

West End Historic District

Summary Statistics

Designation/Approval:

- CHB: 5/28/1996 – Reso #0063
- CC: 8/13/1996 – Reso #22811.

Location/Boundaries:

- Northwest Quadrant of Santa Rosa
- West Ninth Street on the north; Santa Rosa Creek and West Sixth Street on the south; Northwestern Pacific Railroad tracks on the east; and North Dutton Avenue on the west.

Period of Significance:

- 1880s-1940s (Peterson)

Context/Significance Statement:

“The Westside [West End] District is significant for architecture as a large and reasonably intact 19th and early 20th century working-class residential district of small houses on the ‘wrong side of the tracks,’ and for ethnic history as Santa Rosa’s large and long-standing Italian neighborhood. The large ‘Italian Town’ in and around the Westside district is Santa Rosa’s only historic ethnic neighborhood (see context ‘The Italian Community of Santa Rosa’). Besides representing a good cross section of very modest residential architecture of the 1880s through the 1940s, Westside shows traces of its heritage in its rustic landscaping, stonework and folk art, and the generally handmade character of the home improvements. Two long-standing Italian businesses are located in the district at W. 7th and Madison, Stefani’s Market and the France-American Bakery, as well as homes and rental properties of such locally prominent Italian businesspeople as the Battaglia-Bonfigli family (Of Lena’s), the Guidottis (Michele’s, Toscano Hotel), the Bertolanis and Bacigalupic (grocers and community leaders), and Calloris (Santa Rosa Bottling Works).” (Peterson)

Characteristics:

- % Contributors:
- Contributors:
- Non-Contributors:
- Total Parcels: 281