



HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION

STAFF REPORT

Project Address: 502 N 19th Street
Parcel ID: 2409-602-0285-000-0
Legal Description: ALAMANDA VISTA S/D BLK N LOT 12 AND W 5 FT OF VAC ALLEY ADJ ON E
Zoning Designation: Neighborhood Commercial (C-2)
Owner: Triumph Church and Kingdom of God

REQUEST

The property owner has submitted a Preliminary Historic Designation Application for the property at 502 N 19th Street and is petitioning the Board to recommend for approval designation as a Historic Property and a Locally Significant Site under the following designation criteria:

- Significant Event, Section 23-36(a)(1) of the City Code
- Significant Person, Section 23-36(a)(2) of the City Code
- Architectural Significance, Section 23-36(a)(3) of the City Code.



South façade

BACKGROUND

STRUCTURE'S HISTORY

The Triumph Church & Kingdom of God located at 502 N 19th Street was built in 1950 according to Sanborn Company map research and Certified Florida Appraiser Office. It is associated with the Post World War II Period (1946-1960) in Fort Pierce history.

Significant Event:

The Triumph Church & Kingdom of God has hosted many important community programs and events including Weed and Seed Program, Minister's Alliance, Kids at Hope, Annual Fire Night (from mid-90's until late 90's) and several concerts and religious meetings.

Significant Person:

John Maynor of the Highwaymen Artist Movement is associated with the site and painted the church name on the front façade of the structure.



Church name painted by John Maynor

STRUCTURE'S DESCRIPTION

Style:	Masonry Vernacular
Exterior Plan:	Rectangular
Structural System:	Concrete Block
Foundation Type:	Continuous, Concrete Block
Exterior Fabric:	Stucco, Block-concrete
Roof Type:	Gable
Roof Material:	Composition Shingles
Roof Secondary Structures (2 Steeples):	Pyramidal Roofs
Windows:	2/2 Double-Hung Metal Sash
Main Entrance:	Centered 1-Leaf Door
Exterior Ornaments:	Medallions, Triangular, Buttresses
Current Condition:	Fair



North facade

Architectural Significance:

The building is one-story Masonry Vernacular architectural style as expressed by rectangular floor plan and composition shingle gable roof. Secondary elements of the roof are 2 pyramidal roofs and steeples. Other design elements include centrally located door, medallions, triangular openings, and buttresses.



Windows were considerably altered

APPLICABLE STANDARDS / CRITERIA

The following sections of the City Code apply to the consideration of this designation:

Section 23-36. Designation Criteria.

(a) *Consistent with the criteria established by the National Register of Historic Places, the board shall recommend for designation places, buildings, structures, landscape features, archaeological sites and other improvements as individual sites, districts or archaeological zones that are significant in Fort Pierce's history, architecture, archaeology or culture and possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship or association; and meets the following criteria:*

(1) *(Significant event) Are associated with events that have made significant contributions to the pattern of history in the community, St. Lucie County, the state or the nation; or*

(2) *(Significant person) Are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or*

(3) *(Architectural Significance) Embodies the distinctive characteristics of an architectural type, period, style or method of construction; or the work of a prominent designer or builder; or contains elements of design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship of outstanding quality; or that represents a significant innovation or adaptation to the South Florida environment; or represents a distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.*



Aerial of the site

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This church building went through many alternations which partially damaged its original architectural features. However, the intention of the owner, based on his testimony, is to renovate this structure and bring it to its original form.

Therefore, the Historic Preservation Board accepted the Historic Designation Application and directed staff to complete the Designation Report.

Based on the available documents and current photographs, staff recognizes the cultural and architectural significance of the building as it hosted many community programs and events, and it represents characteristics of the Fort Pierce Masonry Vernacular Style. Staff recommends approval of the Historic Designation Application.



Original Front Façade

Windows and front door before alterations.

SOURCES

- St. Lucie County Property Appraiser's Property Record Card
- Florida Master Site File, Historical Structure Form, April 27, 2007

ATTACHMENTS

- Property Owner's Preliminary Historic Designation Application
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- St. Lucie County Property Appraiser's Property Record Card