
Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting

Project Update
A. Quinn Jones
July 20, 2009

Partnership between City of Gainesville and Community
Redevelopment Agency

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A Quinn Jones Home

Project Background

- Homestead of Dr. A. Quinn Jones, located at 1013 NW 7th 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 History

Project Background

Photos from Jones Family Photo Album

A. Quinn Jones Collection, Smathers Library, University of Florida



In front of house



In front of house



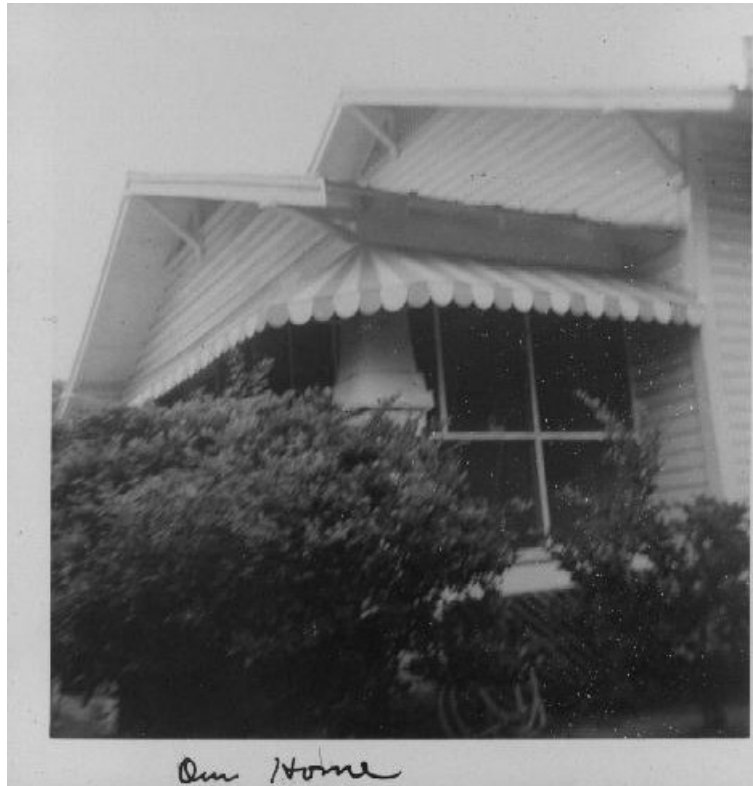
Lincoln HS in background

1938 Photos of A. Quinn Jones and his wife, Frederica Jones, who also taught at LHS

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Views of A. Quinn Jones home taken in the 1950s

A Quinn Jones Home Today



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

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

National Register Nomination

Accomplishments-to-Date

- Application was submitted on 11/24/2008

Physical Description

The home of A. Quinn Jones is a 1-story wood frame bungalow, built ca1920, with front and rear screened porches and 3 chimneys. Additions include a carport and a room, used as Professor Jones's study, on the west side of the house. The interior is intact and includes the original fireplaces and furnishings. The surroundings are residential, with homes of similar scale and period. Across the street is the original Lincoln High School, built in 1923. The Jones property was donated to the City of Gainesville in 2006.

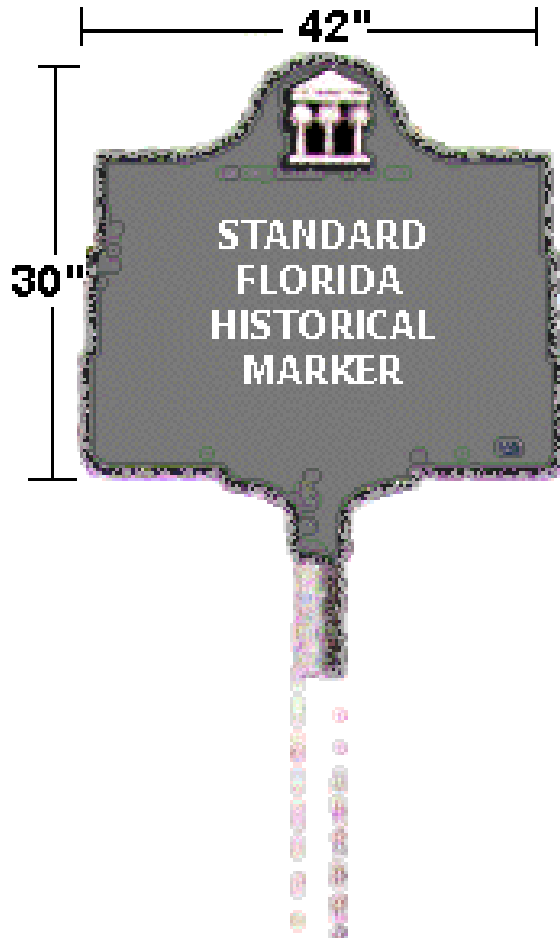
Why is the Property Significant?

The property is significant under education, ethnic heritage, and architecture at the local level. It was the home of A. Quinn Jones, principal of Lincoln HS for 33 years. Under his leadership, LHS was the second Florida high school built for African American students to be accredited (in 1926) and served the needs of this population until a new Lincoln HS opened in 1956. The Jones house is similar to other wood frame bungalows built in the oldest black neighborhood in Gainesville in the 1920s and 1930s.

A Quinn Jones Historic Marker

Accomplishments-to-Date

- Purchased by CRA
- Received June 2009 – Ready To Be Installed



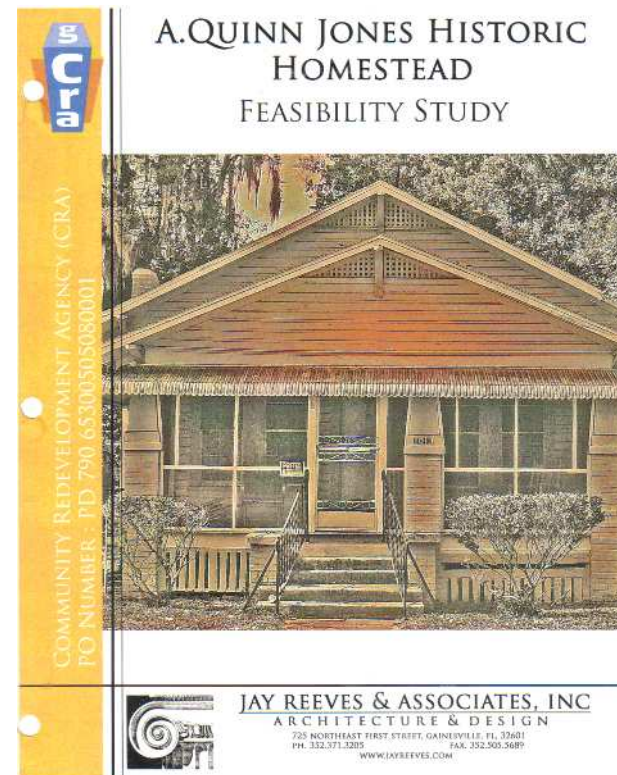
THE HOME OF A. QUINN JONES, SR., EDUCATOR

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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Feasibility Study

- 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

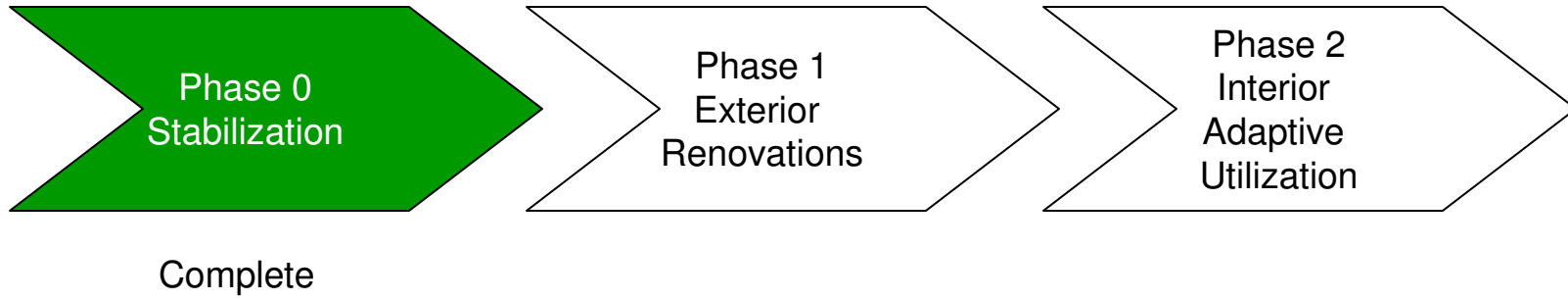


Roof Replacement and Carport Removal

Accomplishments-to-Date



Plan Forward



Plan Forward – Phase 1



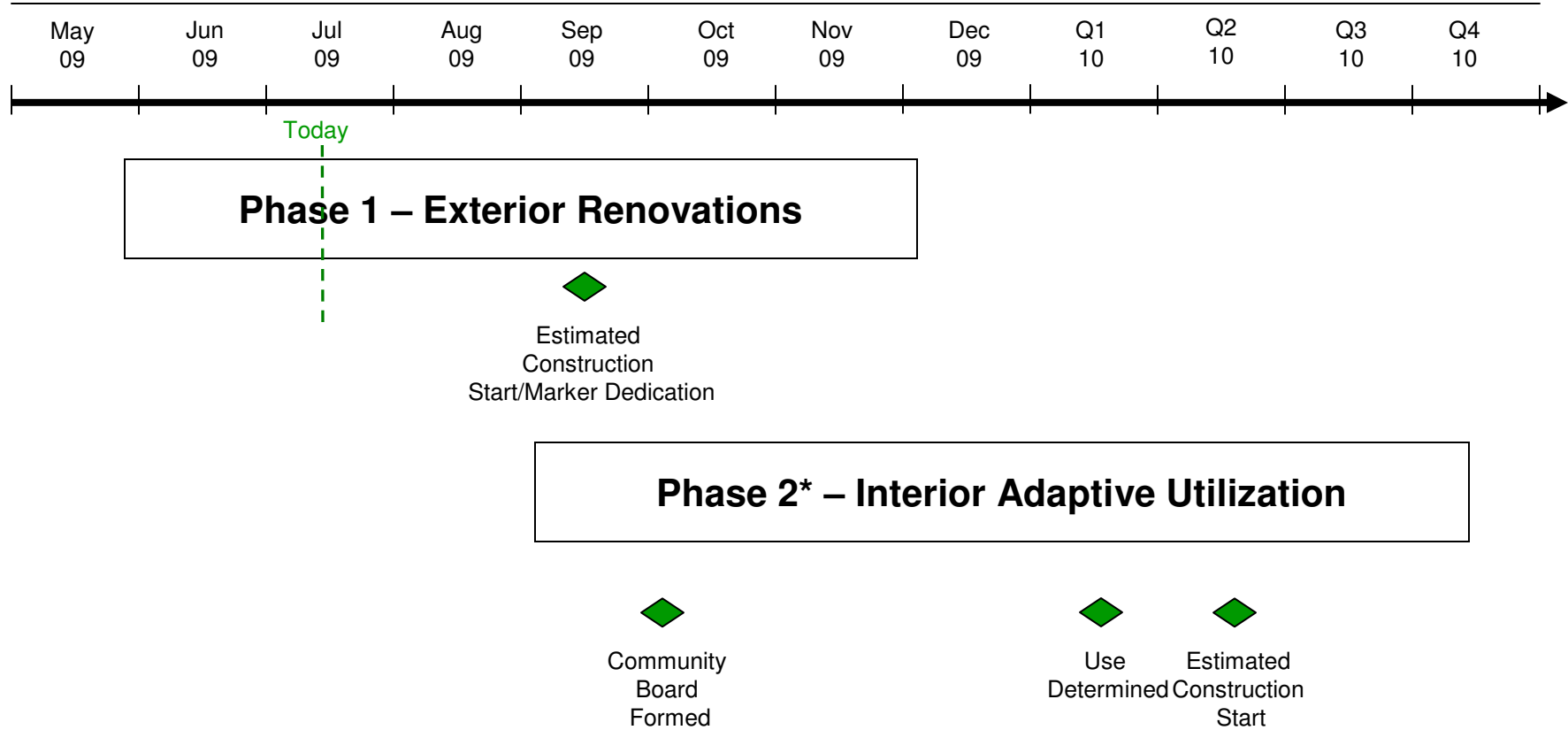
- Scope
 - As-built drawings/Existing Conditions
 - Construction Documents for exterior renovations, include HVAC systems and ADA ramps
 - Guaranteed Maximum Price Proposal for Construction
- Timeline
 - May–December 2009
- Expected Outcomes
 - Complete exterior renovations
 - Building in ADA compliance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

Plan Forward – Phase 2



- 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 (August 2009 – January 2010)
 - Design and Construction (February – September 2010)
- Expected Outcomes
 - Functional use in renovated building
- Vendors
 - 4M Design, Historic Architects
 - TBD, Contractor

High-Level Project Schedule



*Tentative

Recommendation

- Hear presentation from staff