

1 the Villa Riviera (1929).

2 The District is associated with two persons of historic
3 significance, owner/developer H.N. Lowe and contractor W. Jay
4 Burgin. Lowe's family owned the land on which this street was
5 developed since 1898, when they bought it for a flower farm.
6 Lowe lived at 238 Junipero (demolished) and ran a florist
7 business. He developed several residential structures on this
8 street, some of which are gone today. The street name is derived
9 from his surname. Mr. Lowe was renowned as a shell collector,
10 naturalist and author. He discovered more than 100 species of
11 shells in Mexico and Central America, and wrote a number of books
12 on shells and marine life. Fifteen different varieties of shells
13 bear his name. He had an extensive private collection.

14 Noted contractor W. Jay Burgin lived at 280 Lowena, which he
15 constructed in 1923 and lived in until his death in 1952. His
16 long and distinguished career in Long Beach is noted in many news
17 articles. He was elected a member of the Board of Freeholders in
18 1920, in connection with the adoption of a city charter,
19 providing a commission form of government, and was appointed
20 chairman of the public utilities commission.

21 The District consists of an unusually homogeneous grouping
22 of four medieval-revival buildings located adjacent to each other
23 on a curving one-block street. Constructed between 1919 - 1926,
24 they exemplify the first importation of a European-derived style
25 following the First World War: Chateausque architecture.
26 Returning veterans brought Chateausque architecture back to the
27 USA, based primarily on French prototypes. Tudor Revival also
28 became popular at that time, based on English prototypes. This

1 district consists of three Chateausque multi-family apartments
2 and one Tudor-Revival single family house. They are typical of
3 the romantic phase of period revival architecture in the post-
4 World War I period. The Chateausque style was particularly
5 popular for apartment buildings, because it permitted variety of
6 spatial designs, and provided an aura of European atmosphere as a
7 luxury touch.

8 The Chateausque architectural style was popular in the
9 'teens and 'twenties in Southern California. Based on medieval
10 French chateaux, the style featured steeply pitched roofs,
11 finials, turrets, dormer windows, battlements, varied massing and
12 varied window shapes. Three buildings in the District represent
13 this style: 260 Lowena, 2202 Lowena and 2220 Lowena. The fourth
14 building at 280 is a highly individualized and eclectic design,
15 with Tudor Revival elements in the steeply pitched roof,
16 prominent gables, use of masonry and a round entry arch. The
17 elongated shingles, stained brown, infer a rustic character.

18 The building at 2202 Lowena Drive, built in 1919, is the
19 first known example of Chateausque architecture in Long Beach.
20 This style was later used on several well-known Long Beach
21 landmarks, such as the Pacific Coast Club and the Villa Riviera.
22 It was also used on two adjacent multifamily buildings on Lowena
23 Drive, making this the only street in Long Beach with three
24 contiguous Chateausque apartments.

25 The four buildings in the District are a distinctive area,
26 characterized by medieval-revival architectural styles. They are
27 contiguous, and form a homogeneous grouping. The street is named
28 after the family that originally owned the land and used it for a

1 nursery, and for H.N. Lowe, the son who developed residential
2 structures there.

3 B. General Guidelines and Standards for Any Changes

4 General guidelines and standards for any changes. The
5 "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating
6 Historic Buildings" prepared by the Secretary of the Interior
7 (Revised, 1983), as amended, are incorporated by reference, and
8 they, along with the following additional guidelines and
9 standards as recommended by the Cultural Heritage Commission
10 shall apply to the landmark:

11 Any alterations, modifications or repair for the
12 exterior of the structures shall be done so in keeping with their
13 historic architectural character, and any alteration,
14 modifications or changes shall follow the Secretary of the
15 Interior's Standards and Guidelines. All exterior changes,
16 including exterior materials and color, shall require a
17 Certificate of Appropriateness from the Cultural Heritage
18 Commission. Structural alterations and the removal of any
19 original historic materials or architectural fabric from the
20 interior shall require a Certificate of Appropriateness from the
21 Cultural Heritage Commission.

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23 Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage
24 of this ordinance by the City Council and cause it to be posted
25 in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it
26 shall take effect on the thirty-first day after it is approved by
27 the Mayor.

28 I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was

LOWENA DRIVE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Contributing Structures

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3	260 Lowena Drive	Medieval French Chateaux	1926
4	280 Lowena Drive	Tudor Revival	1923
5	2202 Lowena Drive	Chateausque	1919
6	2220 Lowena Drive	Medieval French Chateaux	1926
7	230 Junipero Avenue	Chateausque	1919
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