

Zoning Board to decide future of 'modern' Laurent Street house

SANTA CRUZ — An attempt to block the remodeling of an architecturally-interesting home at 1010 Laurent St. will be considered at 7:30 p.m. Thursday by the city Zoning Board.

Neighbors object to the addition of a second-story on the home, owned by Albert Russo.

Majors Street resident Jane Podesta has appealed decisions made by city officials to allow the permit.

She maintains that the home — which is considered a good example of "international modern style" architecture from the 1939-40 period — should be preserved as historically-significant.

Podesta's lawyer, Clarke Dixon-Moses, claims city officials are not requiring enough parking spaces for the home. The lawyer calls the home a "six bedroom house."

However, city planning staff says there are only three bedrooms. An additional sewing room, library and studio were not considered bedrooms because there will only be three persons living there, says staff.

Staff says the two parking spaces already on the lot are all that is required for three bedrooms.

Dixon-Moses further argues the remodeling required a design review per-

mit.

Staff says no variance was required and therefore, no design permit was required either.

In addition, Dixon-Moses maintains Russo should have secured an administrative use permit because of the "earth disturbing activity" at the site.

The site is considered a known archaeological site, staff says, but the most recent remodeling plans include no earth-disturbing activity.

The house — the former Allegrini residence — is on a list of structures which may be included in the city's Historic Building Survey.