

RESOLUTION NUMBER 175

RESOLUTION OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT REGARDING THE IRWIN FARMSTEAD, LOCATED AT 1321 KAWANA TERRACE (FORMERLY 1321 KAWANA SPRINGS ROAD), ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 044-370-005, FILE NUMBER MJP04-003

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2004, the Cultural Heritage Board did review a report entitled, "Irwin Farmstead, Santa Rosa, California, Historic Resource Assessment," prepared by Painter Preservation & Planning, dated October 2003, ("Report"); and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2004, the Cultural Heritage Board did receive another report from Juliana Inman AIA concerning a "Historic Resource Assessment" of the Irwin Farmstead dated May 15, 2004, and additionally a "Structural Review" dated May 12, 2004, from ZFA Associates concerning said project; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.1) sets forth criteria for determining the significance of impacts on historical resources, and defines historical resources as:

- A. A resource that is listed in or determined to be eligible by the State Historical Resources Commission, for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources.
- B. A resource that is included in a local register of historic resources or identified as significant in an historical resource survey.
- C. Any object, building, structure, site, area, place, record, or manuscript which the lead agency determines to be historically significant or significant in the architectural, engineering, scientific, economic, agricultural, educational, social, political, military, or cultural annals of California may be considered to be an historical resource, provided the lead agency's determination is supported by substantial evidence in light of the whole record. Generally, a resource shall be considered by the lead agency to be "historically significant" if the resource meets the criteria for listing on the California Register of Historic Resources, including the following:
  - 1. It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California's history and cultural heritage;
  - 2. It is associated with the lives of persons important in our past;
  - 3. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values; or
  - 4. It has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

WHEREAS, the Cultural Heritage Board after review and consideration of the

documents presented, staff analysis, and oral presentations of information recommends that the 1898 Victorian farmhouse located on the property is a historical resource for the following reasons:

- A. Under California Register Criteria 3, it embodies the distinctive characteristics of an 1898 Victorian vernacular farmhouse of the Santa Rosa region;
- B. Under California Register Criteria 1, it is associated with late nineteenth century rural residential development in Santa Rosa;
- C. It is one of the last available reminders of this area' agricultural past and the patterns of history that preceded the suburban development of today.
- D. As set forth in the Report by Diane Painter, submitted by the applicant, a professional historian consultant, the building is significant.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cultural Heritage Board of the City of Santa Rosa recommends that one of the following mitigation measures be considered appropriate for the project to avoid or reduce the significance of the project's impact on the significant historic resource to a level of insignificance:

- A. Avoidance of the impact by preserving the Victorian house in its current location on the site.
- B. Preserving the house by moving it to another location on the site. The applicants may then explore the possibility of renovating the house for contemporary uses.
- C. Relocation off-site to an appropriate setting in Southeast Santa Rosa, following photo documentation and a survey (with measurements) showing the original location of the house.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Cultural Heritage Board of the City of Santa Rosa on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2004 by the following vote:

AYES: (3) Clark, Flock, Treviño

NOES: (2) Nacouzi, Poulsen

ABSENT: (2) Henrikson, Elkema

ABSTAIN: (0)

APPROVED:   
DAVID POULSEN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:   
MARIE MEREDITH, SECRETARY