



CITY OF FORT PIERCE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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

OCTOBER 26, 2015

Agenda Item 6D

Owner / Applicant

Bible Way Soul Saving

Location

436 N 9th Street

Parcel ID

2410-601-0039-000-2

Historic Status

This Building is a contributing resource in the Lincoln Park Historic District. It is not eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Requested Action

Requesting demolition of one (1) contributing structure with no plans for new construction.

Recommendation

Approval with Conditions

Staff

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 Historic Preservation Planner

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD : PUBLIC HEARING



Location Map



Contributing



Non-Contributing



Subject Site

HISTORY

- 1940 Date of construction per Florida Master Site File.
- 18/3/2002 City Commission adopts the Avenue D Historic District via Resolution No. 02-40 Structure is listed as contributing.
- 2/2/2015 City Commission rename Avenue D Historic District to Lincoln Park Historic District.
- 7/13/2015 Received Commercial Façade Grant Award for demolition and removal of the building, repainting exterior of usable building, adding new signage and landscaping.

FINDINGS

Architectural Significance:

The subject building is associated with the Depression and World War II Period (1930-1945) in Fort pierce History. This one story wood frame building is a typical example of Frame Vernacular architectural style, articulated in the rectangular, simple floor plan, gable roof and hip-roofed front porch with tapered wood posts, piers foundation and drop siding exterior.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Criteria for Demolition (23-49): 436 N 9th Street	Staff Analysis	Criteria Met?
Is the structure of such interest or quality that it would reasonably meet national, state, or local criteria for designation as a significant historic or architectural site or structure?	Yes, The subject Frame Vernacular Style structure is listed as contributing in the Lincoln Park historic district, however the unfortunate lack of maintenance has allowed deterioration of the structure to a point beyond reasonable rehabilitation.	Yes
Is the structure of such design, craftsmanship or material that it could be reproduced only with great difficulty or expense?	No. The materials used represent simple, basic designs, poor quality and have been deteriorated or destroyed.	Yes
Is the structure one of the last remaining examples of its kind in the city, county or region?	No. The Frame Vernacular Style is represented by multiple structures located at the same district.	Yes
Does the structure contribute significantly to the historic character of a designated historic district?	No. The structure has been deteriorated. Its historic integrity is diminished.	Yes
Would retention of the structure promote the general welfare of the city by providing an opportunity for study of local history, architecture and design or by developing an understanding of the importance and value of a particular culture and heritage?	No. The structure in its current shape does not promote the general welfare of the city or the Lincoln Park historic district.	Yes
Are there definite plans for re-use of the property if the proposed demolition is carried out, and what will be the effect of those plans on the character of the surrounding area	After the demolition applicant will grade and resode the site and will plant trees and hedges to beautify the area. The proposed landscaping will enhance the visual appearance of the area.	No

Retention of the structure in its current form and condition does not provide compelling justification for the significant cost of rehabilitation. The historic district would be better served by construction of a new structure representing the original architectural style or by providing landscaping to enhance visual appearance of the area, as proposed by the applicant.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

As the application meets the remaining criteria for demolition, Staff recommends **approval** of the application. However, since the proposed Schefflera is on the list of Invasive Plants in Florida staff recommends replacing it by the Florida native plants.



