Santa Rosa, opposed the construction of a 16’ foot garage at 641 Maple Avenue on the following basis:

- The garage should be 12’ in height to be compatible with the neighborhood.
- The 16’ garage will cast shadows.
- The structure is too massive.
- Original garage structures within the district are smaller and submissive to the main structure.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Eelkema closed the public hearing.

Board comments

Following review of all materials presented and consideration of the public comments the Board offered the following comments:

- The house crawlspace is to be increased no greater than to a minimum of the building code requirements.
- Siding and roofing of the garage are to match those on the house

- The height of the garage will not exceed 12' (Modifies condition #4 on page 2 of 3 in the staff report)

Board Member Clark moved and Board Member Henrikson seconded a motion to continue the item to May 17, 2006 to allow the applicant time to revise the plans for the garage and to allow staff time to preparation of a resolution for the project. The motion carried unanimously.

8. RESOLUTION OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD INITIATING PRESERVATION DISTRICT DESIGNATION PROCEDURES FOR THE EAST JUNIOR COLLEGE NEIGHBORHOOD

Jenny Bard, neighborhood representative for the East Junior College Neighborhood, advised that they are at the beginning stages of promoting the designation of the neighborhood as a historic district. They are educating the neighbors through the Junior College Neighborhood newsletters; conducting surveys to determine the amount of support and opposition to a district designation; and conducting neighborhood meetings.

The Board advised the association to gather signatures of support for the designation of the district. Those signatures along with a petition should be submitted to the City Council for consideration.

The Cultural Heritage Board expressed support for the potential district.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Cultural Heritage Board meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.