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**To:** [\\_CHB - Cultural Heritage Board](#)  
**Cc:** [Bisla, Sachnoor](#)  
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**INFORMATION ONLY PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO ALL –**

Dear Chair Meuser and Members of the Cultural Heritage Board,

Please see late correspondence for item 8.2 –Concept Review – Mill St., including public correspondence.

This will also be added to the agenda.

**Lani Buckheit | Administrative Secretary**

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**From:** [Marie Nelson](#)  
**To:** [Bisla, Sachnoor](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting ID 871 0214 6566 7/19/2023 Improvements of 635 Mill St., Santa Rosa, Ca.  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023 4:19:45 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I live in the historical Luther Burbank Neighborhood.

The home on 635 Mill St. has been so much improved! The home before was a rat-infested wreck inside and out.

The owners have done a fabulous job renewing this property at what I imagine has been great cost.

I know it was with great effort because I witnessed all the hard work they have done as I walk through my neighborhood.

This neighborhood needs to have some understanding of the costs involved to adhere to specific 'historical guidelines'.

These guidelines are at times prohibitive and only result in NO improvements being done in my neighborhood.

The work on the home of 635 Mill St. has improved my neighborhood immensely. Any modifications that would increase

the cost and labor for the owners I believe to be punitive and NOT in the best interests of MY neighborhood.

Please consider approving all the work that has been done and keep the home as is.

I also wonder why I did not receive a notice in the mail about this meeting. I only came upon the notice posted at the home.

This matter is a concern for ALL of Luther Burbank Historical Neighborhood and all the residences need to be informed of these meetings.

With regards,  
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To [sbisla@SRCity.org](mailto:sbisla@SRCity.org)

Meeting ID# 871 0214 6566 RE: 635 Mill St SR CA 95404

To: Sachnoor Bisla, Project Planner

I have lived directly across the street from 635 Mill St for over 30 years. Maria was my neighbor who lived there before the current family moved in. Maria was an elder who was unable to maintain her property. For years there was junk in the front and back yards and a blue tarp flapping to disrepair over the porch. The yard was very much over grown. Maria was a dear member of our community and we would help her when we could, and when she would allow it.

There was a broken window at the front of her house for decades. Her front steps did not appear safe for the elder to climb up or down. At some point someone corrected this dangerous situation by rigging up a raw piece of 2 by 4 as a railing. Her low front fence had a falling down bamboo fencing attached.

I could go on and on about the physical and visual eye sore that house was. I guess I could also speak on the squirrels and the mice/rats, but I will leave that to your imagination.

When a “mini cell tower” was put up in our neighborhood, our protest landed on deaf ears. I don’t recall us being involved in the decision to put so many sets of wires over head. The cell tower and the multiple sets of over head wires are an eye sore, and maybe even come with some health risk for the young and for the retired. But for sure they look very out of place in our historic neighborhood. Would it cost the city too much to place the utilities under ground? Would that be too much to ask of the city in order to have our neighborhood look more historic? The home owners in the Luther Burbank area are required to make many financial sacrifices. For the family at 635 Mill St, I’m asking that you give

them a break. Please think of what it will cost the family at 635 Mill street to redo the improvements they have made. Please let the beautiful improvements they have made remain.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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