

House purchase upsets neighbors

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A recent purchase of a house in Boulder City's Historic District has several people upset. The reason, the house was purchased by a developer who wants to re-

move the house and put in a parking lot for his adjacent commercial lot on Nevada Highway.

The developer wants to build a two story building on the vacant

lots sandwiched between the First Interstate Bank and the Burk commercial plaza on Nevada Highway.

The commercial building is designed to reach the property

line at the first level and the second story will be sloped back 15 feet. To accommodate parking for the proposed 11,354-square-foot structure, the developer bought the property behind Burk

Plaza.

The house on Colorado Street is one of four historic houses on the street, said Mimi Rodden, chairwoman for the Historic District Preservation Plan Study Committee.

Rodden is upset for two reasons — first, the notion of removing a historic house to make a parking lot and second, because of the lack of communications.

"I'm angry because the committee did not know anything about this. This is third time something like this has happened in the last couple of months and we have not been informed."

The city has been slow in informing the preservation committee of possible major changes to the historic district. Discussions on the old airport hangar and possible changes to the former Los Angeles Water and Power Building are two examples of how the preservation committee has been left out of the loop.

Rodden feels removing the house would eviscerate the preservation committee. "The committee is working very hard and is putting in many hours of their own and they wonder why do it if the city will not pay attention."

The preservation committee has been meeting bi-weekly for several months and will meet three times in less than a week in August to help inform the public about the city's historic district.

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