

## PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED

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### ISSUE 1:

Exterior remodeling should mimic, unless completely cost prohibitive, architectural styles prevalent throughout the Burbank Gardens neighborhood. The most frequent architectural style in this neighborhood is Craftsman style. I gave the architect some notes on key features of this style that they might be able to incorporate into the appearance of the remodeled building exterior. The information I gave the architect was:

"Many of the Craftsman homes are bungalows or 1.5-story homes with covered front porches. The style is abundantly unique with exposed beams, stained wood trim and doors, long overhanging eaves, low sloped roofs, and often a combination of painted wood and stucco exteriors.

Common features of a Craftsman-style home exterior include:

- Low-pitched roof with protruding single or double front gables
- Dormers are typically centered on the roof
- Large gabled front porches that extend all the way or partially across the front of the house
- Deep roof overhangs with exposed brackets, beams, and rafter ends
- Wood siding and trim are typically painted in earth tones
- Thick tapered columns extend to the ground on the front of the home"

### ISSUE 2:

There is a blank wall on the adjacent property that forms a boundary with your property on your south west corner. That wall attracts gang tag graffiti. Also, over the past year or so, the building has attracted some major gang tag graffiti, and this might happen again, even after the remodel is completed. Please keep matching paint available for the tenants or the property owner to paint over any graffiti as soon as possible, whenever it may occur, in compliance with the city's ordinance regarding graffiti.

### ISSUE 3:

There is a sign on your north west corner that used to be for the sewing machine shop that used to be in the downstairs commercial space. Please find a way to make that sign appropriate for the neighborhood style.

I also commented on your proposed French Doors on the front downstairs unit. I don't think this feature is compatible with the historical style of the Burbank Gardens neighborhood.

I also commented on your proposed balconies on the second story windows.

Again, I don't think this feature is compatible with the historical style of the Burbank Gardens neighborhood, however, in neighborhood meetings that we had in 2005 and 2006, regarding the redesign of Santa Rosa Avenue streetscape, neighbors emphatically wanted balconies on upper floors wherever possible, because this feature supports the cultural experience of tenants watching what happens on the street, adds to a friendly atmosphere and helps prevent street crimes, conflict incidents and safety, in general.

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