

PUBLIC LOVES THE GARDEN CEMETERY'S VICTORIAN AMBIANCE

SacBee March 12th story first time public learned cemetery gardens were endangered.

Process was flawed. Public Outcry; Existing guidelines do not reflect public expectations.

- Existing Adhoc committee not inclusive—not all gardens represented; limited dialogue.
- Process rushed with short deadlines.
- No public discussion of guidelines' impact.
- Preservation Commission was bypassed.

Public Loves Existing Cemetery Garden

- 1866 cemetery photo shows plants next to cemetery monuments, structures and trellises.
- Tribute to Victorian garden cemetery tradition which attracts visitors.
- Victorian charm--roses spilling over trellises and alongside monuments.

National Register Historic Designation is a GARDEN Cemetery

- National Register Historic Designation does not mandate garden changes.
- Presence of trellises does not jeopardize listing on National Historic Register.
- Emphasis on hard cemetery features, e.g. markers and statues, over garden aspect devalues historic integrity.
- Nomination submitted by city prominently includes multiple mentions of the rose garden and notes the collection of historic California roses as a contributing feature.

What's Wrong with the Guidelines

- Guidelines demonized plants as harmful--No plants near monuments and structures.
- Sweeping changes negatively impact the cemetery's ability to attract visitors.
- Removing structures and relegating climbing roses to the periphery of the cemetery undermines the historic context and diminishes the charm of our Victorian **GARDEN** cemetery.
- Moving established roses not the answer; very costly and puts roses at risk.
- Requires ability to see monuments from all directions. Flexible approach would maintain roses and shrubs so inscription on the face of markers can be read.
- Concept that roses near monuments trap moisture and damages monuments is not supportable. Ignores fact that poor irrigation system may be causing more damage than plants.

Roses are Living History

- Significant collection of rare and historic roses from pioneer cemeteries and homesteads.
- Living library for genetic studies, breeding and to replace roses lost at other historical sites.
- Historic Roses are genetically the same as the original plant—not reproductions or modern roses.

CROCKER LEGACY

In 1852, the Crocker's settled in Sacramento. EB Crocker was legal counsel for the Central Pacific Railroad and a California Supreme Court Justice. Margaret Crocker, was a leading community figure, generous philanthropist, and passionate gardener.

In addition to donating the family art collection to the city, Margaret Crocker donated of 23 acres of land to the City for "cemetery purposes".

Because she cared deeply for the cemetery and its garden atmosphere, Margaret built a conservatory to grow plants to enhance the cemetery's landscaping and to provide flowers to the poor families visiting departed loved ones.

SAVE Sacramento's **GARDEN** Cemetery—What YOU need to know

Historic Rose Garden Worldwide Tourist attraction.

- 2015 received Award of Garden Excellence from World Federation of Rose Societies. Given for historical, educational and visual beauty. (10 in USA; 60 worldwide)
- 2009 awarded Great Rosarians of the World International Rose Garden Hall of Fame. (6 worldwide)

Volunteer Efforts Priceless

- **30 years** to convert neglected cemetery to world renowned cultural attraction.
- Volunteers doing what families with relatives buried in the cemeteries were authorized and encouraged; beautify plots by planting trees, shrubs, and flowers, including support structures.
- 100 plus volunteers whereas City has only a staff of two for entire cemetery.
- Conduct educational tours for school children and adults.
- Presence of volunteers and visitors reduces vandalism and other illicit activities.

WHAT'S NEEDED

An open public process to develop NEW flexible guidelines that:

- Honors Victorian Garden Cemetery and keeps it beautiful.
- Respects and protects the site's role as a cemetery, museum and GARDEN.
- Allows trellises and climbing roses within cemetery plots.
- Values the volunteers effort, expertise; and treats them as partners.

Let our Representatives know what **YOU** want!

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Additional Information can be found at www.cemeteryrose.org

Preserve the Cemetery's Beauty, facebook page, an information resource to stay well informed

The webpage is a collection of all the articles, photos, letters, and events, related to the cemetery. Comments are appreciated. *See beautiful pictures of our legacy.*

Sharing it with your friends will also help to get the word out and gather more support. It has information about the representatives to contact, meeting and event updates.

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