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AGENDA: 4/27/99

April 21, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC **REDMAN** HOUSE

Dear Members of the Board:

The Chairman of the **Redman** House Restoration Committee has asked that I refer the Historical Resources Commission's findings on the project to this Board.

Chairman John Skinner is looking for an ordinance that would exempt historical sites, like the **Redman** House, from local zoning requirements so that they might be more easily restored. While I appreciate Mr. Skinner's efforts in restoring this historic home, the house is situated squarely on land zoned Commercial Agriculture.

I will not at any time support the rezoning of this parcel for additional development in conjunction with the restoration. I am, however, interested in exploring what, if any, options exist for Mr. Skinner within the building's current footprint.

After reviewing the Commission's remarks, I ask that the Board direct the Planning Department to review them and report back with options for restoring the **Redman** House without compromising the agricultural nature and zoning of the parcel.

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I, therefore, recommend that the Board of Supervisors direct the Planning Department to review the findings of the County Historic Resources Commission and report back to the Board with options and recommendations on or before June 8, 1999.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walt Symons". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

WALTER J. SYMONS, Supervisor
Second District

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cc: Planning Department
Historic Resources Commission
John Skinner
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HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

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March 5, 1999

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
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Dear Members of the Board:

The County Historic Resources Commission (HRC) placed the **Redman** House on their Agenda at their February 18, 1999 meeting. This was done at the request of a representative for the property owner and a member of a Committee recently created to protect the historic house. Both individuals, and other members of the Committee, are interested in saving the **Redman** House from further deterioration - and are currently exploring methods to do this.

The **Redman** House is in the San **Andreas** Planning Area, just outside the City of Watsonville. It is a designated historic resource included in the County's adopted Historic Inventory (see Attachment 1). The property carries an "NR4" ranking, which County Code defines as:

"Property which may become eligible for listing on the National Register if additional research provides a stronger statement of significance, or if the architectural integrity is restored. These buildings have either high architectural or historic significance, but have a low rating in the other categories."

When the Inventory was last updated, the County's historic consultant noted in 1994 that the **Redman** House:

"continues to deteriorate as shown in the last photograph. No change in rating although if deterioration continues the house may no longer be salvageable".

At their February 18, 1999 meeting, the Commission unanimously moved to notify your Board of the following:

"In response to an inquiry concerning the **Redman** House in Watsonville and in order to assist and facilitate historic preservation, the County Historic Resources Commission supports an investigation of alternative uses for historic resources."

If you have any questions about the Commission's action and intent, please feel free to contact me, our Chairman Terri Fisher or Vice Chairman Pat Manning, at 454-3132.

Sincerely,



Cherry McCormick, Staff
Historic Resources Commission

Attachments

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Attachment 1
Ser. No. - 287 - 281
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Redman House
2. Historic name: Redman House
3. Street or rural address: 1635 W. Beach Road San Andreas Area
City Watsonville, CA Zip 95076 County Santa Cruz
4. Parcel number: 05227104
5. Present Owner: HARE, BREWER & KELLEY, INC Address: 305 LYTTON AVE.
City Palo Alto, CA Zip 94301 Ownership is: Public ☐ Private ☒ X
6. Present Use: Residence -Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Queen Anne/Victorian
- 7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The Redman House, designed by William H. Weeks is a good example of rather non-specific Victorian architecture with a strong Queen Anne influence. It is a large, 2-1/2 story structure of highly asymmetric plan and elevations. The elevations are composed of a myriad of projecting and recessing parts; large gables projecting over three sided bays, a corner tower whose dome creeps around the roof eaves, wrap porches, and recessed balconies.

The detailing is as diverse as the elements composing the facades. Details include both Corinthian and ionic columns supporting the porch roofs and window hoods. Floral plaster friezes appear in gable ends and on various exterior wall panels. Eastlake brackets and dentils embellish stray corners and eaves.

The house is sheathed with shingles with sporadic patterns of textured shingle cropping up on any available wall panel. Windows are treated with much the same eclectic selection and include a variety of windows such as bevelled panes, plain double hung and fixed pane windows.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1897
9. Architect W.H. Weeks
10. Builder Lamborn & Uren
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 100 Depth 200
or approx. acreage. _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)

13. Condition: Excellent - Good _____ Fair - Deteriorated X No longer in existence

14. Alterations: _____

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land X Scattered buildings _____ Densely built-up
Residential - Industrial - Commercial _____ Other: _____

16. Threats to site: None known - Private development X Zoning _____ Vandalism _____
Public Works project _____ Other: _____

17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? _____ Unknown? _____

18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

Built in 1897, this large Victorian home was designed by the prominent local architect William H. Weeks and erected by contractor Will Porter and the firm of Lamborn and Uren. It was built for James Redman. The property on which the house was built was previously owned by Isaac Williams, who had arrived in the area in 1843. Williams planted there the first commercial apple orchard in the Pajaro Valley; In 1858 he shipped the first crop of apples to San Francisco. James Redman bought the land in 1883. He increased the size of the apple orchards and began the growing of lettuce and celery, which became important row crops. Redman continued to farm the site until his death in 1921. The home is significant as a work of a master architect and for its association with a center of major agricultural development in the Pajaro Valley.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial 2 Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____

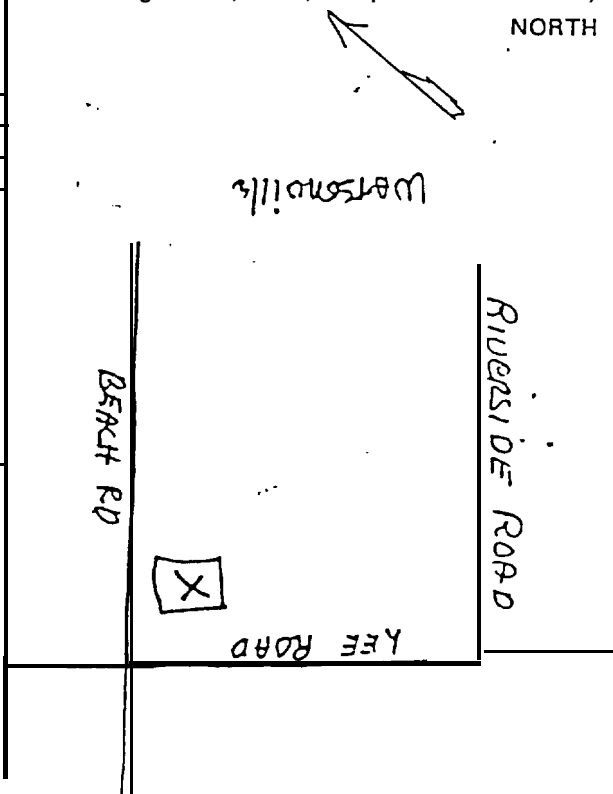
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Betty Lewis Research, 8/85

22. Date form prepared April 1986

By (name) The Firm of
Organization BONNIE L. BAMBURG
Address: 247 N. Third Street
City San Jose, CA 95112
Phone: (408) 971-1471

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



1635 Beach Road (**Redman** House)

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ADDENDUM-1994

PHYSICAL INSPECTION

Date: March 31, 1994

Result of Inspection: Structure continues to deteriorate as shown in the last photograph.

CONSULTANT'S PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS:

No change in rating although if deterioration continues the house may no longer be salvageable.

(Change of rating pending public hearing before the Historical Resources Commission with **final** approval by the Board of Supervisors).

CONTEXT: 1 (Agriculture), 2 (Architecture)

PROPERTY TYPE: farmhouse

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