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# **Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting**

Project Update

A. Quinn Jones

Dec 21, 2009



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# A Quinn Jones Home

- Homestead of Dr. A. Quinn Jones, located at 1013 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, was gifted to City by Jones Family
  - Approved by City Commission 7/24/2006
- Original Deed Recorded - 7/30/2007
- Corrective Deed Recorded – 8/6/2008





# A Quinn Jones Home As It Was Gifted to the City



Front façade, NW 7th Avenue, facing SW



Front porch, facing E



Side and rear facades, facing W



Rear, Professor Jones's study addition, facing N

# Accomplishments-to-Date

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- National Register Nomination
- State of Florida Marker
- Feasibility Study
- Roof Replacement and Carport Removal
- Exterior Renovations



# A Quinn Jones Historic Marker

*Accomplishments-to-Date*

- Purchased by CRA
- Received June 2009 –Installed September 2009



## THE HOME OF A. QUINN JONES, SR., EDUCATOR

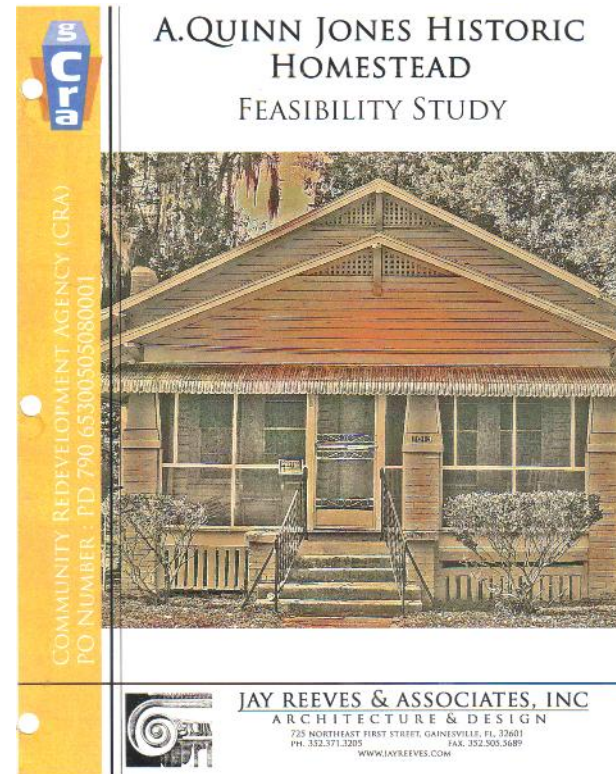
A. Quinn Jones, Sr. (1893-1997), teacher, educational leader, and prominent African-American advocate, lived here from 1925 to 1997. The home, built ca. 1920, is a one-story frame bungalow set on brick piers. Jones' career, spanning the segregation era, was marked by his determination to provide quality education to all African-American children. Jones served as teacher and principal at two of Alachua County's most important African-American schools, Union Academy (1921-1923) and Lincoln High School (1923-1957). He taught English, Latin, math, and science, and held fundraisers to ensure materials and salaries to his students and staff. In 1924-25, Jones extended Lincoln's grades to the 12th so that students could earn a full high school diploma. The Florida Department of Education noted Jones' leadership and in 1926, Lincoln High School became Florida's second accredited African-American High School. In 1956, Lincoln High School moved to the southeast area of Gainesville and the original building became an elementary school bearing Jones' name. The A. Quinn Jones Center stands as a memorial to his extraordinary contributions to the African-American community, the people of Alachua County, and the State of Florida.

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- Jay Reeves & Associates contracted to complete feasibility study
- Scope of Work
  - Evaluation of current structure for use as a House Museum
  - Research into building codes and accessibility issues for necessary renovations
  - Construction cost estimate
- Conclusions/Recommendations
  - Replace Roof
  - Remove carport structure
  - Install ADA ramp
  - Make interior repairs



# Roof Replacement & Carport Removal

*Accomplishments-to-Date*





# Exterior Renovations

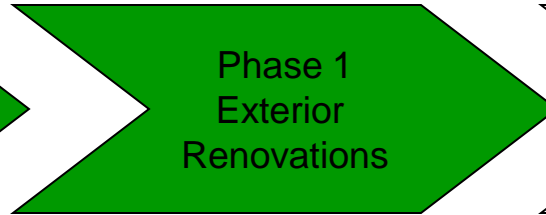


# Plan Forward

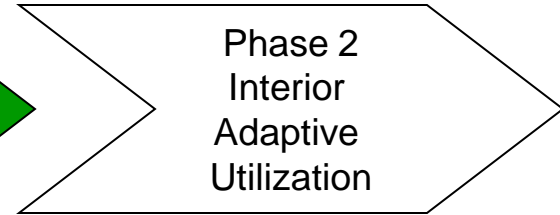
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# Plan Forward – Phase 1

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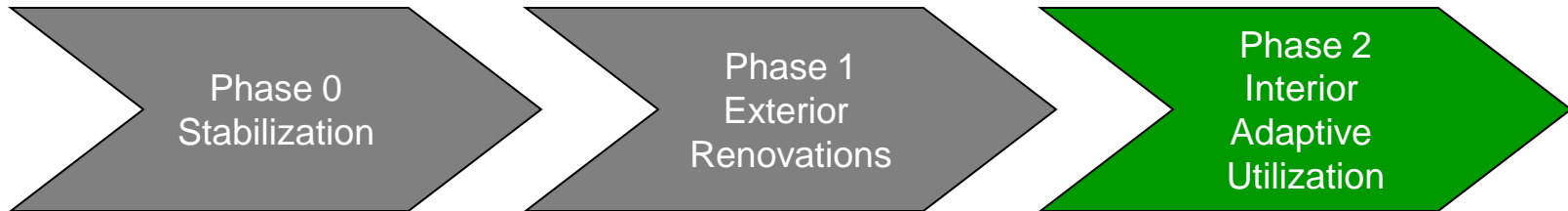
- Scope
  - As-built drawings/Existing Conditions
  - Construction Documents for exterior renovations, include HVAC systems and ADA ramps
  - Reached Guaranteed Maximum Price for Construction
- Timeline
  - December 2009
- Outcomes
  - Complete exterior renovations
  - Building in ADA compliance on the exterior
- Vendors
  - 4M Design, Historic Architects
  - BBI Construction Management, Contractor





# Plan Forward – Phase 2

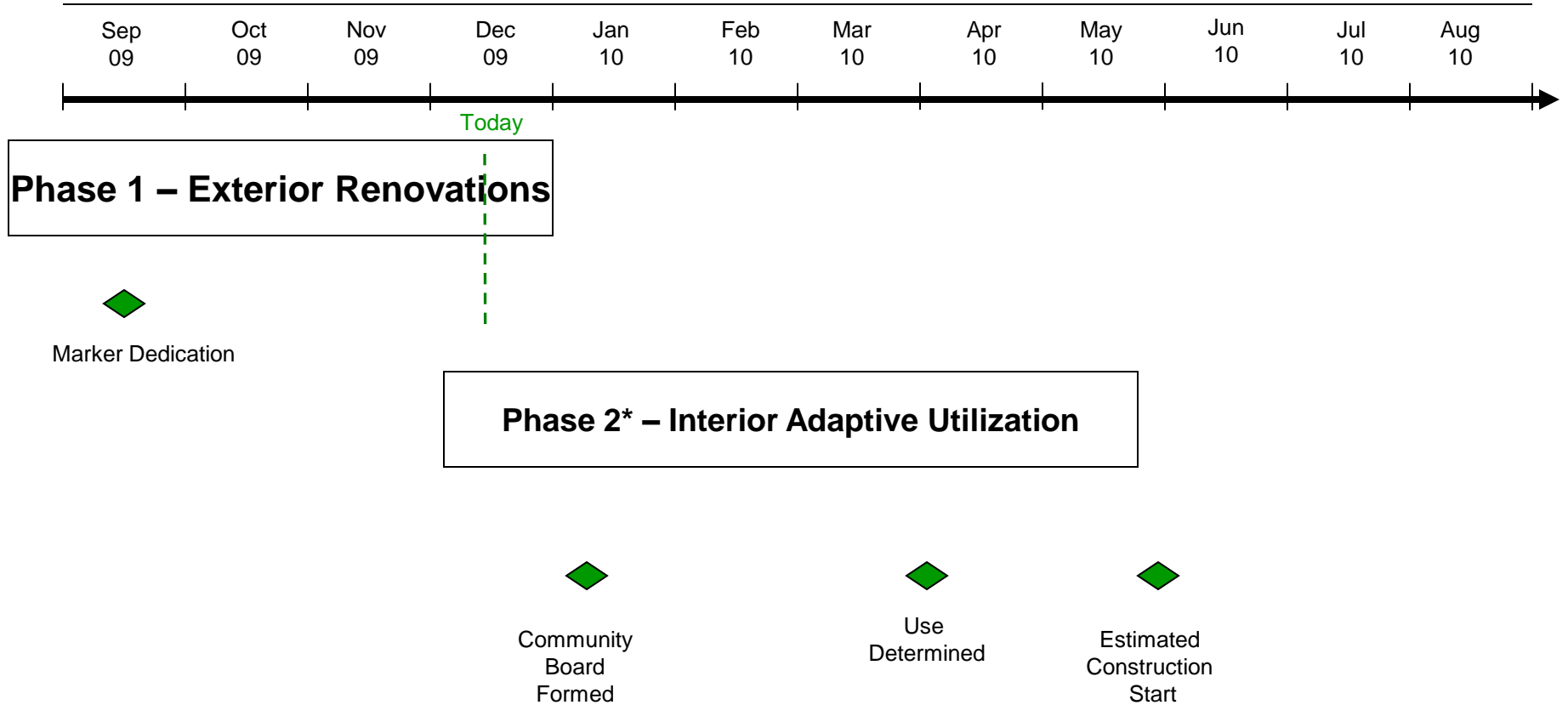
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- Scope
  - Engage community to form a Community Advisory Board
  - Define use for building
  - Develop an Operational Plan
  - Interior Design and Construction
- Timeline
  - Use and Operational Plan (December 2009 – March 2010)
  - Design and Construction (April 2010– September 2010)
- Expected Outcomes
  - Functional use in renovated building
- Vendors
  - 4M Design, Historic Architects
  - TBD, Contractor



# High-Level Project Schedule



\*Tentative



## **A. Quinn Jones – Additional Projects**

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- 1. CRA staff in partnership with Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs and The School Board of Alachua County will remove the existing basketball courts and construct a new ball court which will include a shade structure over one of the half courts at A. Quinn Jones School.**
  - Time Line – 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2010
  
- 2. Honorary Street Naming of NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street.**
  - A. Quinn Jones Sr. provided significant contributions to the Gainesville community, to further memorialize his life and achievements CRA staff will follow the procedures set forth by The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee for establishing the honorary designation (or dual naming) of NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between NW 13<sup>th</sup> St and NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
  
  - Time Line – 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2010





# Recommendation

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- Hear presentation from staff

