

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

BOARD AGENDA

Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting - Monday, March 23, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

City Hall - City Commission Chambers, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **CERTIFICATION OF ALTERNATE MEMBER VOTING STATUS**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting
6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - a. Certificate of Appropriateness Application 15-09 - Roof Replacement & Chimney Removal - Gert & Robin Bezuidenhout - 518 N 2nd Street
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Discussion of Zora Neale Hurston Exhibit - 809 N 9th Street
8. **CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Any person seeking to appeal any decision by the Historic Preservation Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting is advised that a record of proceedings is required in any such appeal and that such person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Historic Preservation Board

5. a.

Meeting Date: 03/23/2015

Information

REQUESTED ACTION

Minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting

LOCATION

RESPONSIBLE STAFF

RECOMMENDATION

Attachments

Historic Preservation Board Minutes 2.2315

Form Review

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CITY OF FORT PIERCE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Minutes

OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015, IN FORT PIERCE CITY HALL, COMMISSION
CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Sonja M. Gates; Peggy Harris; Jean-Ellen Wilson; Brad Culverhouse;
Suzanne Boardman; Annie Kate Jackson; Chairman Paul Sampson

Absent: Holly Theuns; Charlie Hayek

Staff Present: Karen Emerson, Assistant City Attorney
Kori Benton, Historic Preservation Officer
Alicia Rosenthal, Administrative Assistant

4. CERTIFICATION OF ALTERNATE MEMBER VOTING STATUS

All regular members were present.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of the January 6, 2015 meeting

Motion was made by Brad Culverhouse, and seconded by Peggy Harris to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2015 meeting.

AYE: Peggy Harris, Jean-Ellen Wilson, Brad Culverhouse, Suzanne Boardman,
Annie Kate Jackson, Sonja M. Gates, Chairman Paul Sampson

Passed

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Certificate of Appropriateness Application 15-03 & Variance for Additional Ground Sign - Atlantic RV & Marine - 657 N 2nd Street

Mr. Benton gave an overview of the the application. The Board discussed the Certificate of Appropriateness application. The applicant's representative, Steve Weaver, spoke on behalf of Atlantic RV & Marine and answered questions from the Board. Cody Danks, Applicant, added further information regarding the additional ground sign.

Motion was made by Sonja M. Gates, and seconded by Brad Culverhouse to approve COA #15-03 for the installation of a second ground sign.

AYE: Sonja M. Gates, Peggy Harris, Jean-Ellen Wilson, Brad Culverhouse, Suzanne Boardman, Annie Kate Jackson, Chairman Paul Sampson

Passed

Motion was made by Brad Culverhouse, and seconded by Peggy Harris to approve the sign variance with the dimensions of the sign being 9 feet by 20 feet with a maximum height of 23 feet. The Historic Preservation Board will delegate to the Historic Preservation Officer the authority to work with the applicant, as to the content of the sign having the same logo and colors as the approved monument sign. The sign will not be internally illuminated but may have cantilever lighting.

AYE: Annie Kate Jackson, Suzanne Boardman, Brad Culverhouse, Jean-Ellen Wilson, Peggy Harris, Sonja M. Gates, Chairman Paul Sampson

Passed

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Motion was made by Sonja M. Gates, and seconded by Peggy Harris to approve the absence of Holly Theuns.

AYE: Jean-Ellen Wilson, Brad Culverhouse, Suzanne Boardman, Annie Kate Jackson, Sonja M. Gates, Peggy Harris, Chairman Paul Sampson

Passed

Motion was made by Jean-Ellen Wilson, and seconded by Suzanne Boardman to approve the absence of Charlie Hayek.

AYE: Brad Culverhouse, Suzanne Boardman, Annie Kate Jackson, Sonja M. Gates, Peggy Harris, Jean-Ellen Wilson, Chairman Paul Sampson

Passed

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Gert & Robin Bezuidenhout - 518 N 2nd Street

LOCATION

518 N 2nd Street

RESPONSIBLE STAFF

Kori Benton, Historic Preservation Officer

RECOMMENDATION

Roof Replacement:

-Approval with conditions Chimney Removal:

-Denial

Attachments

Staff Report

Application

Form Review

Form Started By: Kori Benton

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CITY OF FORT PIERCE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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

MARCH 23RD, 2015

Agenda Item 7A

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD : PUBLIC HEARING

Owner & Applicant

Gert & Robin Bezuidenhout

Location

518 N 2nd Street

Parcel

2403-705-0069-000-8

Historic Status

Contributing Structure in the Edgartown Historic District

Requested Action

Replacement of existing metal shingle roof with 5V crimp metal panel roofing & removal of original chimney.

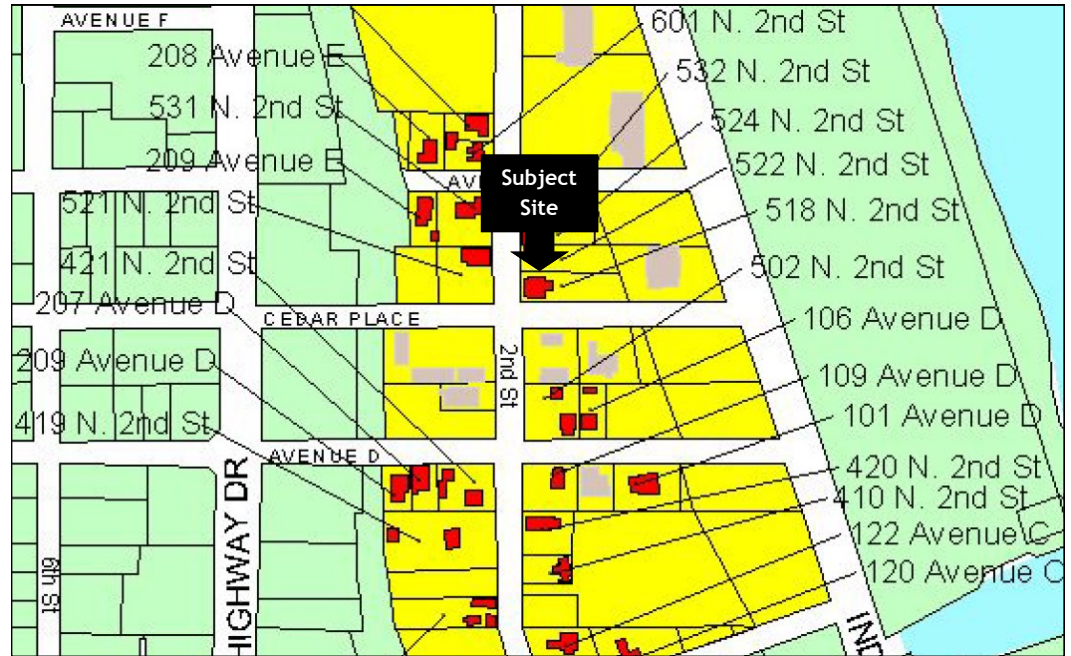
Recommendation

Roof Replacement:
Approval with conditions

Chimney Removal:
Denial

Staff

Kori Benton
Historic Preservation Officer



Location Map



Contributing



Non-Contributing



Subject Site

HISTORY

- 1910c. Date of construction.
- 2001 The City of Fort Pierce Commission adopted Resolution 01-180, creating the Edgartown historic district, establishing this structure as a contributing resource.
- 10/2006 Historic Preservation Board conditionally approved COA 06-41, requiring that the existing metal shingles be retained and reused.
- 4/2009 Historic Preservation Board conditionally approved COA 09-16, permitting various exterior alterations and landscape improvements.
- 2013 Structure received various Treasure Galleon Awards for outstanding techniques and efforts in preservation..
- 2/2015 Property purchased by current owners.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Architectural Significance

This two-story wood frame vernacular structure is located at 518 N 2nd Street. Notable architectural features include a hip roof, symmetrical facade, offset entrance, and veranda. The porch has a hip roof and is supported by chamfered wooden posts with spindlework and balustrade. The exterior wall fabric is wood drop siding, after removal of the previous wood shingles. Fenestration consists of the original 2/2 double-hung sash windows. With few alterations, this building has retained much of its architectural integrity.

Request

The applicant is proposing to replace the existing metal shingle roof, present on the principal roofs of the structure, with a 5V Crimp roof, as well as, the removal of the original chimney.

Staff Analysis

The metal shingle roof present on the structure appears to be in fair to good condition. The applicants have expressed concern regarding minor leaks and water intrusion, and have selected to seek the replacement of the roof. The applicant has submitted cost estimates from various contractors, presenting the cost differential between a metal shingle roof and 5V Crimp metal panel roof. The presented figures indicate the approximate cost of a direct replacement at \$25,860, while replacement with the proposed 5V Crimp Metal Panel roof is closer to \$12,860. A cost estimate to repair and reseal the existing metal shingles was not provided by the applicants, however Staff is pursuing estimates for presentation to the applicants, and to the Board at the meeting. It is noted that the rear addition, completed after initial construction of the home, features 5-V crimp roof panels. This current differential is not of design concern as the views of this addition are limited, and it arguably assists in the delineation as a later addition.

The original chimney present on the structure contributes to the historical nature of the structure, and overall design scheme. Although the chimney is presently “non-functional” based upon the interior floor plan and function of the present owner, functionality may be re-established in the future. The chimney may be easily sealed and should be preserved for design compliments and potential use in the future.

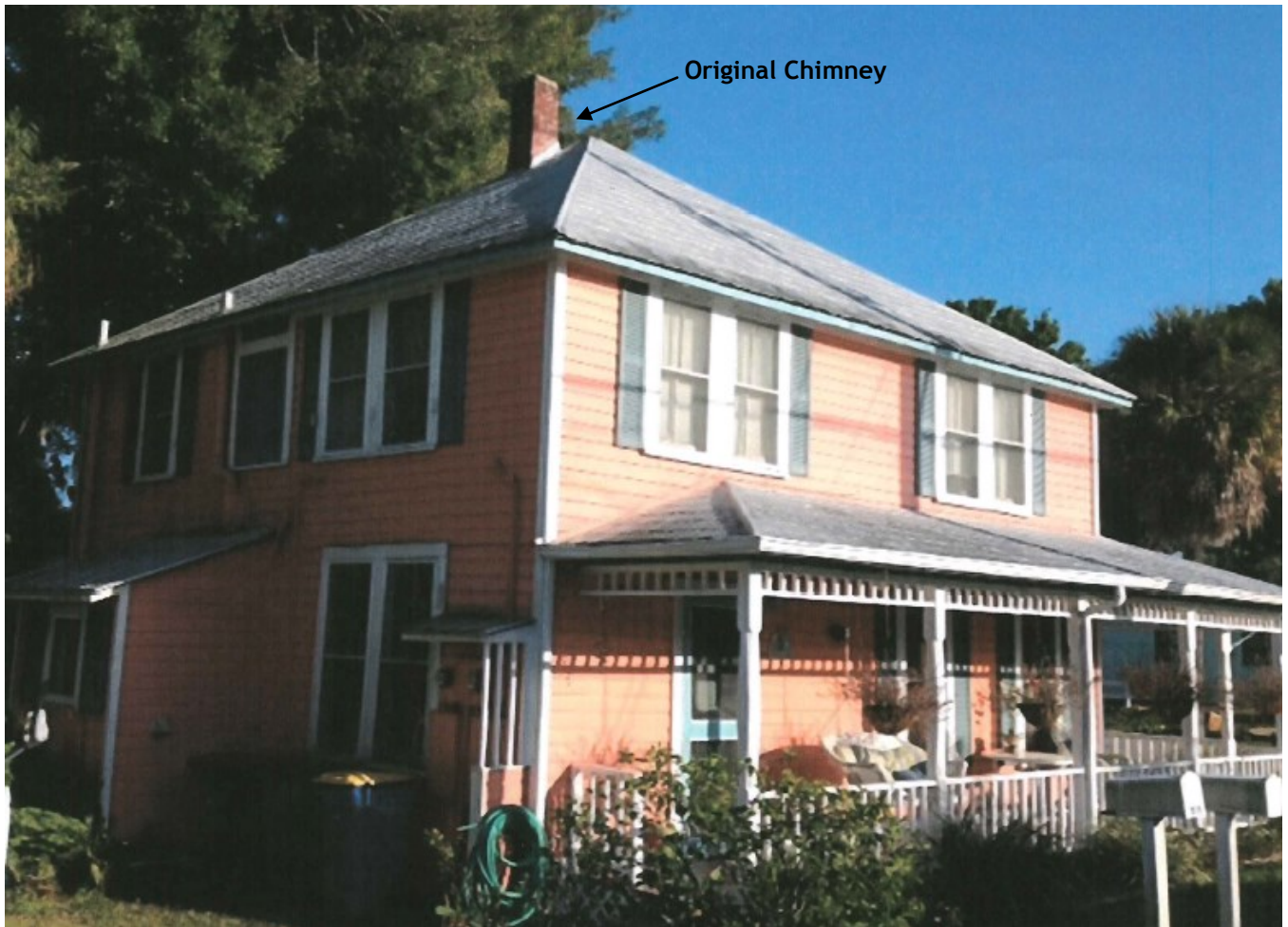
Secretary of Interior Standards for Consideration

2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.
6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

Staff Recommendation

The request to replace the existing metal shingle roof with 5V Crimp Metal Panels, and the removal of the original chimney would eliminate distinctive finishes, and examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property, and alters the design of the roof, presenting conflict with Secretary of Interior Standards 5 & 6, therefore staff recommends that the Board condition the COA request upon the repair, sealing, and minor replacement of existing metal shingles of the existing roof, or the utilization of metal shingles for a complete reroof, and deny the request to eliminate the existing chimney.







CITY OF FORT PIERCE

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Certificate of Appropriateness Application

Building & Site Information

Address of the Site: 519 N 2ND STREET, FORT PIERCE, FL 34950

Parcel ID #: _____

Type of Designation: Contributing Non-contributing Site within the Edgartown Historic District
 Individually Designated Site, City Commission Resolution No. _____

Property Owner/ Applicant Information

Property Owner(s)

Name(s): GERT + ROBIN BEZUIDENHOUT

Mailing Address: 341 N BIRCH RD, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33304

Phone Number(s): 954 736 6876 Email: CAPTGEEWIZ@GMAIL.COM

Applicant

Name(s): AS ABOVE

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____ Email: _____

Representative

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____ Email: _____

Property Owner(s) Acknowledgements:- This application will not be considered complete without the signature of all property owners of record, which shall serve as an acknowledgement of the submission of this application. The property owner's signature below shall also authorize the Applicant (if other than the property owner) and/or Representative to act in his/her behalf for the purposes of seeking approval for the application described herein. The undersigned consents to inspection and photographing of the subject property by the Historic Preservation staff for purposes of consideration of this Application and/or presentation to the Historic Preservation Board.

I / We, GERT + ROBIN BEZUIDENHOUT as Owner(s) of the subject property do hereby authorize the filing of this application on ~~my~~/our behalf.

Signature of Owner

2/27/2015
Date

Description of Requested Work

Please indicate the type of work requested:

Fence

Shed

Door(s)

Roof

Window(s)

Signage

Shutter(s)

Porch

Rehabilitation

New Construction

Demolition

Relocation

Site Improvements (describe) INSTALL NEW ROOF

Other (describe) REMOVE NON FUNCTIONAL CHIMNEY EXTENSION.

Please provide a detailed description of the proposed work to be performed: SEE ATTACHED QUOTATION. REQUEST TO USE 5U CRIMP DUE TO COST AND TO PREVENT FURTHER WATER DAMAGE TO THE CEILING + STRUCTURE.

Have other alterations been made to the site within the last 12 months? No Yes, _____

Will the proposed work require a Zoning Variance? No Yes, Code Section(s): _____

Application Requirements

\$10.00 Application fee

Site Plan with dimensions.

Architectural Drawings:

➤ Drawings should show all current and proposed floor plans and elevations, fences, walls, and any other landscape features.

➤ Drawings should indicate materials to be used.

Photos - One (1) color photograph of the main façade of the site and photographs of any areas affected by the proposed project.

Material(s) specifications and/or sample(s)

Color samples.

Demolition - Plans for what will be taking the demolished structure's place should be submitted.









J.A. TAYLOR

ROOFING CONTRACTOR

"Estimate/Contract/Proposal"

Customer/Owner/Agent: DAWN CARLIN	Mobile: 772-882-8866
Project Address: 518 2 nd STREET FORT PIERCE FL.	Phone:
Date/Type/Code: DEC. 12, 2014 21M712	Fax:
	Email: dawncarlin8@gmail.com

J.A. Taylor Roofing will provide necessary building permits, schedule all inspections with related Municipality, and maintain Current License and insurance. This proposal includes labor, materials, and all taxes. Please note that "oil canning" is a natural characteristic of all metal roof systems and is not a cause for rejection. Our "Professional" technicians will hereby complete the following:

1. Completely remove existing roofing materials down to wood batten strips and prepare as needed to ensure a clean, solid surface in which to apply a new roof. (Front wrap around porch and main upper roof only).
2. Install new 5/8" CDX sheathing on front wrap around porch and main upper roof.
3. Install 8-D "ring-shank" fasteners to new sheathing/deck to meet current Building Code requirements.
4. Install (1) ply #30 lb. roofing felt over sheathing, and mechanically fasten using approved fasteners per code requirements. *See option below to upgrade to "fully-adhered" roofing underlayment (Peel-n-stick), applied directly to sheathing, in lieu of #30 felt dry-in sheet. (Meets Insurance "Wind-Mitigation" requirements for SWR, secondary-water-barrier, for metal roof applications).
5. Install new roofing accessories including: drip edge, flashings, counter-flashings, plumbing stack flashings, and vent flashings. (Accessories will be fabricated from 26 Gauge Galvalume materials/standard colors, or will be made to match metal roofing panels).
6. Seal all penetrations using approved roofing cement and/or sealant.
7. Install new roofing materials/accessories using approved fasteners per code requirements.
8. Thoroughly clean project of all "roofing related debris" and haul away. (Landfill fees are included).

Install 5v Crimp Metal Roofing System to match existing 5v Crimp already installed.....\$12,860.00

*Upgrade to Peel & Stick Underlayment, Additional -----\$ 1,575.00

J.A. Taylor Roofing will provide a (5) Year "Leak Free" workmanship warranty from date of completion.

Any alteration or deviation from the above specifications involving additional costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. Replacement of rotten/damaged lumber is not included in estimate unless specified. Customer must provide access to building unless arrangements are made prior to estimate, therefore J.A. Taylor Roofing is not responsible for damage to driveway/sidewalks and/or any other access areas needed to approach projects. Any client that is in default in the payment of money due under terms of this account will be charged at the rate of 1 1/2 % per month on the unpaid balance. (Maximum allowable by law). If any client is referred to an attorney for collection, client agrees to pay all fees incurred in the collection of the amount due, plus all court costs and attorney fees. Work will be scheduled upon written acceptance of this proposal. This proposal may be withdrawn from us if not accepted within 60 days. *All major credit cards accepted, however an additional processing fee of up to 5% will be assessed to contract total depending on current monthly rate and card used.

Payment Terms: 1/3 Deposit @ Commencement, 1/3 Payment @ completion of dry-in, and Balance upon Completion of Project.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

Owner: _____ Date: _____

Contractor: _____ Date: _____

For further assistance please contact J.A. Taylor Roofing 772-466-4040 or fax to 772-468-8397

Thank you for the opportunity to bid your project!

***** Serving the Treasure Coast for over 50 Years *****

Respectfully Submitted by: JACK NILL 772-370-9012

2 Melton Drive

Fort Pierce, FL 34982

Tel. 772.466.4040

Fax 772.468.8397

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SERVING FLORIDA SINCE 1965

LICENSE #CCC1325724



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Install Victorian Galvalume Metal Roof System on Entire Home.....\$25,860.00

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Historic Preservation Board

7. a.

Meeting Date: 03/23/2015

Information

REQUESTED ACTION

Discussion of Zora Neale Hurston Exhibit - 809 N 9th Street

LOCATION

809 N 9th Street

RESPONSIBLE STAFF

Kori Benton, Historic Preservation Officer

RECOMMENDATION

None.

Attachments

Discussion Memo

Project Narrative & Exhibit History

Zora Neale Hurston Exhibit - Complete Project Details

Form Review

Form Started By: Kori Benton

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CITY OF FORT PIERCE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

REBECCA GROHALL, AICP, PLANNING MANAGER
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ♦ DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
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TO: Members of the City of Fort Pierce Historic Preservation Board

THROUGH: Rebecca Grohall, AICP, Planning Manager

FROM: Kori Benton, Historic Preservation Officer

RE: **Discussion of Zora Neale Hurston Exhibit**
809 N 9th Street

DATE: March 16, 2015

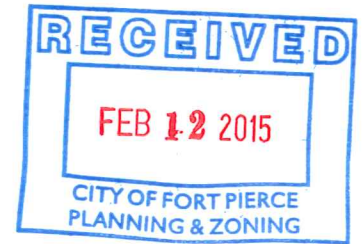
The St. Lucie County Welfare Home, located at 809 N. 9th Street has garnered a significant amount of attention over the last few years based upon the findings that the site is the last residency of renowned writer, folklorist, anthropologist, playwright and poet, Zora Neale Hurston.

The present Director and program facilitator, Brenda Cooper, has established an exhibit of Zora Neale Hurston's life, and death at the facility. On display at the site are the room Zora passed away in, replicas of her bed, typewriter, furniture and a collection of family pictures. A copy of the original death certificate shows the removal of her body from the home to Peaks Funeral Home.

Ms. Cooper is exploring further promotion of the exhibit, and prospective designation on the local registry of Historic Places. St. Lucie County is the current property owner, and has not formally signed such request; therefore the discussion item is being presented to provide the Board with further history and information about the site. Action towards designation would be required to be initiated by St. Lucie County, or the Historic Preservation Board. Staff will continue coordinating with St. Lucie County to facilitate the processing of a designation request, if selected by the Board of County Commissioners, or County Administration.

SLC Agape Senior Recreational Center
Zora Neale Hurston Exhibit

809 N. 9th Street
Ft. Pierce Fl. 34950
772/465-8990



Fort Pierce City Hall
Historical Preservation Dept.
100 U.S. Highway #1
Fort Pierce, Fl. 4950

January 12, 2015

This letter is submitted requesting the old SLC Welfare Home, at 809 N. 9th Street be placed on the Historical Registry. It was the last residency of renowned writer, folklorist, anthropologist, playwright and poet, Zora Neale Hurston.

Since her passing on January 29th, 1960 many have taken an interest in her life. Today, at the 809 N. 9th Street address, an exhibit of Zora's life and death is now on display. A number of visitors have stopped by to see the room Zora passed away in, replicas of her bed, typewriter, furniture and family pictures. A copy of the original death certificate shows the removal of her body from the home to Peaks Funeral Home. A letter written by Abbiejean Russell, the welfare home's supervisor, confirms Zora's stay as a patient. All this and more are all on display. We hope to entice our youth, teachers, professors and out of town visitors to come and learn of this remarkable person.

This building for the past forty five years until today, has served seniors breakfast, lunch and provides recreational games for the men and women of their peers to play. I, Brenda Cooper for the past twenty years, have been associated with this center. As director, board member and now curator of the exhibit, I pledge to keep this building active with senior and the memory Zora.

Please find pictures of students, teachers and out of town visitor enjoying the exhibit.

I hope you take this matter into consideration.

Respectfully yours,


Brenda M. Cooper/Curator





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OFFICE of VITAL STATISTICS

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE NO. **60-004315**

BIRTH NO. **6602** FLORIDA REGISTRAR'S NO. **39**

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY St. Lucie		CODE NO. 6602	2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution: Residence before admission) a. STATE Florida b. COUNTY St. Lucie	
b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Ft. Pierce		c. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Ft. Pierce	
d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION 809 North 9th. St.		e. LENGTH OF STAY IN 1b 2 yrs.	d. STREET ADDRESS 1734 School Court	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) First Zora Middle Neil Last Hurston			4. DATE OF DEATH Month January Day 28th Year 1960	
5. SEX Female	6. COLOR OR RACE Negro	7. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8. DATE OF BIRTH Jan 7 - 1903	
9. AGE (In years last birthday) 57		IF UNDER 1 YEAR IF UNDER 24 MRS. Months Days Hours Min.		
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Write Anthropologist		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Author	11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Florida	
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U. S. A.		13. FATHER'S NAME Deceased		
14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Deceased		15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service)		
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		17. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE Margaret Page Address Lincoln Park Academy		

22a. SIGNATURE Margaret Page (Degree or title)	22b. ADDRESS 755 ... Fla	22c. DATE SIGNED 2-3-60
23a. MANNER OF REMOVAL (Specify) Burial	23b. DATE 2-7-60	23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Geneale Gardens
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) Ft. Pierce Fla		24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE Dorothy Baker
25. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG 2-6-60		26. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Alice Henderson

C. Meade Grijj, State Registrar

Date Issued: **FEB 18 2013**

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May 7, 1971

Mr. Robert Hemenway
Associate Professor
American Studies Program
University of Wyoming
Box 3334, University Station
Laramie, Wyoming 82070

Re: Zora Neale Hurston

Dear Mr. Hemenway:

Your letter of May 10th in regard to the above captioned person was referred to me for reply since I was executive director of St. Lucie County Welfare Association for twenty-two years prior to my retirement in February 1967.

On May 12, 1959 Zora Neale Hurston applied to this agency, and was granted assistance for prescription drugs. At that time her other needs were being met from the rent of one of her rooms and benefits from a sick and accident insurance policy.

On June 9, 1959 she had drawn the last of her insurance claims for the calendar year, and in addition to drugs, was approved for food vouchers.

The latter part of September 1959 Miss Hurston, a victim of hypertensive heart disease, was regressing both physically and mentally. On October the 29th she was admitted to St. Lucie County's Lincoln Park welfare home, 809 N. 9th Street, and died in the home on January 28, 1960.

Prior to Miss Thurston's admission to the welfare home, we had a number of friendly chats. She referred with pride to Eatonville, Florida where she grew up, and to her early days at Columbia University. She spoke of her work as a novelist and we discussed other subjects pertaining to local and national affairs of the day. I was attracted to Miss Thurston as a person, not because of her accomplishments.

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Zora Neale Hurston Historical Sites

1. Hurston Library
3008 Avenue D
2. Hurston House
1734 Avenue L
3. Chronicle News
1529 Avenue D
4. Lincoln Park Academy
1806 Avenue I
5. Backus House
122 Backus Avenue
6. SLC Nursing Home
809 N. 9th Street
7. Peeks Funeral Chapel
728 Avenue D
8. Grave Site
Avenue S. & 17th Street



EXHIBIT & SENIOR CENTER
As it looks today and it still serves the elderly

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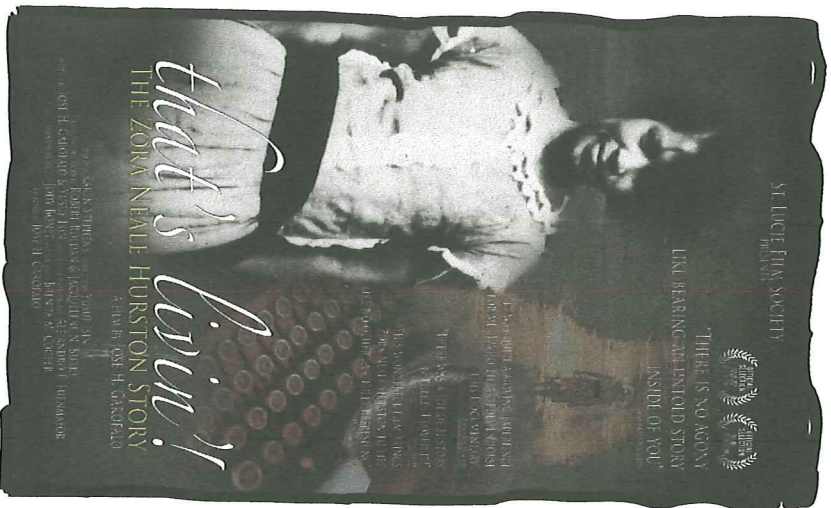


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"Pat's Spin"

(Lirin spelled the way Zora spelled it in her writings)



A ZORA NEALE HURSTON DOCUMENTARY
Filmed in the City of Fort Pierce, FL, this uplifting story of an iconic African American Author, who wrote the well known novel *'Their Eyes Were Watching God'*, is on DVD and can be purchased at the Zora Neale Hurston Exhibit.

THE ZORA NEALE HURSTON EXHIBIT

809 N. 9th Street

Fort Pierce, Florida 34950



Curator: *Brenda M. Cooper*

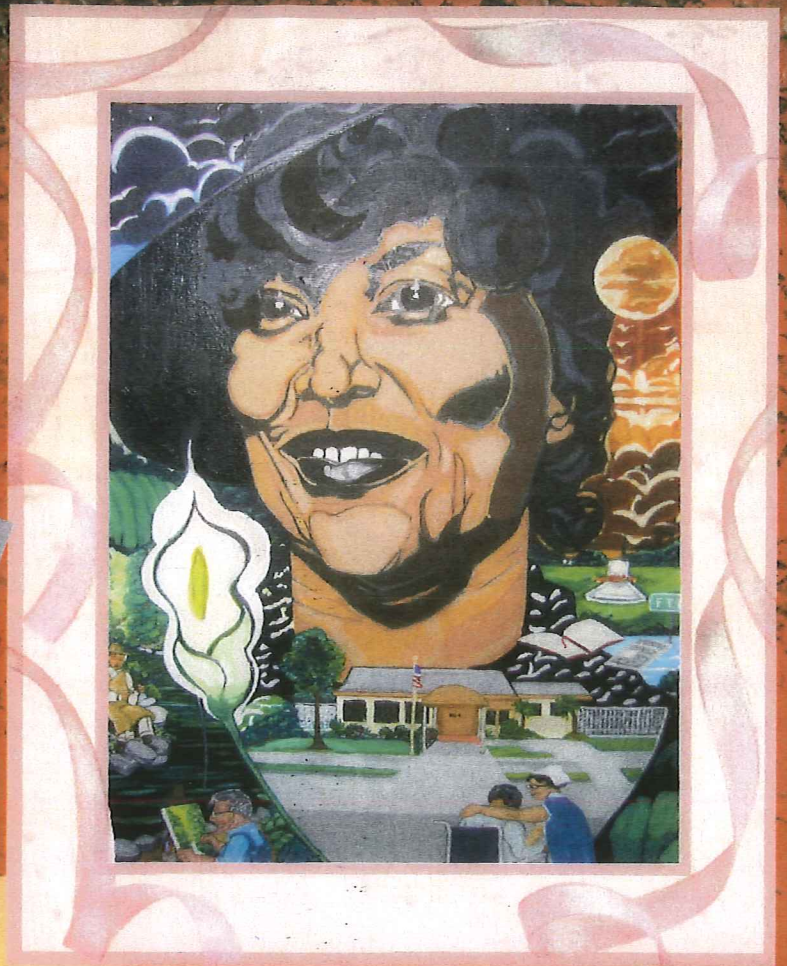
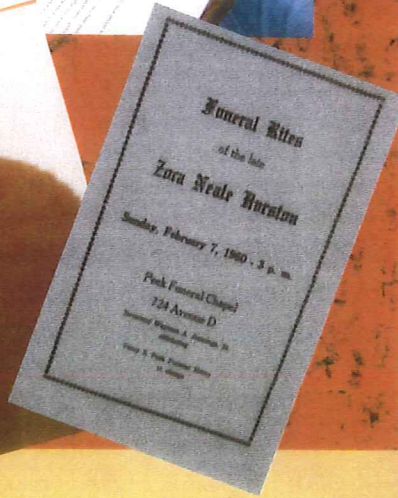
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"Their Eyes Were Watching God"



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January 7, 1891 - January 28, 1960

Born during the time of Jim Crow in Notasulga, Alabama, Zora looked beyond her birth place traveling to Honduras, Haiti, and throughout the Terpentine fields of Florida.

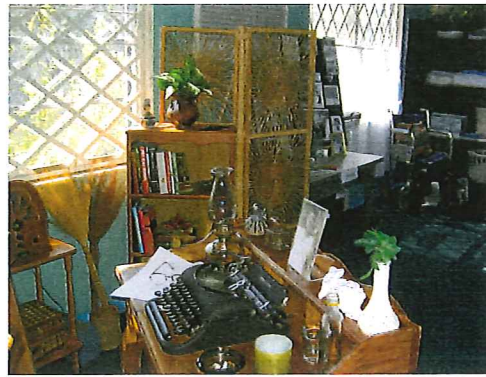
This remarkable brave women captured the hearts and minds of readers everywhere with her novels, plays, articles, and short stories.

Today an exhibit is opened to the community, to celebrate her life and her achèvements.



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Inside the Zora Neale Hurston Exhibit



Saturday, January 26, 2013: The Grand Opening of the Zora Neale Hurston Exhibit, opened it's doors at 809 N. 9th Street in Ft. Pierce.

Zora's Biography: Born in Macon County, Notasulga, Alabama, on January 7, 1891. Anthropologist, American Folklorist and Acclaimed Author during the Harlem Renaissance, was dimly recognize in the Fort Pierce area. Today, she is known for her ground breaking collection of books and outspoken memoirs.

Building's History: In the Nineteen Fifties, 809 N. 9th Street was known as the Saint Lucie Welfare Home. A place where the sick, with no means of support was placed. One such sick person, was Zora Neale Hurston. The acclaimed writer of the well known novel "Their Eyes Where Watching God". (Oprah Winfrey's book choice) In the Seventies, after the county welfare home closed its doors, the building became the Helping Hand Neighbors Senior Citizens Center. Today, it is known to the area as the S.L.C. Agape Recreational Center. A safe place providing breakfast, lunch, activities and pleasant surroundings for seniors to enjoy, from 8:30 am until 1: pm.

Death History: Over the years there have been questions to the actual place of Zora's death. Many claimed she passed away in the hospital. A closer look proved she did not have medical insurance, nor did she have any income. Subsequently, in poor health the Lincoln Park Hospital, released her to the county welfare home just two blocks away. Hospital medical papers and a letter written by the nursing home's supervisor, Abbiejean Russell, speaks of Zora's illness at the home. Russell writes in her letter; On January 29, 1960, Zora Neale Hurston, passed away at the age of 69, at County Welfare Home, in Fort Pierce Fl. A death certificate was issued by Peaks Funeral Home, on Ave. D. A funeral presided and she was buried at the Heavenly Rest Cemetery with friends, teachers and students attending.

After creditable documentation of her stay at the building was confirmed, the Agape Senior Center Board, voted to place an exhibit in the building to honor the writer.

The building stands today almost as it did back then. A charming little building that if walls could talk, would tell the story of Zora's last days. Inside is a room designed to duplicate what the nursing home may have look like, during the time Zora rested there. In another area of the room, there is a desk, a typewriter, copies of her writings, letters, books, pictures, clothing and of course, *hats*.

For those who have not seen the Zora documentary "*that's livin,*" filmed right here in Ft. Pierce, the DVD's may be purchased at the Exhibit. Come visit the Exhibit and learn of this extraordinary woman named, *Zora Neale Hurston*.

During the weekday, scheduling for students are made. On Saturdays by appointment only, community and out of town visitors may call: 772/332-1220

History Of The Site

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During Zora's stay, another known person working at the facility was Abbyjean Russell, supervisor for the County. In a letter Ms. Russell speaks of Zora's illnesses and of the many conversation they both had, about Zora being a writer. (letter on display at the building)

Ms. Russell's work affiliation with the county most have been of some significant. So much so that a Nursing Home facility was named in her honor.

In the early eighties, the welfare home closed its door only to reopen as the SLC Helping Hand Neighbors Senior Citizens Center. A place where seniors received breakfast, lunch, and six hours of recreational fun in a safe place with others of their piers. As of today, seniors and the disable come for meals and to socialize. However, they are not the only ones who enjoy coming to the center. Students and visitors also drop by to see an exhibit of the famous author, now on display. Today visitors from Connecticut, New Jersey, Nevada and various parts of Florida, stop in to see the place were Zora Neale Hurston spent her last days.



Zora Neale Hurston



809 N. 9th Street



Abbiejean Russell

May 7, 1971

Mr. Robert Hemenway
Associate Professor
American Studies Program
University of Wyoming
Box 3334 University Station
Laramie, Wyoming 82070

Re: Zora Neale Hurston

Dear Mr. Hemenway:

Your letter of May 10th in regard to the above cautioned person was referred to me for reply since I was executive director of St. Lucie County Welfare Association for twenty-two years prior to my retirement in February 1967.

On May 12, 1959 Zora Neale Hurston applied to this agency, and was granted assistance for prescription drugs. At the time her other needs were being met from the rent of one of her rooms and benefits from a sick and accident insurance policy.

On May 9, 1959 she had drawn the last of her insurance claims for the calendar year, and in addition to drugs, was approved for food vouchers.

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Mr. Robert Hemenway
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Laramie, Wyoming

June 7, 1971

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Time with both gathering information for your biography. I also called Dr. C. C. Benton's office and was informed by his secretary that you and the doctor had corresponded relative to Miss Hurston. Therefore, I feel that anything I might say would be of no use to you.

I am happy to know that you are writing a biography of Miss Hurston. She is a woman her race can be proud of.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Abbiejean Russell
Welfare Home Coordinator

cc: Mrs. Gladys Smith

Zora Neal Hurston Exhibit
Acclaimed Author and Anthropologist

Something you may not know

In 1957, Zora arrived in Ft. Pierce to write for a black newspaper called the Chronicle. The Publisher and Owner C. E. Bolin, wrote Zora requesting she come. She agreed and soon after, began writing articles on Community Concerns, Race Relations and Local Features. Before her arrival she had depleted her savings, her health had already began to fail and by the fall of 1959, she was forced to enter the hospital for hypertension and a stroke. Shortly afterwards, her insurance ran out and she was placed at the St. Lucie County Welfare Home.

In a letter written by the supervisor of the home, Miss Abbiejean Russell, she writes: "The patient, after having a stroke is unable to care for herself. She has difficulty walking, speaking and there is lost of movement on her left side. During her stay here, Miss. Hurston and I had a number of friendly chats. She stated she was a reporter for a black newspaper in town, is an author of several books. She often would speak of her travels and works as a novelist. I found myself attracted to Miss Hurston as a person and not because of her accomplishments".

On January 29, 1960, Zora Neale Hurston passed away. While living in Ft. Pierce, she was not known as an accomplished person. Therefore, with no family members near, none of her personal things at her home were kept.

Today, the building still stands. It is now a recreational center for seniors to enjoy as well as to host the Zora Neale Hurston Exhibit. Letters and other documentation of her stay at the home can be found on the exhibit walls. Looking down a narrow hallway, you see a image of Zora, welcoming you. Of course she is no longer with us, but her presents is everywhere. In the exhibit room you hear the charm of her voice and the sounds of southern music. Pictures of her, books she's written, a typewriter, period clothing and of course hats, are all on display.

As told by family and friends, the authentic documentary story of her life "That's Living" filmed right here in Ft. Pierce, can be purchased as well as books and other items.

The exhibit is open during the Zora events in Ft. Pierce, Black History and during Women In History month. At other times by calling: Brenda Cooper at 772-332-1220

Zora Neale Hurston Biography

Author, Civil Rights Activist (1891–1960)



Anthropologist and novelist Zora Neale Hurston was a fixture of the Harlem Renaissance before writing her masterwork, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

Synopsis

Born in Alabama on January 7, 1891, Zora Neale Hurston spent her early adulthood studying at various universities and collecting folklore from the South, the Caribbean and Latin America. She published her findings in *Mules and Men*. Hurston was a fixture of the Harlem Renaissance, rubbing shoulders with many of its famous writers. In 1937, she published her masterwork of fiction, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. Hurston died in Florida in 1960.

Early Life

Born on January 7, 1891, in Notasulga, Alabama, writer Zora Neale Hurston created several acclaimed works of fiction, including the novel *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. She was also an outstanding folklorist and anthropologist who worked to record the stories and tales of many cultures, including her own African-American heritage.

Hurston was the daughter of two former slaves. Her father, John Hurston, was a pastor, and he moved the family to Florida when Hurston was very young. Following the death of her mother, Lucy Ann (Potts) Hurston, in 1904, and her father's subsequent remarriage, Hurston lived with an assortment of family members for the next few years.

To support herself and finance her efforts to get an education, Hurston worked a variety of jobs, including as a maid for an actress in a touring Gilbert and Sullivan group. In

1920, Hurston earned an associate degree from Howard University. She published one of her earliest works in the university's newspaper. A few years later, she moved to New York City's Harlem neighborhood, where she became a fixture in the area's thriving art scene.

Writing Career

Living in Harlem in the 1920s, Hurston befriended the likes of Langston Hughes and Countee Cullen, among several others. Her apartment, according to some accounts, was a popular spot for social gatherings. Around this time, Hurston experienced a few early literary successes, including placing in short-story and playwriting contests in *Opportunity* magazine.

Hurston also had serious academic interests. She landed a scholarship to Barnard College, where she pursued the subject of anthropology and studied with Franz Boas. In 1927, Hurston returned to Florida to collect African-American folk tales. She would later publish a collection of these stories, entitled *Mules and Men* (1935). Hurston also contributed articles to magazines, including the *Journal of American Folklore*.

Also in the mid-1930s, Hurston explored the fine arts through a number of different projects. She worked with Langston Hughes on a play called *Mule-Bone: A Comedy of Negro Life*—disputes over the work would eventually lead to a falling out between the two writers—and wrote several other plays, including *The Great Day* and *From Sun to Sun*.

Hurston released her first novel, *Jonah's Gourd Vine*, in 1934. Two years later, she received a Guggenheim fellowship, which allowed her to work on what would become her most famous work: *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (1937). She wrote the novel while traveling in Haiti, where she also studied local voodoo practices. That same year, Hurston spent time in Jamaica conducting anthropological research.

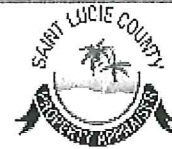
In 1942, Hurston published her autobiography, *Dust Tracks on a Road*. This personal work was well-received by critics, but her life and career soon began to falter. Hurston was charged with molesting a 10-year-old boy in 1948; despite being able to prove that she was out of the country at the time of the incident, she suffered greatly from this false accusation.

PROPERTY RECORD CARD

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Property Identification

Site Address: 809 N 9th St ParcelID: 2403-710-0012-000-0
 Sec/Town/Range: 03 :36S :40E Account #: 16110
 Map ID: 24/03S Use Type: COUNTIES
 Zoning: R4 City/Cnty: Fort Pierce



Ownership and Mailing

Owner: St Lucie County
 Address: %Management & Budget
 2300 Virginia Ave Fort Pierce FL 34982-6632

Legal Description

GLIDDEN'S TERRACE BLK 4 LOTS 5, 6, 8 AND 9 (DB 188-12)

Sales Information

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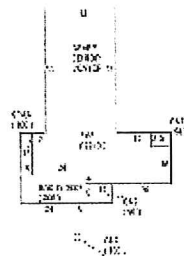
Assessment 2013

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 Taxable: 0
 Taxes: 0

Total Land and Building

Land Value: 46200 Acres: 0.64
 Building Value: 92000
 Finished Area: 3270 SqFt

BUILDING INFORMATION



Exterior Features

View:	-	RoofCover:	FS - Fiberglass Shg	RoofStruct:	GA - Gable
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Grade:	D - D	EffYrBlt:	1979	PrimeWall:	BP - Conc Block
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Interior Features

BedRooms:	0	Electric:	MX - MAXIMUM	PrmIntWall:	DW - Drywall
FullBath:	0	HeatType:	FHA - FredHotAir	AvgHt/Ft:	
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Special Features and Yard Items

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CURB - CEMENT CURB	Y	1	78	AV	AV	1978					
FEN6 - CHAINLINK 6'	Y	1	360	AV	AV	2001					