

ST. ROSE SECURITY FENCE

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549 'B' Street
Santa Rosa, CA

Minor Landmark Alteration Application

Project Description:

The Applicant proposes to install a six-foot high black metal vertical rail security fence along portions of the site perimeter at the St. Rose church property at 549 'B' Street. The property contains the old St. Rose Church, rectory, offices and the original St. Rose school building which is now used as an office and assembly building. The old Church and school buildings were built in approximately 1900 and 1931, respectively. The old stone church building is currently undergoing a structural and architectural restoration. The property lies within the St. Rose Historic District.

The new fencing (as shown on the LMA application sheet A1.2) would consist of black metal verticals with one lower and two upper horizontal rails. The proposed fence design is in keeping with the historical nature of the site and existing architecture. The security fence is being installed to remedy an ongoing issue with vandalism and use of the property by the homeless population in the neighborhood. The property currently has a chainlink fence fully enclosing the south and west property lines other than where the original school building on Ninth Street prevents entry onto the site. The northwest parking lot is also currently partially enclosed by chainlink fencing along a portion of Tenth Street and its eastern edge. The proposed security fencing would close off the open spaces between the existing buildings along the remainder of Tenth Street. It would also extend from the parish office building at the northeast corner of the site down the 'B' Street frontage to the old St. Rose Church. Two pairs of metal gates matching the fence design would be located east of the Baptistery to allow access during services.