

Application for Sunnyvale Heritage Preservation Commission Hearing
305 S Bayview Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA
Request, and supporting documentation, from Gwynneth Rayer
January 17, 2014

I would like to request that the property located at 305 S Bayview Avenue [Parcel 209-24-032] be removed from the Sunnyvale Heritage Resource Inventory. The reason for this is that I need to sell the property. In order to do that it will require significant upgrades; a prospective buyer may also wish to take as-is and do extensive work. Removal from the Resource Inventory will allow for an easier permit process.

Examples of such work would include demolition of the garage [unusable] and construction of new; roof replacement; electrical upgrade; exterior siding replacement; heating system replacement; interior replacement of plaster ceiling, among other things.

I have included attached documentation, and list below, with description. Some of these items were included as part of review for delisting of 329 Flora Vista Avenue, done by the Heritage Preservation Commission on 2/3//2010. The reason this material is pertinent is that the original inclusion on the inventory was based on Alfred E. Potts owning and residing in the house. 305 S Bayview Avenue was included because it had been built by Alfred E. Potts. However, the Historical Evaluation prepared for 329 Flora Vista Avenue by Franklin Maggi, of Archives and Architecture, determined that the house was not associated with significant personages, nor does it significantly contribute to the distinctive fabric of the neighborhood. I believe the same may hold true of 305 S Bayview Avenue, which was built by Mr. Potts.

Since 1990 two buildings were built next to 305 S Bayview, both two-story. In 2012 5 two-story homes were constructed not far up the street, and a large residential complex is about to be built at the site of a former hotel. Coupled with town homes and a variety of architecture, S. Bayview Avenue may no longer represent a concentration of homes of the same age/feature set.

City of Sunnyvale Heritage Resources Inventory - 1 page showing 305 S Bayview
1990 Memorandum - 3 pages, describes the City's selection criteria [excerpted from 2/3/2010 report]
Attachment C, Page 10 of 16 - describes how 329 Flora Vista matches against applicable criteria
Page from online Heritage document, chapter 5, page 44 - describing Mr. Potts.
DPR 523A, date recorded August, 1997 - At the time of preparing this I was not able to locate the original DPR Form for Nomination
Current Assessor's page - showing 305 S Bayview as #32
Page showing 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map for 329 Flora Vista [includes lot for 305, but doesn't show the actual house, even though it is listed as being built in 1928]
Picture of 305 S Bayview house - taken 1/17/14
Picture of 305 S Bayview garage - taken 1/17/14
Picture of the streetscape taken from a point in front of 305 S Bayview Avenue, facing toward Olive
Picture of the streetscape taken from a point in front of 305 S Bayview Avenue, facing toward E. McKinley
Article from Sunnyvale publication using 305 S Bayview as an example of affordable housing

Thank you; I appreciate your consideration.

