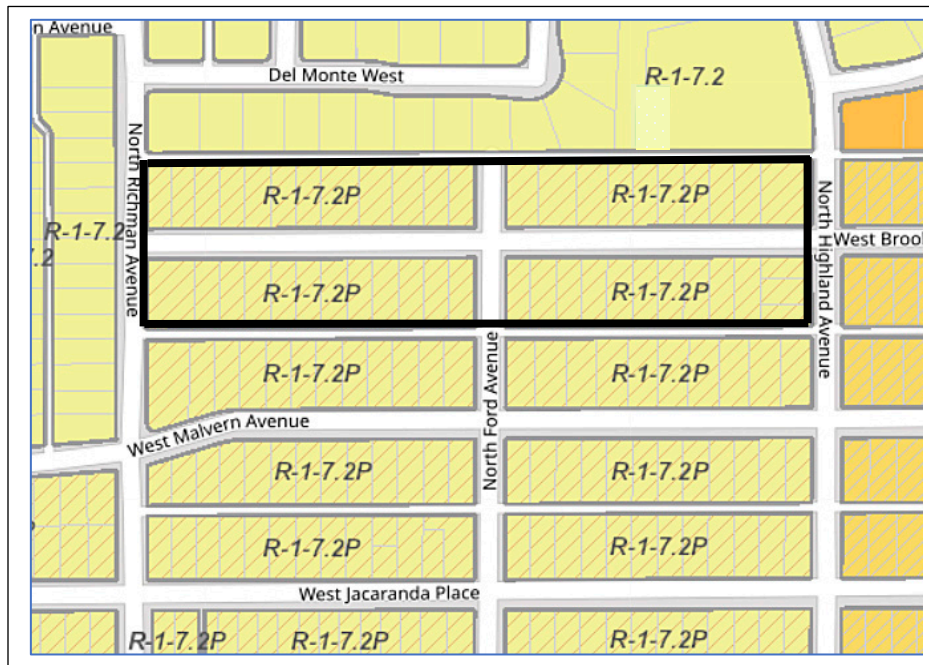


Brookdale Heights

The Brookdale Heights district was a focal point of residential construction in Fullerton from 1926 to 1928. Originally promoted as an area of superior housing and attractive views, the lots in the 300 and 400 blocks of West Brookdale Place initially sold for the comparatively expensive average price of \$2,500, and the cost of the average house was between \$8,000 and \$9,000. During this time, over 70% of the lots in this two-block tract were purchased and homes constructed, but the area never fully developed until the 1950s.

The competition from the tracts in the Golden Hill and Skyline Park neighborhoods in the late 1920s may have been responsible for why the initial development of these two blocks was only partially successful. Nevertheless, its hillside lots, beautiful Jacaranda trees, distinctive street lamps, and multi-level homes show clearly why the street was known as Hospitality Lane.

In 2005, at the request of a majority of the property owners in this two-block neighborhood, the city applied a residential preservation zone (R-1P) to this district to ensure that the original ambience remains intact and that remodeling and new construction will be discreet and well adapted to the setting.



The district contains two Local Landmarks: the Hirigoyen House at 400 W. Brookdale Place and the Hugh Edgar Johnson House at 444 W. Brookdale Place, with the latter also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.