



# CITY OF FORT PIERCE

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ♦ DEVELOPMENT REVIEW  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ♦ URBAN DESIGN ♦ URBAN FORESTRY ♦ ZONING

MARCH 24TH, 2014

Agenda Item 5D

### Owners

St. Lucie County—  
Maintained by COFP

### Applicant

Fort Pierce Public Works

### Location

901/915 S Indian River Drive

### Parcel

2415-501-0002-000-2 &  
2415-501-0001-000-5

### Historic Status

Individually Designated Site  
National Register Site

### Requested Action

Repair Existing Parking Lot,  
Placement of Wood Fencing,  
Installation of Informational  
Kiosk Signs, and Installation  
of Shrubs Around Base of AIS  
Burial Mound

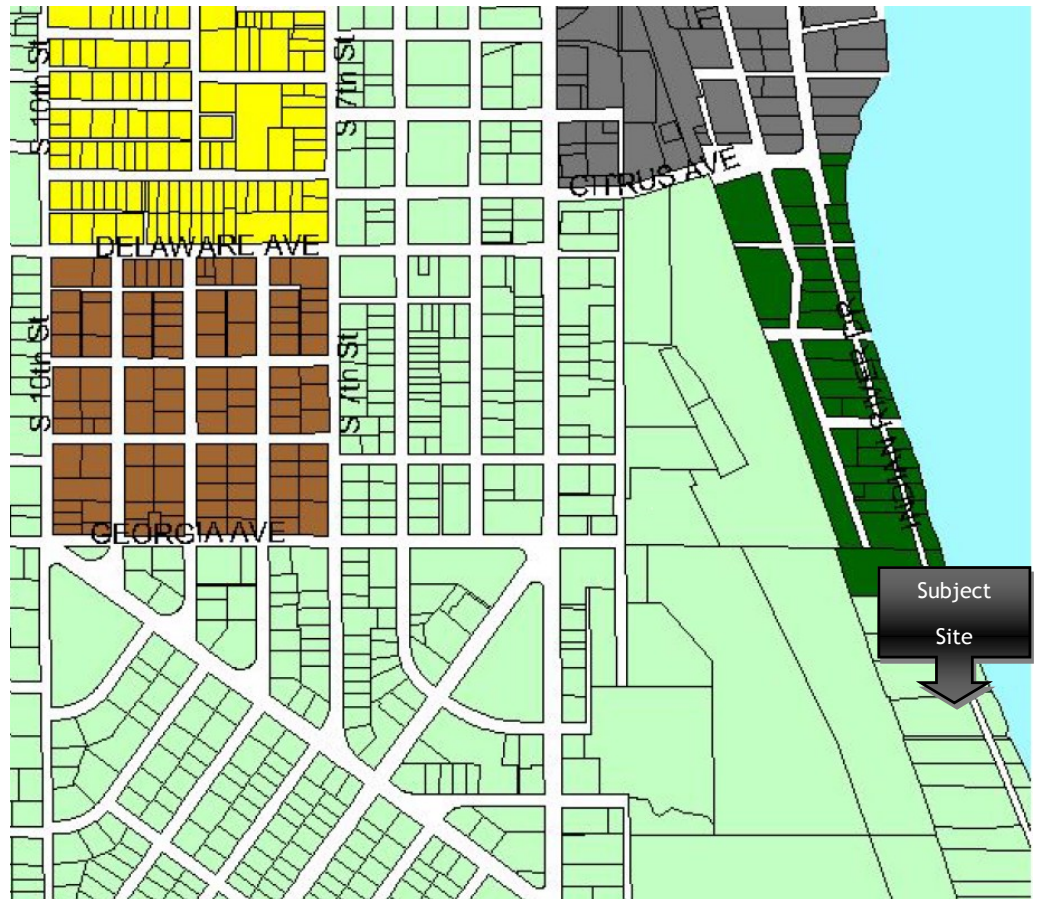
### Recommendation

Approve

### Staff

**Kori Benton**  
Historic Preservation Officer

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD : PUBLIC HEARING



### HISTORY

- c.900 AD—1600 Active AIS Indian Burial Mound
- 1838-1842 U.S. Military Fort Constructed, operating as an active military site during the Second Seminole War
- 1842-1844 Frederick Weedon established a transient settlement adjacent to the site, until destruction by fire in 1844.
- 1879 Site contributed to a trading post established by Benjamin & Annie Hogg.
- 1950 Site Designated as a Public Park.

### Request:

The Fort Pierce Lions Club has committed \$30,000 to the City of Fort Pierce to improve Old Fort Park. The initial Phase of improvements seeks repair (resurface) the existing parking lot, re-establish wood fencing along Indian River Drive, install informational kiosk signs, and install native shrubs around the base of the AIS burial mound to restrict access to the sides of the mound.

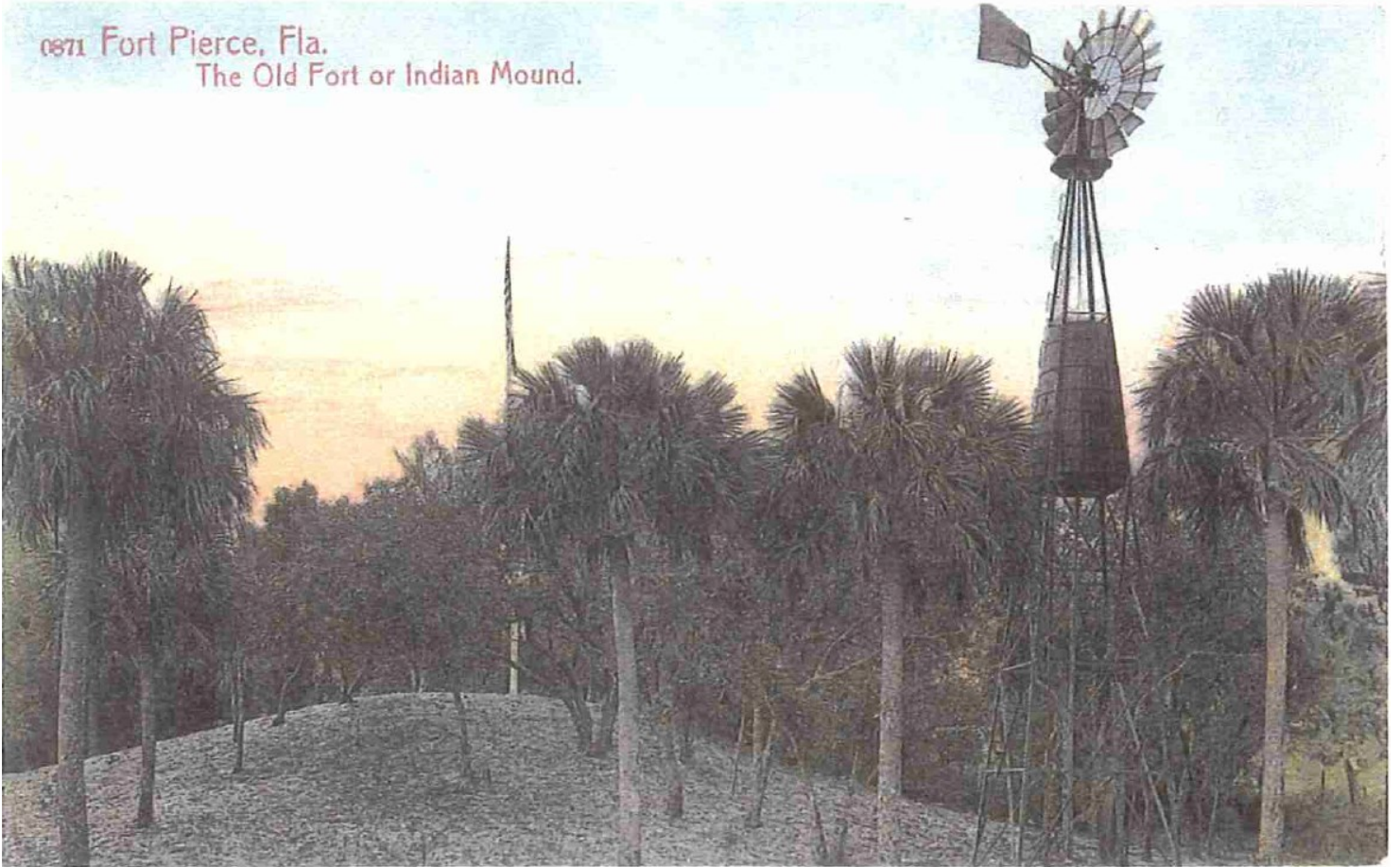
A conceptual plan of the proposed improvements is attached, indicating the proposed placement of each of the improvements. Photos of the sign design concepts and fencing material are also provided for consideration.

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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The presented improvements seek to repair existing amenities at Old Fort Park and provide for the addition of features and amenities to further the preservation and awareness of the historical significance of the site, both as an Ancient AIS Indian Mound and the Second Seminole Military Fort, Fort Pierce. The proposed improvements are presented to be undertaken in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards, therefore Staff recommends approval of the presented improvements in Phase 1. The Plans will be provided to the State of Florida Division of Historical Resources for review and staff will seek to coordinate with local archaeologists to prepare and strategically locate informational signs to ensure accuracy and avoidance of affects on the sensitive grounds.

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The Old Fort or Indian Mound.

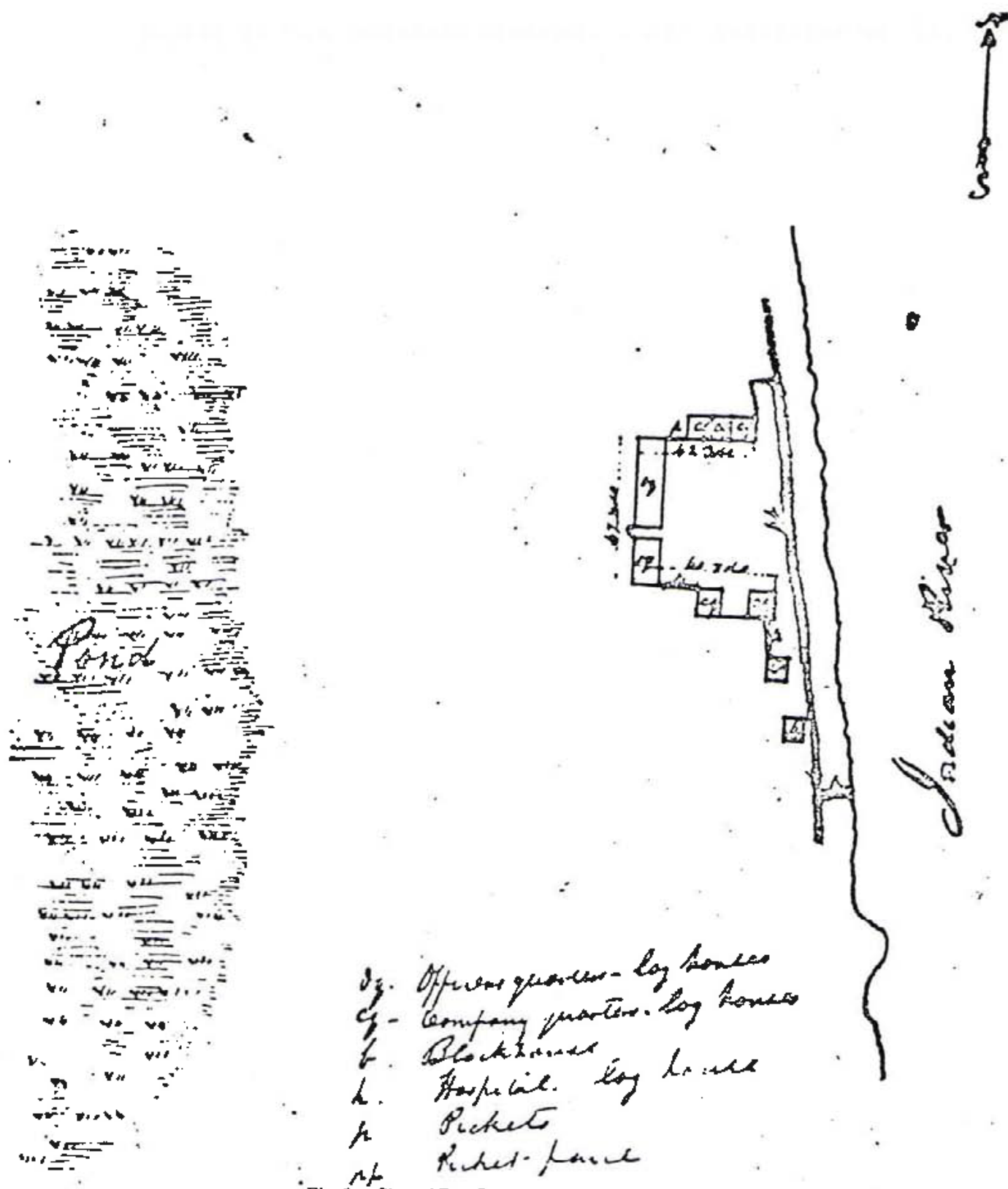


Indian Mound or remains of old fort, Fort Pierce, Fla.



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# Plan of Fort Pierce—July 1839



- a. Officers quarters - log houses
- c. Company quarters - log houses
- b. Blackhouse
- h. Hospital - log house
- k. Pickets
- m. Rebel-fence

Fig. 2 Plan of Fort Pierce dated July 30, 1839.



1990s Photo of The AIS Burial Mound—Dedication Plaque & Vegetation has been removed



2014 Photo of AIS Burial Mound



2014 Photos





Northern Portion of Old Fort Park



Southern Portion of Old Fort Park

# Existing Parking Lot Conditions





Information Kiosk at Jetty Park



Zora Neale Hurston Dust Trail Kiosk



Close-up of Jetty Park Kiosk



Florida Trust Historic Landmarker

Proposed Fence Design



Handicap Space



Parking Lot Curbing





Looking West at the Mound



Looking East at the Indian River