

Part IV Neighborhood Survey

In order to get a sense of the issues which are of most concern to Hibiscus Park residents, city staff mailed a survey prior to the first neighborhood meeting to the approximately 20 neighborhood contacts who had been identified (a copy of the survey is provided in Appendix B). Surveys were also provided to those who attended the meetings. Surveys from twelve households were returned. Though the overall return was small, the survey results serve to provide a sense of the neighborhood's opinion related to conditions in the neighborhood and the neighborhood's greatest concerns. As such, the survey results should only be considered a sampling of a small cross-section of the neighborhood. The survey questions were designed to identify neighborhood problems and issues, rate the overall quality of the neighborhood, and state the most urgent problems in the neighborhood.

The survey results indicate that demographically, there is a diversity of age groups that reside in the neighborhood. The neighborhood includes, in addition to college age students, families with young and teen-age children and an older generation which has resided in the neighborhood for as many as 45 years. Several of the homeowners are also landlords within the neighborhood.

Respondents were asked to rate twenty conditions or services within the neighborhood, such as codes enforcement, crime level, noise, neighborhood appearance etc., and rank the top five, with "1" indicating the highest priority or the most need for improvement. The results of the survey show that concerns with the increase in the number of rental properties was mentioned most as being the highest priority (41%). Neighborhood appearance/landscaping and code enforcement were both ranked equally as being a first or second priority in terms of needing improvement (33%), followed by noise from neighbors and traffic control/speeding (25%). Respondents were asked to rank the top 5 out of 20, and items ranking highly as the third, fourth or fifth priority were: code enforcement and street maintenance (66%), traffic control/speeding (66%), increase in rental properties (50%), neighborhood appearance/landscaping (50%), condition of yards (33%) and noise from neighbors (33%).

Based on the results of the survey and neighborhood meetings, the items of most importance and **in need of the most improvement**, as identified by the neighborhood, are as follows:

1. Increase in number of rental properties (need to decrease)
2. Neighborhood appearance and landscaping
3. Code enforcement
4. Traffic control/speeding
5. Noise from neighboring properties
6. Street maintenance

Goals and strategies to address each of these items are provided in Section V.

Hibiscus Park

Homestead Exempt/Landlord License

MAP 2

Key to Features

Homestead Exempt

Not Homestead

Exempt (Not Improved / Non-Residential / Common area / other)

Landlord License Paid

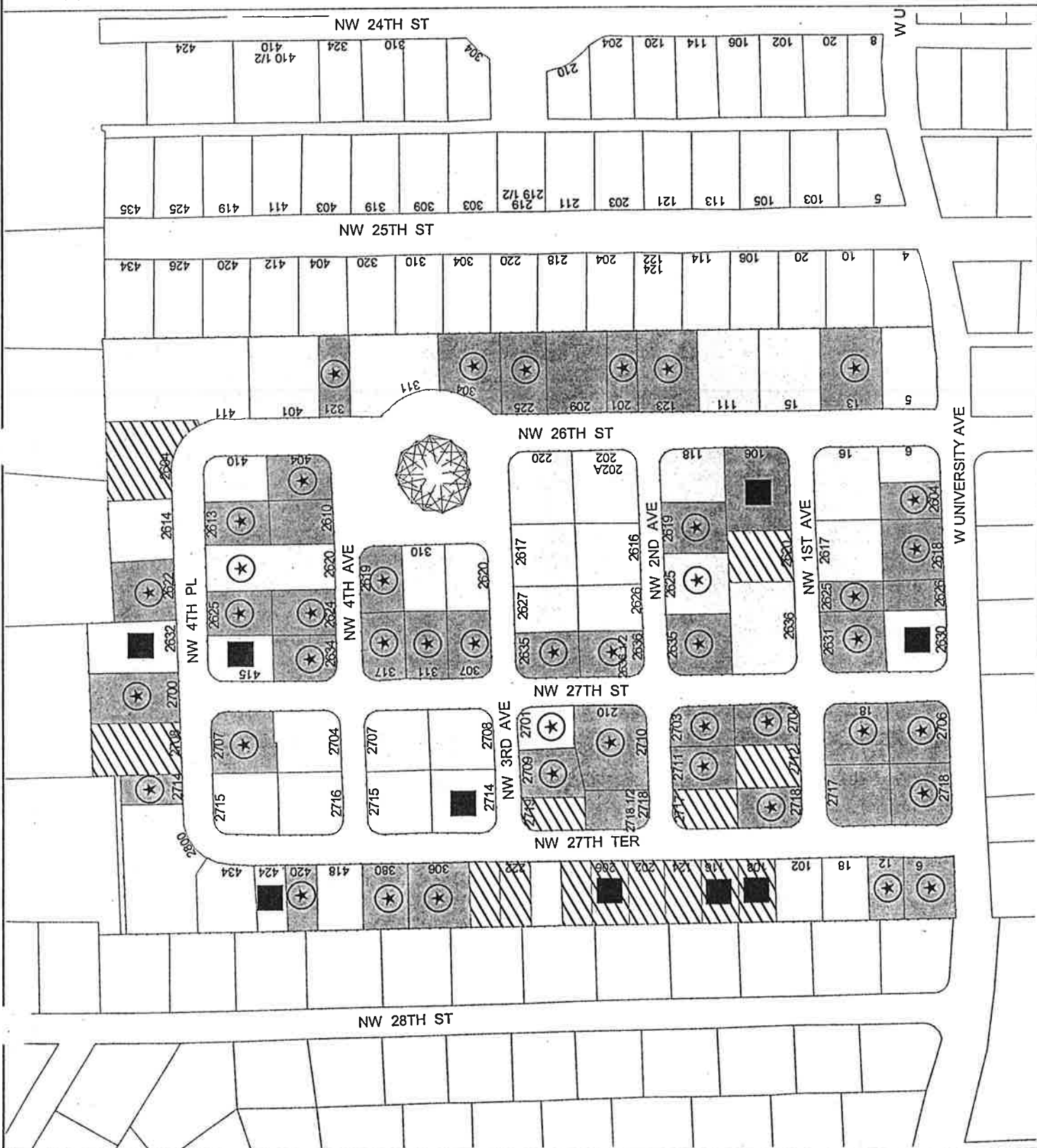
Neighborhood Identified Rental Properties

Note: Landlord license status based on Landlord License Database - 2020 Information

Neighborhood Groups and Association of about neighborhood boundaries.



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PART V ISSUES, IDEAS AND GOALS

The purpose of this plan is to outline approaches for addressing neighborhood improvement priorities identified by neighborhood residents. These priorities generally fit into the following categories:

- * Infrastructure/Traffic
- * Code Enforcement/Policing
- * Neighborhood Appearance/Beautification
- * Neighborhood Preservation
- * Neighborhood Organization

Infrastructure and Traffic

The Hibiscus Park Neighborhood is an approximately 70 year old neighborhood. The streets are very narrow, non-curb and gutter, paved streets. Portions are in poor condition with pothole and eroded edges along the right-of-way. Since the roads are narrow, and because there are quite a few rental properties which often result in several cars per residence, parking on the street and partially on the street has been a concern of the neighborhood. Residents have also reported speeding as being a problem. There are two retention areas in the neighborhood, both of which are city owned. A regulated sinkhole is located near NW 26th Street and NW 3rd Avenue. Another retention area is located in the northwest corner of the neighborhood. The regulated sinkhole has the potential for enhancement, as discussed under the section on Neighborhood Appearance and Beautification.

GOAL: Reduce vehicular speed in the neighborhood

1. Provide speed humps on all north/south streets
 - A. NW 27th Terrace
 - B. NW 27th Street
 - C. NW 26th Street

Note: The City's Public Works Department has placed all three streets on the list for evaluation for speed humps. Evaluations will be conducted in the Fall of 2000. If the streets qualify for speed humps, the speed humps will not be installed until after the Fall of 2000, when it will be determined if any of the streets have made the resurfacing list. If the streets have not made the resurfacing list, the speed humps will be installed. If any of the streets are placed on the resurfacing list, the speed humps will be installed at the time of resurfacing. If speed humps are placed on a street which does not have curb and gutter, measures may be taken to prevent cars from avoiding the speed humps, such as signs or curbing strategically placed on the sides of the speed hump.

2. Place speed limits signs in the neighborhood

Following the January 26, 2000 meeting, the Public Works Department installed 25 mph speed limit signs at all entrances to the neighborhood, indicating "No Through Street". A complete sign maintenance was also completed for the neighborhood.

3. Place mini-traffic circles in key areas particularly to break up long, straight streets with no interrupted line of sight, such as 27th Street.
4. Encourage mini landscape areas that cut into the street (bulb-outs).

GOAL: Provide definition of the street right-of-way in the neighborhood

1. Provide curbing at entrances to the neighborhood from W. University Avenue.

Note: This is a potential project for implementation with neighborhood planning grant funds. The approximate cost would be \$8,000.

2. Provide curbing at street corners throughout the neighborhood.

3. Curb and resurface all north and south streets.

Note: NW 27th Street, NW 27th Terrace, and NW 26th Street have been placed on the city's list for evaluation for next years resurfacing list. This list will be evaluated by the City Commission in August or September, and final determination of streets for resurfacing should be made by Fall 2000. Resurfacing would not include curb and gutter.

4. Work with the City Public Works Department to develop methods, short of curbing, to delineate the edges of the street right-of-way.

GOAL: Remedy problems with pipes breaking in the following locations:

1. On NW 27th Terrace at the entrance to the neighborhood, at the intersection of NW 1st Avenue, and at the intersection of NW 4th Place (in the vicinity of NW 4th Place).

GOAL: Provide increased safety and accessibility for residents to ingress and egress the neighborhood.

1. Provide a traffic light and/or crosswalk on W. University Avenue at one of the entrances to the neighborhood.
2. Explore other options for improving the safety and accessibility for residents in entering and exiting the neighborhood.

Note: University Avenue is a state road. Issues related to ingress and egress for neighborhoods along University Avenue have been and are currently under consideration

by the Metropolitan Transportation Organization (MTPO) in its study of the one-way pairs issue vs. reducing University Avenue to 2 lanes.

GOAL: Improve the appearance and condition of the neighborhood street infrastructure.

1. Provide streetsweeping in the neighborhood.
2. Repair potholes

Note: Following the January 26, 2000 meeting, the City Public Works Department scheduled their Pothole Crew to conduct an area review and maintenance. Specific requests for pothole repair can be called in at 334-2161.

GOAL: Improve the function, maintenance and appearance of the city-owned pond at 2604 N.W. 4th Place

1. Remedy the overgrowth of duckweed and algae.

Note: The neighborhood has placed fish (Carp) in the pond and used Diquat to remove duckweed in the past. A screen is needed to keep the fish in the pond. The neighborhood should contact Kenneth Langland (392-9614) a wetlands expert with the University of Florida regarding a possible connection between a large fire ant population and overgrowth, and possibilities for exterminating the ant population.

2. Provide an interconnector pipe between the pond and the regulated sinkhole at N.W. 26th Street and N.W. 3rd Avenue.

Note: The installation of an inter-connector pipe has been placed on a Public Works Department project list. The project will be processed through the stormwater criteria evaluation to determine the need of the proposal relative to other requests.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/POLICING

Many of the residents concerns related to code enforcement and policing stem from issues related to rental properties (parties, noise, trash, parking and speeding). These issues are largely due to the transitory nature of renters and their often times lack of investment in the neighborhood. Landlords who do not supervise their properties or tenants also contribute to the problem.

GOAL: Eliminate vehicles parking on and blocking the street, particularly on N.W. 27th Terrace.

1. Conduct parking enforcement regarding vehicles blocking the roadway. Increase GPD patrol in general regarding this problem.

After the January 26, 2000 meeting, GPD sent out extra patrols, and it appeared that the N.W. 27th Terrace parking problems were mostly occurring at night. Because patrols are sent out at random times, repeat offender information needs to be reported by residents.

GOAL: Reduce the noise level in the neighborhood

1. Remain informed about City revisions to the Noise Ordinance.
2. Report potential noise ordinance violations to GPD.

GOAL: Enforce city codes related to cars parking in front yards, landlord licensing, and trash cans left out at the street.

1. Work with the City's Code Enforcement Division and Solid Waste Division to remedy violations.

Following the January 26, 2000 meeting, the City's Solid Waste Division provided a concentrated effort in the neighborhood to address violations related to trash receptacles being left out at the street. The Codes Enforcement Division has placed concentrated efforts in enforcing the front yard parking regulations. Since January 26th, warning placards have been placed on 35 vehicles parking illegally off of an approved driveway. Eleven notices of violation for driveway problems have been issued, with 6 brought into compliance. Three notices of violation for outdoor storage of abandoned vehicles have been issued, and 8 properties have been identified by the Codes Enforcement Division as suspected of needing landlord permits. The issuance of notices of violation for delinquent landlord permits is pending at the time of this writing.

NEIGHBORHOOD APPEARANCE/ BEAUTIFICATION

The Hibiscus Park neighborhood includes a city-owned regulated sinkhole near its center. It is predominantly dry, and residents have complained about people driving vehicles through it. Residents would like to see the sinkhole area enhanced, as it is currently somewhat of an eyesore and has much potential to be a focal point for the neighborhood. Filling the sinkhole to create a park was not a recommended option, because this could be catastrophic in times of heavy rain.

GOAL: Establish and attractive entrance or designation of Hibiscus Park and overall beautification/landscaping

1. Design and install neighborhood signs to establish a distinct character for the neighborhood.

A. Determine potential locations based on available right-of-way or by obtaining easements from private property owners along University Avenue.

B. Obtain cost estimates and determine sign design

2. Establish design elements to link all three street entrances along University Avenue

A. Explore the possibility for installing crosswalks with brick pavers, curbing at entrances, landscaping and other options.

Note: The above referenced projects are potential projects that could be funded with neighborhood planning grant funds.

GOAL: Enhance the city-owned sinkhole located at N.W. 26th Street between N.W. 3rd and 4th Avenues.

1. Determine feasibility for clay lining the sinkhole, pumping water in and creating a fountain-like effect

A. Conduct a geologic analysis and recommendations. If results are favorable proceed with below:

B. Obtain a St. Johns River Water Management District Permit

C. Install a well, pump and aerator

Note: During review of this potential project by the Public Works Department, it was determined that the project was unfeasible due to 100 year floodplain regulations which would prevent the filling of the sinkhole without storage capacity being provided at another location.

2. Improve appearance of the sinkhole to create an attractive feature for the neighborhood

- A. Develop a landscape plan for the sinkhole to include such features as shrubbery, irrigation, trees, benches, and attractive fencing or other method to keep people from driving through the area.

This project is a potential project for funding with Neighborhood Planning grant dollars.

- B. Work with the City Arborist to obtain trees free of charge through the City's Tree-mendous Program.

According to the City Arborist, the site presents peculiar landscaping challenges because it combines the worst features of drought (soil accumulated from polluted road run-off carrying sand particles) and flooded conditions (intermittent inundation). The sink does slowly carry some of the soil away, and mulch from the steep slopes will tend to be washed down into the sink and away. Bald Cypress could be planted in staggered locations between the mid and upper levels of the depression, At the upper edge, planting clumps of Virginia Willow (*Itea virginica*) Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*-but not a cultivar) and Wax Myrtle interspersed with Fringe Trees (*Chionanthus virginia*) and River Birch would give spring flowers, evergreen foliage, and fall color. A gap would need to be left in the shrubs to allow the Parks Division right-of-way maintenance crew to access the sinkhole to mow. This would also permit access to Public Works Operations Division heavy equipment, should the need arise for earth-moving.

- C. Explore the option of closing the street on the west side of the sinkhole, and returning it to a park purpose or walking path.

All homes to the west of the sinkhole have access to either N.W. 3rd Avenue or N.W. 4th Avenue, so the portion of the street surrounding the west side of the sinkhole serves no access purpose. Removal of the street portion could include leaving a portion of the pavement for a walking path, with paved outsets for benches. Such amenities for this project have potential for funding with Neighborhood Planning grant dollars.

GOAL: Improve the appearance of homes and yards

1. trim road side bushes
2. establish a neighborhood clean-up program to remove bottles and cans thrown in shrubbery, and trash and litter.
3. encourage home owners and renters to have more consideration for the neighborhood appearance as a whole.

- A. Contact land/homeowners and renters (particularly along University Avenue) to develop options, such as coordinating through one yard service to receive a discount.

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

Residents of Hibiscus Park are sincerely interested in preserving the single-family character of their neighborhood. Residents would like to encourage more homeownership and develop strategies to enhance Hibiscus Park in order to attract permanent residents. Code enforcement and other efforts mentioned above also serve to enhance neighborhood preservation.

GOAL: Encourage pride in the character of the neighborhood by recognizing its history and heritage and preserving its sense of place.

1. Provide street signs with historic names throughout the neighborhood, which would enhance the neighborhood's distinction.
 - A. Research the origin of the neighborhood and determine historic street names.

Note: the 1925 plat for Hibiscus Park indicates that all streets were originally named after flowers. This is a potential project for funding with neighborhood planning grant dollars.

2. Apply for the City's Heritage Neighborhood Sign Program
3. Develop an information packet that contains information on the neighborhood, its heritage, the codes, and neighborhood interest in maintaining slow speeds and livable streets before each fall when many new students may be joining the neighborhood.

GOAL: Encourage home ownership in order to stabilize the neighborhood and preserve its single-family character.

1. Recruit people to buy into the neighborhood
 - A. Spread the word to friends about homes for sale in the neighborhood.
 - B. Contact the Gainesville Board of Realtors to "market" the neighborhood.
 - C. Work with the University of Florida to encourage faculty to rent or buy in the neighborhood.
2. Improve the image of the neighborhood through public relations efforts
 - A. Create a subcommittee to develop strategies.
3. Increase neighborhood identity

- A. Provide a neighborhood identification sign at the most prominent neighborhood entrance or on N.W. 26th Street in front of the sinkhole.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

The Hibiscus Park Neighborhood is formally part of the University Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA), a large umbrella organization of neighborhoods near the University of Florida. Through the Neighborhood Planning Program, residents began participating with the UPNA, and the president of the UPNA offered a Hibiscus Park resident a seat on the UPNA Board of Directors. Because the UPNA is such a large organization, Hibiscus Park residents may wish to form their own neighborhood group to address issues specific to Hibiscus Park

Goal: Organize an active group of homeowners, renters and landlords representing the Hibiscus Park neighborhood.

1. Participate in the University Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA) and appoint an Hibiscus Park representative to serve on the UPNA Board.
2. Appoint representatives to participate on the Council of University Neighborhoods, a newly formed neighborhood group.
3. Establish a phone or e-mail tree to get information out to residents regarding neighborhood issues.
4. Develop a newsletter or plug into the UPNA newsletter.
5. Encourage homeowners to introduce themselves to student renters.
6. Obtain information from the City's webpage on rental units in the neighborhood and landlord contacts.

PART VI

POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR FUNDING

The City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program allocates \$15,000 for the implementation of neighborhood projects and administration of the program (meeting notice mail-outs). Specific projects are determined by city staff and the neighborhood, based on priorities determined by the residents. Projects eligible for funding with neighborhood planning grant dollars must represent a capital improvement to be constructed within the city right-of-way or on city owned property (or on private property with an appropriate easement, if approved by the City Commission), and must result in a product that benefits the neighborhood. Types of projects can include, but are not limited to: traffic calming measures, pedestrian crossing improvements, landscaping, entry feature and median improvements, park and recreation enhancements, curb and gutter and sidewalk improvements, bike trails, bus shelters and community gardens.

The Hibiscus Park residents have identified the following projects, as of March 2001, for implementation with City Commission allocated neighborhood planning funds:

| Project | Cost (approximate) |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Landscaping of sinkhole at N.W. 26th St. and N.W. 4th Avenue | |
| A. Landscape architect fee | \$ 600.00 |
| B. Trees (30 gallon) | 2,300.00 |
| C. Shrubs/groundcover | 1,377.00 |
| D. Fencing material | 2,160.00 |
| E. 2 benches | 370.00 |
| F. picnic table | 170.00 |
| H. irrigation | 650.00 |
| I. pine needle mulch | 0.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$7, 627.00 |
| 2. Neighborhood signs | |
| A. 3 sandblasted entrance signs (installed) | 834.00 |
| B. Antique style street signs | 1,000.00 |
| TOTAL: | 1,834.00 |

3. Other costs

A. Mail outs for neighborhood meetings 160.00

TOTAL APPROXIMATE COST AS OF
MARCH 2001: \$9,621.00

Other potential neighborhood projects:

1. Curbing in certain locations

A. At entrances from University Avenue \$8,000.00
B. At other locations ???
C. Adjacent to speed humps (depends on whether the
neighborhood warrants speed humps) ???

2. Brick crosswalks at entrances to the neighborhood

Approximately \$9.00 per square foot. Cost for a
240 square foot crosswalk would be approximately \$2,100.00

At 3 entrances \$6,300.00

3. Mini-traffic circles or bulb out in certain locations ??

APPENDIX A
MEETING SUMMARIES

Hibiscus Park Neighborhood Meeting
December 1, 1999
Westside Recreation Center
Meeting Summary

Prepared by the City of Gainesville Department of Community Development

Attendance: Jo Tuffs, Mary Rhodes, Lisette Staal, Muriel Hogan, Bruna LaBelle, Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith, Carol Bishop, Chuck Hogan, Phyllis Pamphrey, David Huffman, Paul McGinty, Norine and Greg Gresh, Peter Hirschfeld, Juddy Carter, Kathy Winburn-City of Gainesville Planning Department

The main purpose of the meeting was to ascertain whether the Hibiscus Park Neighborhood would be interested in participating in the City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program for FY 99-00. Since the neighborhood did not have an official association which met on a regular basis, city staff decided to first make contact with a small group of residents in order to explain the neighborhood planning program and determine whether there was some interest by residents in participating. City planning staff developed an initial list of neighborhood contacts, and mailed out approximately 20 notices for the meeting, as well as neighborhood surveys.

Residents began by introducing themselves and stating their address. Ms. Winburn then explained the purpose of the neighborhood planning program and distributed a proposed outline. She indicated that a team of city representatives from various departments would be involved, and that the neighborhood would ultimately produce an action plan with goals, strategies and specific projects. Residents in attendance expressed an interest in participating. Ms. Winburn indicated that the neighborhood could form an overseeing subcommittee if desired. Residents indicated that they would prefer to wait until major categories of issues were determined for the neighborhood. Ms. Winburn indicated that at that point subcommittees could be formed for each category with the purpose of developing goals and strategies.

Ms. Winburn distributed a map of the neighborhood, and the boundaries were discussed. It was determined that the Hibiscus Park neighborhood boundaries are N.W. 27th Terrace to the west and N.W. 26th Street to the east.

Residents asked if the number rental properties vs. homeowner properties could be determined for the neighborhood. Ms. Winburn indicated that she would provide this information at the next meeting.

Residents then began discussing neighborhood issues. These issues are provided in Attachment A. Ms. Winburn indicated that the next meeting would include a workshop type session to further expand on and identify neighborhood issues, and that city representatives would be invited to explain their role in neighborhoods and city services, and begin addressing some of the issues.

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It was decided that the next meeting will be held in January at the Westside Recreation Center, and that a meeting notice would be sent out to all residents, landlords and management companies. Ms. Pumphrey indicated that she would be willing to distribute some flyers door to door in the neighborhood.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Minutes
Hibiscus Park Neighborhood Meeting
January 26, 2000

Westside Park Recreation Center, 6:00 p.m.

Prepared by the Department of Community Development

Attendance: Lisette and Dave Staal, H. and Carolyn Schaeffer, Tom and Prisha Malone, Stuart and Gerri Smith, John Atkins, Jo Tuffs, Paul McGinty, Chuck Hogan, Vincent LoCascio, Phyllis Pumphrey, Greg and Norine Gresh, Scott Grady, Emery and Janis Bishop, Juddy Carter. City staff in attendance: Kathy Winburn and Tom Saunders, Community Development; Meg Niederhofer, City Arborist; Lt. Carol Bishop, GPD; Steve Joplin, Solid Waste; Phil Mann, Traffic Engineering; Chris Singletary, Codes Enforcement.

Ms. Winburn of the City's Department of Community Development began the meeting by providing an overview of the City's Neighborhood Planning Program. She indicated that city staff members were in attendance to give presentations on their respective department's role in neighborhoods and city services that can be provided, and to also begin addressing some of the neighborhood's issues.

Steve Joplin of the City's Solid Waste Department began by explaining policies on the removal of trash cans at the street and the violation process. Residents indicated that trash cans being left out beyond the allowable time period were a problem in the neighborhood. Mr. Joplin provided his department's phone number for complaints, and indicated that the employee responsible for monitoring compliance in the Hibiscus Park neighborhood would be notified of the problems and spend more time monitoring the situation in the coming month.

Lt. Carol Bishop of GPD indicated that amendments to the city's noise ordinance were under review. Residents relayed problems that they would like GPD to address. Those problems included noise due to loud parties being held until the wee hours of the morning, potential underage drinking and substance abuse problems at one location, on-street parking that blocks streets in the neighborhood (particularly N.W. 27th Terrace), and speeding throughout the neighborhood. Lt. Bishop indicated that she would request increased GPD patrols in the neighborhood concerning the parking problems and blocking of the right-of-way as well as the investigation of problems at the particular locations provided by the neighborhood. A problem with bonfires being conducted within the neighborhood was also discussed. Lt. Bishop indicated that such fires are illegal in the city.

Chris Singletary, Codes Enforcement Officer, discussed the city's landlord licensing and front yard parking regulations. Residents indicated that it appeared that many properties in the neighborhood do not have defined areas for yard parking and asked why the codes were not being enforced related to yard parking. Mr. Singletary indicated that about 40%

of all properties were not in compliance within the University Context Area. He stated that the front yard parking requirements do not allow more than 40 percent of the front open space of a front yard to be used for parking, and that the parking area shouldn't be wider than 18 feet and should utilize erosion preventing material. He stated that in the next few weeks the Codes Enforcement Division would inventory the neighborhood. It was indicated that more education and enforcement was needed. Mr. Tom Saunders, Community Development Director, indicated that the landlord permitting process had been changing and that more codes enforcement officers had been added over the past few years and that the percentage of rental properties with driveway and parking plans was increasing. He indicated that the neighborhood could expect to see improvements in the next three weeks. He also stated that the city would soon be hiring a codes enforcement officer who would do nothing but housing violations.

It was suggested that the university should get involved in codes enforcement because it was often the students who are involved with the problems. Mr. Saunders indicated that the Dean of Students was cooperating in providing information to students on living in single-family neighborhoods, but that generally UF did not get involved where off-campus student living is concerned. A resident asked if the university could provide incentives for faculty to live in certain neighborhoods. It was indicated that there were some other universities that had these types of programs.

Phil Mann with the City's Traffic Engineering Department then discussed and answered questions regarding traffic engineering issues. A resident asked if a traffic light could be located at N.W. 26th Street and University Avenue. Mr. Mann said that this issue had been discussed with the one-way pairs proposal involving N.W. 2nd and University Avenue, and that the intersections along University Avenue in the vicinity of Hibiscus Park did not meet the criteria for a traffic signal. In addition, he indicated that a traffic light would cost \$200,000. Residents expressed their concerns about speeding in the neighborhood. Mr. Mann described the city's speed hump program. He indicated that since the neighborhood's streets have no curb and gutter, it was easy for drivers to put the wheels on one side of the cars onto the grassed ROW, thereby diminishing the effect of the speed humps. He indicated that the costs for curb and gutter would be \$240 per linear foot plus the cost of building a retention pond. Residents also expressed a concern about the condition of the streets. Mr. Mann stated that potholes were filled on a complaint basis, and that the Public Works Department has a resurfacing program which prioritizes roads, but there was not much funding available.

In order to begin addressing the speeding problem, Mr. Mann stated that the Public Works Department would agree to install 25 mph speed limit signs throughout the neighborhood which also say "no through street". He indicated that the neighborhood could also request "No Parking" signs to address the parking on the ROW, but they

would have to be installed block by block and not for individual houses. There was some discussion on whether it was illegal to park on the ROW. Lt. Bishop indicated that it was illegal to park on or block a moving lane of traffic, and that she would request increased patrols to address this. Residents also indicated that there were some problems with manholes in the neighborhood. Mr. Mann stated that if the neighborhood let him know the locations, he would look into it. Residents also said that in some areas where GRU has worked on pipes, that resurfacing was not done well and that sod needed to be replaced, and that there were problems related to this at 2800 N.W. 4th Place. Mr. Mann indicated that the neighborhood should contact GRU.

Meg Niederhofer, City Arborist, discussed the sinkhole and retention areas in the neighborhood as well as potential landscaping enhancements. She stated that the depression at 26th Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue is a regulated sinkhole. She also indicated that tree plantings could be done at no cost through the City's "Treemendous Program", and that though the soils in the sinkhole were not ideal, there were some tree species which would be appropriate. She stated that the neighborhood could use some of their neighborhood planning funds to provide landscaping features around the sinkhole with shrubs, fencing to keep vehicles out and a neighborhood sign. Ms. Winburn indicated that during the neighborhood planning process over the next few months, that the neighborhood could decide to hire a landscape architect to develop a plan for the sinkhole, since it is a focal point for the neighborhood. It was indicated that a tree was falling down on private property at 2707 N.W. 4th Place. Ms. Niederhofer indicated that the tree could only be removed if it was a public hazard.

Residents asked questions about the sinkhole and options for maintaining a water level within it. Ms. Winburn indicated that Stu Pearson, the City Engineer, was unable to attend the meeting, but that she would request his presence at the next meeting to discuss the sinkholes and general stormwater retention in the neighborhood. Residents were also interested in the retention area located in the Palm Terrace neighborhood to the east, and how this was dealt with. Ms. Winburn stated that she would ask Mr. Pearson to address this as well.

Mr. Juddy Carter, property owner and landlord in the neighborhood, discussed the status of the homes he has recently built in the neighborhood, and indicated that he was planning to build two more homes at 12 and 18 N.W. 27th Terrace. He provided his phone number to residents to call him if there were any problems with his rental properties.

Ms. Winburn thanked everyone for attending, and indicated that she would schedule the next meeting for the end of February or early March.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Attachment A

**HIBISCUS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD
PRELIMINARY ISSUES / IDEAS BY RESIDENTS
(identified at December 1st meeting)**

Increase in the number of rental properties

Need controls/limits on the number of rentals

Homeowners should introduce themselves to student neighbors

Landlord licensing/ city codes not enforced

- parking
- number of people in houses
- trash cans left out

Maintenance of city owned pond at 2604 N.W. 4th Place. Duckweed and algae a problem. Neighborhood has put Carp in it and has used Diquat to remove Duckweed in the past. Screen needed on back to keep fish in.

Stormwater problems on N.W. 27th Terrace

Issues related to pond on N.W. 26th Street:

- fill pond or put a fountain in it
- beautify area
- people driving vehicles through pond
- very little water in it

Improve entrances to neighborhood

Appearance of homes and yards

Speed of cars on all streets in the neighborhood

Trash

Condition of streets/maintenance (pot holes and paving)

Response to Question # 7 of Hibiscus Park Neighborhood Survey "What would make the Hibiscus Park Neighborhood a Better Place to Live?"
(based on initial responses received by December 13, 1999)

Curbs/sidewalks

Street sweeper

Speed humps

Trim roadside bushes

Remove rocks on right-of-way

Fill pot holes

Traffic light on University Avenue to help residents get out of neighborhood

Control conversion of single family homes to student rental apartments

Find solution to pond/pit on N.W. 26th Street. Either regulate water supply so water level stays constant or fill and convert to a park

Limit parking in yards

More codes enforcement

Speed humps between intersections plus traffic circles at intersections

No more variances allowed for construction. Variances have led to overcrowding and overpopulation of available resources. The Hibiscus Park Neighborhood has been allowed to become very much a commercial roominghouse district of transient roomers with anonymous landlords and lack of resident supervisors. Transient rooms regularly litter neighborhood streets with garbage and trash far beyond lot lines of properties they are renting.

At the beginning of each University semester, Gainesville Sun listing of names, addresses and phone numbers of owners and local contact persons for rental properties

More consideration for the whole neighborhood appearance

Bottles and cans thrown in shrubbery

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Question #7
Hibiscus Park Neighborhood

Speeding a real danger, especially leaving University Avenue and entering neighborhood streets

Trash and litter a real problem

Stop the selling of houses by homeowners to people who turn houses into rental property

The city owned pond (which is usually dry) could be reduced to a small retention pond if linked by an overflow pipe to the city/private pond in the NW corner of the neighborhood. That way the city owned pond could be filled and used as greenspace (i.e. a playground, field, garden, etc.). Presently the pond is a focal point, but it is a semi-wet mudhole most of the time. Another suggestion would be to drill a well to augment the pond during dry spells, but that probably wouldn't fly with the Water Management District

speed humps

take care of garden we planted in park area

too many students, no more slum landlords

enforce codes

knowing neighbors and having an organization

instilling pride in the neighborhood- appearance

codes enforcement

upkeep of rental properties and slow down of rental growth- promote owners buying

Hibiscus Park Neighborhood Meeting
Meeting Summary
March 1, 2000

Prepared by the Department of Community Development

Attendance: Lisette Staal, Mary Rhodes, Paul McGinty, Carol Bishop, Chuck Hogan, Bruna LaBelle, Muriel Hogan, Janis Bishop, Carolyn Schcafer, Karl Hackenbrack- University Park Neighborhood Association, Chris Singletary- Codes Enforcement, Stu Pearson- Public Works, Kathy Winburn- Community Development

The meeting began with a brief presentation by Mr. Karl Hackenbrack, president of the University Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA). He indicated that the association was started in the early 1980's, and that it covered a very large area with 2,400 newsletters sent out each month. He indicated that the Hibiscus Park Neighborhood is technically part of the University Park Neighborhood Association. He invited someone from the Hibiscus Park Neighborhood to sit on the Board of Directors of the UPNA. Several residents expressed interest, however, it was decided that residents would first attend some of the meetings and then decide on a representative. Mr. Hackenbrack described the recently begun Council of University Neighborhoods, and indicated that areas represented on the Council were generally south of 8th Avenue and east of 34th Street. He stated that by-laws were being drafted and that each neighborhood could send three representatives to the Council of Neighborhoods.

Lt. Carol Bishop provided an update on GPD related issues in the neighborhood. She stated that GPD had sent out extra patrols into the area, and that it appeared that the N.W. 27th Terrace parking problems must be occurring mostly at night, as the Police Service Technicians have been checking during the day, and have not seen a problem. The only problem the PST's identified was that vehicles are parked against the flow of traffic, which may not be a violation unless the vehicle is blocking the street. She stated that repeat offender information was needed from the neighborhood, because the patrols sent out are sent at random times.

Chris Singletary of the City's Codes Enforcement Division provided an update on codes enforcement in the neighborhood. He stated that eight properties had been cited in the past month for driveway parking violations, and that courtesy letters had been sent related to three properties which violate the city's ordinances related to inoperable (junk) vehicles being stored. He stated that heavy warnings and citations were being issued to students who have driveway permits but do not park where they are supposed to. He indicated that there are 5 or 6 properties which have not replied. Two residents complained about citations they had received for their rental properties related to the surface of the parking areas. It was indicated that the gravel used for the parking surface in these particular situations is washed down the road when it rains, making it difficult to maintain the surface area. Mr. Singletary explained the waiver process for front-yard parking. The issue of getting people to park on the same side of the road with the flow of

traffic was discussed, as well as the need to work with the Public Works Department to improve the definition of the edge of right-of-way.

The issue of enforcing landlord licensing was discussed. It was mentioned that properties at 2718 and 2710 N.W. 2nd Avenue were rental properties, and may not have landlord licenses. Mr. Singletary indicated that utility records were sometimes checked to enforce the landlord licensing ordinance. Mr. Hackenbrack indicated that landlord licensing was very important, and discussed the tiered pricing ordinance for landlord licensing. He asked if maps could be made for other neighborhoods like the one that was created for Hibiscus Park, to identify properties which have landlord licenses.

Residents asked how codes enforcement deals with how a property looks. Mr. Singletary described city codes related to junk, trash and debris. It was indicated that the City's Solid Waste Division has done a good job in issuing notices to properties that have not been complying with requirements regarding trash receptacles, and that a positive difference has been observed in the neighborhood recently.

Ms. Winburn provided an update on Public Works issues that were raised at the last meeting. She stated that the city's sign crew performed a complete maintenance of the neighborhood recently, trimming around and cleaning signs where necessary. If any signs need replacement, it has been scheduled. Signs indicating a 25 m.p.h. speed limit and "no outlet" have been placed at each entrance to the neighborhood, and the city's pothole crew has been scheduled to go through the neighborhood and make needed repairs. Residents indicated that there were potholes in need of repairs at the beginning of 27th Terrace, between University Avenue and 1st Avenue. Ms. Winburn indicated that the Public Works Department has placed the streets in the neighborhood on the city's resurfacing list to be evaluated for future resurfacing. She indicated that the streets will be examined and compared with other streets in the city, and that the streets with the greatest need would receive resurfacing money first as available. Mr. Stu Pearson, City Engineer, further explained the program. He stated that the list is taken to the City Commission to create a list for action, and that \$300,000 is available to the city for resurfacing, with 5 to 7 miles of roads having been resurfaced per year in the last couple of years. He indicated that there are 350 miles of pavement in the City of Gainesville. Residents questioned whether the length of time since resurfacing or since the road was constructed is considered in the process, as well as the severity. It was indicated that in some places the road has gotten smaller and smaller over the years due to erosion. Mr. Pearson indicated that the resurfacing list goes to the City Commission for action in August or September of each year.

A resident indicated that improving the surface of the streets could also result in an increased speed of traffic. Residents asked if N.W. 27th Terrace, N.W. 27th Street and N.W. 26th Street could be put on the city's evaluation list for the speed hump program. Ms. Winburn indicated that she would ask the Public Works Department to place these streets on the list. At the previous meeting, it was indicated that speed humps on streets without curb and gutter might not be as effective since a driver could put one set of

wheels off the road. Mr. Pearson indicated that one possibility to deal with such a situation would be to put approximately 30 feet of curbing on each side of the speed hump. This was mentioned as a possibility but would need to be looked into further to determine feasibility.

Mr. Stu Pearson, City Engineer, discussed options for improving the appearance of the sinkhole at N.W. 26th Street and N.W. 3rd Avenue. One possibility mentioned at the previous meeting was to fill up the sinkhole and use the area as a park or open space. Mr. Pearson indicated that this would not be a recommended option because it would take away from the ability of the basin to treat water, as well as result in the loss of storage space for overflow water in the neighborhood and possibly cause the formation of other sinkholes. Mr. Pearson then addressed the possibility of filling the pond with water so that a water level would always be maintained. He provided pictures of a pond located to the east on N.W. 24th Street. He indicated that the neighborhood had paid for a well and pump years ago to create a wet pond.

Mr. Pearson provided cost estimates for creating a wet pond (see attached). He indicated that a hydrogeologist would need to analyze the sinkhole to evaluate the potential for it to retain water. He stated that a material such as a clay lining might need to be added, and a Consumptive Use Permit obtained from the St. John's River Water Management District. Mr. Hogan indicated that he did not believe the permit would be required. Mr. Pearson indicated that he would look into it further. Mr. Pearson stated that the sinkhole has a natural function, and that if it were lined with clay, water would overflow to the north faster. He indicated that an inter-connector pipe could be placed between the sinkhole and the pond in the northeastern part of the neighborhood. Residents asked if the inter-connector pipe could be installed even if the improvements for the sinkhole are not realized. Residents also stated that the pipe would have to run underground, as the street from the pond to the overflow pond is up hill. Mr. Pearson indicated that he would put the installation of an inter-connector pipe on a Public Works project list. Mr. Pearson also indicated that if the project were realized, there would be an ongoing monthly cost for energy to run the pump.

Potential landscaping for the pond area was discussed. At the previous meeting, Meg Niederhofer, City Arborist, indicated certain species of trees that would be appropriate for the area, and that the trees could be planted for free through the City's Treemendous program. Mr. Pearson suggested the possibility of closing the street on the west side of the pond, and returning it to a park purpose or walking path, and possibly leaving paving outsets for benches. He indicated that all homes to the west of the pond had access to either N.W. 3rd Avenue or N.W. 4th Avenue, so it would not interfere with anyone's property access. Residents seemed interested in this possibility.

Residents asked if the pond improvements discussed would be implemented. Ms. Winburn indicated that the neighborhood at this point was just identifying possibilities for neighborhood projects to be funded with the \$15,000 in grant funds provided by the City Commission. She indicated that at a future meeting, residents will be provided with

a list of projects, potential costs, and a vote would need to be taken to determine the project(s) to fund.

Residents expressed an interest in providing curbing in strategic spots, such as at the entrances to the neighborhood, to recreate or redefine the edges of the roadways.

Residents asked about getting 15 m.p.h. signs in the neighborhood, though it had been previously indicated by the Public Works Department that 25 m.p.h. was the lowest limit that could be placed in neighborhoods. Residents indicated that there were a few neighborhoods, such as behind Ace Hardware on University Avenue across from Royal Park, that have 15 m.p.h. signs which say "Neighborhood Control". Ms. Winburn indicated that she would look into how these signs are permitted.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in a workshop session identifying goals and strategies for the Neighborhood Action Plan related to: Infrastructure/Traffic; Neighborhood Security/Policing; Codes Enforcement; and Neighborhood Appearance/Beautification.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Hibiscus Park Neighborhood Meeting
Meeting Summary
June 28, 2000

Prepared by the Department of Community Development

Attendance: Lisette Staal, Carolyn Scheaffer, Paul McGinty, Bruna LaBelle, Dess James, Peter Hirschfeld, David Hendon, Chris Singletary- Codes Enforcement, Stu Pearson- Public Works, Kathy Winburn- Community Development

Chris Singletary, City Code Enforcement Officer, provided an update on code enforcement in the Hibiscus Park Neighborhood, indicating that Codes Enforcement was now working on over occupancy problems and recording tag numbers of vehicles. Discussion ensued on the front-yard parking waiver process.

Stu Pearson, City Public Works engineer, indicated that the sinkhole at N.W. 26th Street and N.W. 3rd Ave. is located in the 100 year floodplain, and the floodplain ordinance precludes removing any storage capacity in the sinkhole, either by filling with water or earth. He indicated that pursuing projects identified by the neighborhood's Sinkhole Subcommittee involving filling the sinkhole or pumping water in would involve the need to find additional storage capacity somewhere else, which could be very costly and outside the scope of the neighborhood planning grant funds. Based on this new information, it was decided that the Sinkhole Subcommittee should meet again to discuss options in light of the new information.

Lisette Staal, head of the neighborhood subcommittee which dealt with issues other than the sinkhole, gave a presentation on the subcommittee's recommendations. Those included projects related to attractive entrance features and neighborhood beautification; slowing traffic and increasing livability of streets; and pride in the character of the neighborhood. Discussion ensued regarding the City's recently adopted Heritage Neighborhood Sign Program, which the neighborhood was very interested in, as well as street signs indicating the historic names of the streets. Ms. Winburn indicated that she had located the 1925 original plat for Hibiscus Park, and that all of the streets were named after flowers. Ms. Staal indicated that the subcommittee developed many recommendations which could be accomplished without funding, such as creating information packets about the neighborhood which could be distributed to residents each Fall and outreach to homeowners, particularly regarding cleaning up properties along University Avenue.

Discussion ensued on the need for repaving of streets in the neighborhood, and it was indicated that the streets were on a Public Works evaluation list, along with speed humps. Ms. Staal indicated that the City Commission had recently heard a presentation on costs to curb and gutter streets in areas near the University, and that such a project for Hibiscus Park would cost \$1.6 million dollars. She said that typically neighborhoods who vote for such projects must bear a portion of the cost over an extended period of time, known as a special assessment.

Ms. Winburn tabulated the results of a project priority survey and presented them to the group. Twelve surveys were returned. Results indicated that 58% of respondents chose sinkhole enhancement as the first priority. Of all those who indicated sinkhole enhancement as any priority, 40% indicated a preference for the sinkhole to be filled either with water or earth, and 50% indicated a preference of keeping the sinkhole as a grassy bowl with landscaping improvements and amenities. Both projects involving neighborhood identification signs and design elements linking all three streets at the entrance to the neighborhood ranked as either a first or second priority for many respondents (over 40%). Respondents did not show much interest in the project involving grassing over the road on the western side of the sinkhole and replacing with a walking path and other amenities. Traffic calming projects such as mini-traffic circles were indicated as a first or second priority by a total of 4 respondents.

It was decided that the two subcommittees should now merge to develop more detailed proposals and costs. Ms. Staal indicated that she would contact the UF School of Landscape Architecture to determine if it was possible for students to take on the Hibiscus Park Neighborhood to develop a landscape plan for the sinkhole and other areas. Ms. Winburn indicated that she would contact a landscape architect to get a cost estimate.

Residents decided that a second project priority survey should be mailed to all residents after the subcommittee meets again, since feasible options related to the sinkhole have changed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Hibiscus Park Neighborhood Meeting
Meeting Summary
August 30, 2000

Prepared by the Department of Community Development

Attendance: Lisette Staal, David Hendon, Rodgers Aiton, Marleen Aiton, Harry Phelps, Lucille Haven, Dess James, Peter Hirschfeld, Paul McGinty, Jo Tuffs, Mary Rhodes, Carolyn Schaeffer, Billie Monroe, and Lindsey West- Santa Fe Community College, Karl Hackenbrack- UPNA, and Kathy Winburn, City of Gainesville.

Ms. Billie Monroe of Santa Fe Community College made a presentation on the College's Citizens Leadership Program, and described the types of training sessions that could be provided to the neighborhood. Ms. Winburn provided information on an ad hoc committee to be created by the City Commission to develop programs which would help stabilize neighborhoods near the University of Florida, and provided an update on the City's Neighborhood Registration Program.

Mr. Karl Hackenbrack, president of the University Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA), provided the neighborhood with information on a new Codes Enforcement program, and indicated that he had recently been appointed to the City's Code Enforcement Board. He indicated that the new program involved citizen volunteers who would inform owners and tenant that a city code is being violated via a several part form, which would first be sent to the owner or tenant, with a copy to Code Enforcement, giving the violator 10 days to comply. If the violation was not corrected after 10 days, the Code Enforcement Division would get involved. If the violation was corrected, sending a thank-you note might be included as part of the program. He indicated that the UPNA (which Hibiscus Park is a part of) would be the pilot area for this program, that there would be a reporting mechanism back to UPNA, and that the City Commission would be considering adopting the pilot program at an upcoming meeting on September 11th. Mr. Hackenbrack stated that in other cities with similar programs, the compliance success rate is 80 to 85% without involving Code Enforcement staff.

Mr. Hackenbrack indicated that the annual meeting of the UPNA will be held at the United Church of Gainesville on October 1st, and that the officers assigned to the UPNA area as part of GPD's Community Policing Program would be in attendance to discuss the new program, as well as the Party Patrol, and the City's Code Enforcement manager would be in attendance to discuss new code enforcement programs. Discussion ensued on the importance of Hibiscus Park being involved with UPNA.

Residents discussed a pamphlet entitled " Guidelines for Rentals in Residential Neighborhoods", which is distributed to landlords when landlord licenses are paid, for the purpose of providing them to tenants. Residents suggested that other avenues should be explored for getting the pamphlet out to renters, such as sending them through GRU new accounts at times of the year when students are moving in to Gainesville. Residents

indicated that relying on landlords to distribute the pamphlets might not be the most effective method.

Residents discussed potential projects to be funded with City Commission grant dollars, including such projects as entrance signs and enhancements, landscaping the sinkhole and historic street name signs. Ms. Winburn indicated that she had met with a landscape architect, Dana McClain, who would be willing to develop a landscape plan for the sinkhole, and that the cost to develop the landscape plan would be approximately \$1,500. Ms. Winburn indicated that Ms. McClain advised that the best time to implement the landscape plan would be in November or December, to save money on watering, and that the trees should be put in first by December. Ms. McClain suggested that shrubs could be used in the landscape design which reflect the historic street names, such as jasmine, azalea, lantana and hibiscus. She had also indicated that plantings should be done on the western slope of the sinkhole to help counteract erosion. It was indicated that the City Arborist had stated at a previous neighborhood meeting that some of the trees could be obtained for free through the City's Treemendous Program, and Ms. Winburn indicated that costs could also be reduced if the City's Parks and Recreation Department would implement the landscape plan.

The neighborhood also discussed historic street signs further, indicating that the neighborhood would like a unique design, and a color which might match the heritage neighborhood signs. The importance of identifying the neighborhood through signage, giving it a common identify, was the general consensus of the group.

Ms. Staal indicated that all of the projects fit together to enhance the neighborhood, and that the landscape plan should not just focus on the sinkhole but consider the entrances to the neighborhood and signage as well. This was the general consensus of the group. Residents decided that the neighborhood should proceed with hiring a landscape architect. It was decided that Ms. Winburn would set up a meeting between Dana McClain and the neighborhood's Project Subcommittee, to occur after September 13th.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

**Hibiscus Park
Project Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
September 28, 2000**

4:00 p.m. at the Hibiscus Park Sinkhole

Prepared by the Department of Community Development

Attendance: Approximately 10 Hibiscus Park residents, including: Lisette Staal, Dess James, Peter Hirschfeld, Mary Rhodes, and Carolyn Schaeffer, Pat Byrne- City Parks Dept., Ed Sams- City Parks Dept., Mitch Morgan, City Parks Dept., Kathy Winburn, City Planning Dept., and Dana McClain and Karl ?- McClain Design Group.

The Neighborhood Projects Subcommittee met with Dana McClain, a landscape architect hired by the neighborhood and the city to develop a landscape plan with City Commission Neighborhood Improvement Grant dollars. Representatives of the City's Parks Division were also in attendance to discuss maintenance and other issues.

Ms. McClain discussed her vision for landscaping of the sinkhole located in the vicinity of N.W. 3rd Avenue. Ms. McClain indicated that xeriscape planting would be best, and that irrigation was a factor since there is a 3 month establishment period and plants would need to be watered three times a week. Mr. Byrne stated that it would be difficult for the Parks Department to use a watering truck during that time period given staffing limitations. He suggested that GRU could possibly drop a temporary meter and run a temporary irrigation system with a quick coupler, since there is electric power in the vicinity of the sinkhole.

Ms. McClain indicated that a design with planting in clustered area would be appropriate and would allow the Parks Department to continue to mow the area. She suggested clustering near the concrete flumes to hide them. Residents indicated that occasionally people drive vehicles through the sinkhole, and that a landscape design that would deter this problem would be helpful. Ms. McClain suggested the possibility of using quarry rocks with clusters of trees and shrubs in the design, or some type of fencing. Residents expressed interest in the use of rocks, particularly since the neighborhood has several historic fieldstone houses. Ms. McClain indicated that she would look into how rocks could be obtained from local construction companies.

Ms. McClain suggested the use of hornbeam, willow and riverbirch trees for edging the sinkhole, and for bald cypress closer towards the middle. She indicated that she would contact Meg Niederhofer, City Arborist, about which trees can be obtained at no cost through the City's Tremendous Program.

The area on the west side of the sinkhole was discussed in regards to improvements such as a picnic table and new benches. The small triangular area on N.W. 26th Street near the sinkhole was discussed. It was indicated that this area could be weeded to improve the appearance, and that it might be a good place for an entrance sign.

The potential for mini-traffic circles in the neighborhood was also discussed. Representatives from the City's Parks Department indicated that landscaping for mini-traffic circles could be provided by the City. The location of N.W. 27th St. and N.W. 2nd Ave. was discussed in particular.

Entrance signs in general were discussed. Ms. Winburn indicated that signs could not be placed on FDOT right-of-way. Ms. McClain indicated that she would include a sign design in the landscape plan.

**Hibiscus Park
Meeting Summary
February 7, 2001**

Prepared by the Department of Community Development

Attendance: Lisette Staal, Des James, Peter Hirschfeld, Carolyn Schaeffer, Chuck Hogan, Paul McGinty, Jo Tuffs, carol Bishop, Bill Brown, Norine Gresh, Juddy Carter, Mitch Morgan, City Parks Dept., and Kathy Winburn, City Planning Dept.

Lisette Staal updated the neighborhood on the progress of the University Ad Hoc Committee. Parking, traffic calming devices and over-occupancy were discussed. Kathy Winburn stated that the neighborhood had been on the Public Works Department list for a speed hump study for almost a year, and that there was a good possibility that the study would be done during late spring. She stated that N.W. 27th Street has been placed on a resurfacing priority list for this year, and that all the other streets in the neighborhood were on a preliminary 3 year resurfacing priority list. She also indicated that if the neighborhood qualified for speed humps, that they would need to be installed after resurfacing has been completed.

Mitch Morgan, City Parks Department, discussed preliminary estimates for the sinkhole landscape plan. Estimates were as follows:

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| Trees (30 gallons) | \$2,300.00 |
| Shrubs/groundcover | \$1,377.00 |
| St. Augustine Sod | \$ 600.00 |
| Fencing material | \$2,160.00 |
| 2 benches | \$ 370.00 |
| picnic table | \$ 175.00 |
| irrigation | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 3 sandblasted entrance signs (installed) | \$ 834.00 |
| Antique style street signs | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Pine needle mulch | N/C |
| Landscape architect fee | \$ 600.00 |
| Total Preliminary Estimate: | \$12,416.00 |

It was recommended that St. Augustine sod not be installed, because it is not drought tolerant. It was decided that Bermuda and Bahia grass seed could be used where needed instead. Mr. Morgan indicated that pine needle mulch could be provided at no charge as opposed to pine bark mulch. It was indicated that the cost to obtain and transport boulders would need to be determined. Juddy Carter indicated that he would look into this. It was indicated that the City Arborist should be contacted to see if any of the trees for the landscape plan could be provided through the City's Treemendous program. Discussion ensued regarding irrigation. Mr. Morgan indicated that there was a possibility that a temporary meter could be installed, at a much lower cost than a typical irrigation

system. He stated that there was a possibility that GRU could attach a meter and a hose bib to a fire hydrant near the pond, and the neighborhood would then use that water to water the landscaping, with the cost coming out of the Neighborhood Planning grant dollars. He stated that this would take a commitment by the neighborhood to water. It was decided that a decision on the type of irrigation system would be made at the next meeting. Mr. Morgan indicated that he would estimate the water usage necessary to establish the new landscaping, and determine the location of fire hydrants.

Discussion ensued on the type and location of the proposed fencing with 6x6 posts and cable. Residents discussed the continued problem of driving through the sinkhole late at night. Discussion ensued on whether the fencing should be placed outside the hedges or behind the hedges, where it might not be seen once the shrubs reach maturity.

Residents voted to: approve and proceed with the landscape plan, entrance signs and antique style street signs, to reserve the decision on irrigation until the next meeting, to exclude St. Augustine grass from the plan and to use pine needles instead of pine bark, and to coordinate with the Public Works Department on the installation of a proposed overflow pipe such that landscaping in the area of the pipe is not installed until the pipe is in place.

Chuck Hogan volunteered to be the neighborhood liaison regarding the design and implementation of the landscape plan. As such, he will keep neighbors updated on any decisions that need to be made.

APPENDIX B

NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

HIBISCUS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

The Hibiscus Park Neighborhood has been selected for the City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program. The Hibiscus Park Neighborhood is the area north of W. University Avenue and south of N.W. 8th Avenue between N.W. 27th Terr. east to N.W. 23rd Dr. The City Planning Department is interested in your opinion on a number of issues affecting your neighborhood. You can help with the neighborhood planning process by filling out the questionnaire, and returning it at the December 1st meeting or mailing it to **Kathy Winburn, City of Gainesville, P.O. Box 490, Sta.12, Gainesville, FL 32602. THANK-YOU!!**

Name: _____ (OPTIONAL)

Address: _____

1. How long have you lived in the Hibiscus Park Neighborhood?

_____ years _____ months _____ do not live in the neighborhood but own rental property

2. Do you rent or own in the Hibiscus Park Neighborhood?

_____ rent _____ own _____ own rental property

3. How would you rate the overall quality of the Hibiscus Park Neighborhood?

EXCELLENT _____ GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR _____

4. Please indicate the number of persons within your household who may fall into the following age groups:

_____ 0 -9 years _____ 30-39 years _____ 60+ years
 _____ 10-19 years _____ 40-49 years
 _____ 20-29 years _____ 50-59 years

5. How would you rate the condition or status of the following in your neighborhood?

| | Not an Issue/ Adequate | In Need of Improvement | Non- Existent | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------|
| 1. appearance of houses | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 2. parking enforcement | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 3. schools | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 4. increase use of properties for commercial purposes | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 5. crime level | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 6. vacant structures/lots | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 7. noise from neighbors | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 8. traffic control/speeding | 1 | 2 | 3 | (over) |

| | Not an Issue/ Adequate | In Need of Improvement | Non- Existent |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 9. type of businesses | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 10. condition of yards | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 11. provision of social services | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 12. neighborhood identity | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 13. streets/maintenance | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 14. proximity to shopping | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 15. increase in rental properties | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 16. neighborhood appearance/ landscaping | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 17. stormwater drainage | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 18. public transit | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 19. recreational facilities | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 20. codes enforcement | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 20. Other _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 21. _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 22. _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 23. _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 |

6. Of the services and facilities above which you marked in need of improvement or non-existent, which three (3) to five (5) should be given the highest priority by the city? (use the number from the left column above)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

7. What would make the Hibiscus Park Neighborhood a better place to live? _____

8-11. Please answer the following if you own rental property

8. How long have you owned rental property in the Hibiscus Park Neighborhood?

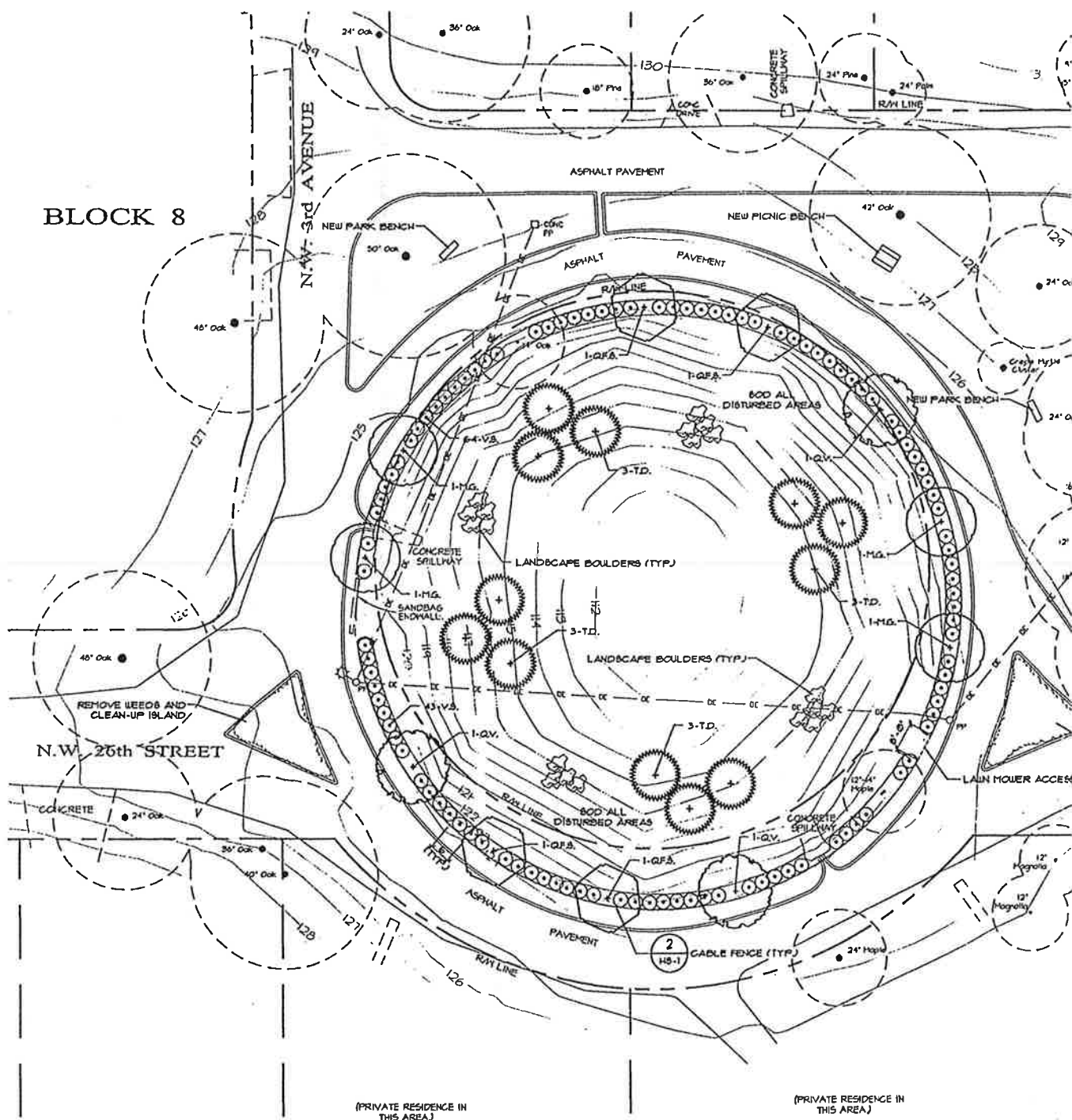
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9. How many rental properties do you own in the Hibiscus Park Neighborhood? _____

10. How many total rental units do you own in the Hibiscus Park Neighborhood? _____

11. How many of your rental units in the neighborhood are currently vacant? _____

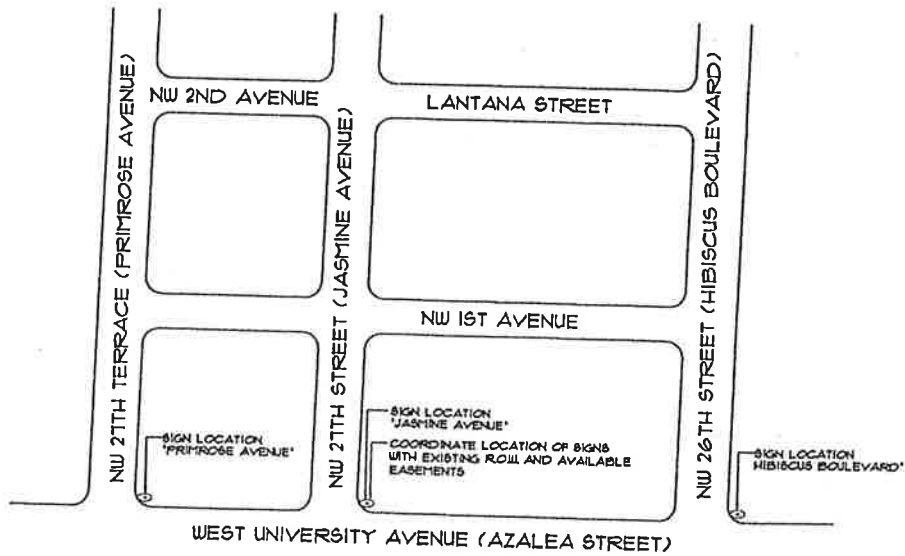
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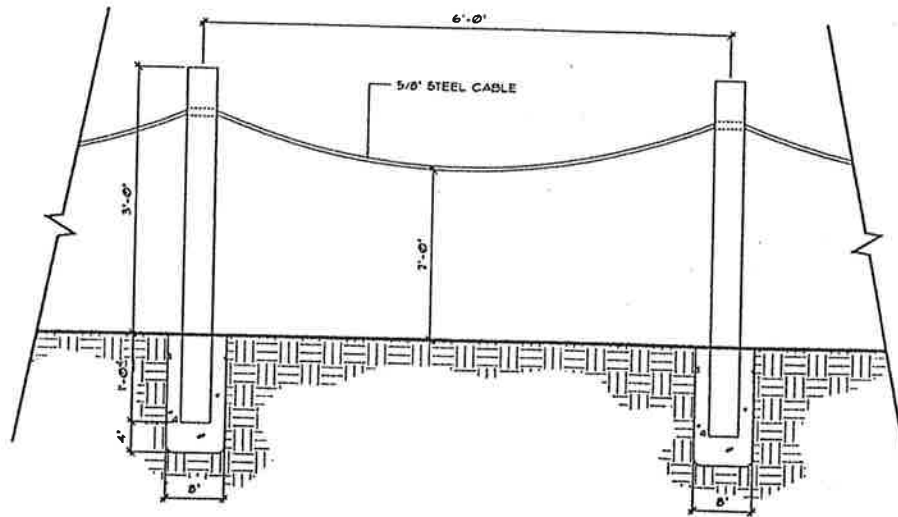
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1 SIGNAGE LOCATION PLAN
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2 TYPICAL SIGN
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4 CABLE FENCE ELEVATION
SCALE: 1"=1'-0"

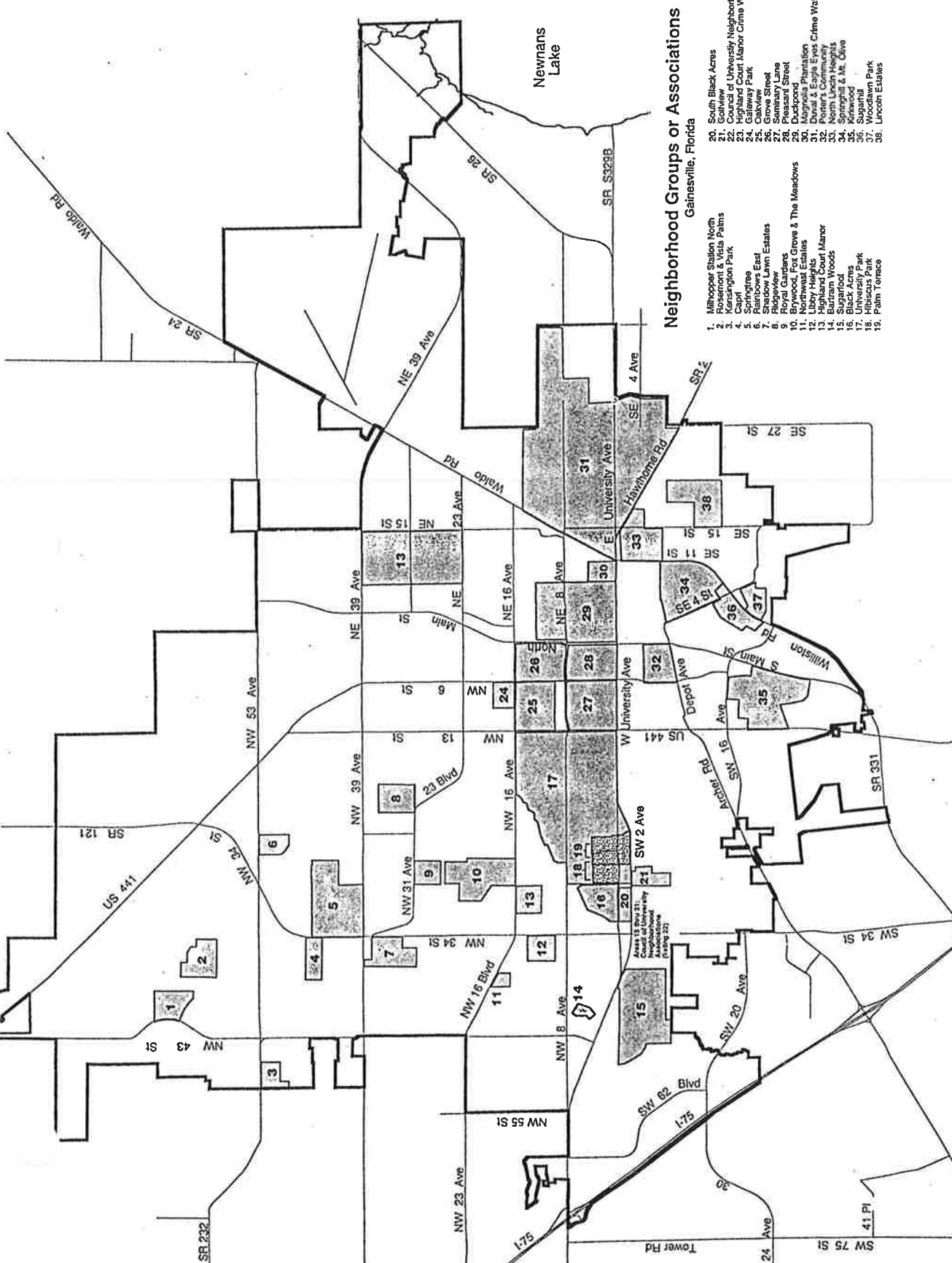
5 CABLE FENCE
SCALE: 1"=1'-0"

NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRATION PROGRAM

| NEIGHBORHOOD | CONTACT | ADDRESS | PHONE | MEETINGS |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------|--|
| Bartram Woods | Judy Locascio | 3936 NW 7th Place, 32607 | 336-4787 | |
| Black Acres / Black Pines | Catherine Berg | 3009 NW 1st Avenue, 32607 | 373-0467 | |
| | Ron Lutz | 415 NW 29th Street, 32607 | 376-7294 | |
| | Cindy Smith | 121 NW 28th Street, 32607 | 375-2540 | |
| Brywood | Sharon Shahan | 2640 NW 27th Terrace, 32605 | 371-4744 | |
| Capri | John Dolis | 4539 NW 37th Terrace, 32605 | 377-6707 | |
| Duckpond | Melanie Barr | 815 NE 3rd Avenue, 32602 | 377-4217 | Irregular Times |
| | Dom Nozzi | 1219 NE 5th Street, 32601 | 33604597 | |
| Duval | Geraldine Noble | 3411 SE 21st Avenue, 32641 | 375-4684 | |
| Eagle Eyes | Clarence Kelly | 808 NE 22nd Street, 32641 | 373-2486 | |
| Foxgrove | Martha Franklin | 1403 NE 3rd Avenue, 32604 | 372-4049 | 2nd or 3rd Monday - 6:00 PM - 1334 NE 4th Avenue |
| Gateway Park | Sharon Shahan | 2640 NW 27th Terrace, 32605 | 371-4744 | Irregular Times |
| | Kevin Neelands | 1821 NW 7th Street, 32609 | 376-2740 | |
| Golfview | R.D. Slauffer | 2737 SW 4th Place, 32607 | 378-5041 | Spring & Fall |
| | W.A. Gager | 2616 SW 4th Place, 32607 | 376-7073 | Spring & Fall |
| Grove Street | David Chalmers | 2740 SW 7th Place, 32607 | 378-6504 | Vary |
| | Maria Huff-Edwards | 1102 NW 4th Street, 32601 | 338-1860 | |
| Hibiscus Park | Mike Kubisek | 1103 NW 4th Street, 32601 | 373-4227 | Meeting dates vary |
| | Liseite Staal | 2704 NW 4th Avenue, 32607 | 375-1892 | |
| Highland Court Manor | Peter Hirschfeld | 311 NW 26th Street, 32607 | 376-6566 | |
| | Eleanor Loseke | 3119 NE 11th Terrace, 32609 | 373-6687 | 4th Monday - Schafer Lodge 2500 NE 9th Street |
| | Bobby Durnell | 3118 NE 11th Terrace, 32609 | 373-6687 | 4th Monday - Schafer Lodge 2500 NE 9th Street |
| | Gloria Parker | 2939 N.E. 11th Terrace, 32609 | 375-0518 | |
| Kensington Park | Maxine Hinge | 5040 NW 50th Terrace, 32606 | | |
| Kirkwood | Karen Scott | 5211 NW 50th Terrace, 32606 | 335-8793 | |
| | Jane Burman-Holton | 701 SW 23rd Place, 32601 | 335-9559 | Quarterly & Annual Meeting |
| Libby Heights | Katherine Trimble | 2610 SW 9th Drive, 32601 | 336-8541 | Quarterly & Annual Meeting |
| | Martin McKellar | 3442 NW 13th Avenue, 32605 | 374-4218 | |
| Lincoln Estates | Doris Edwards | 1040 SE 20th Street, 32601 | 371-2779 | Meeting dates vary - T.B. McPherson Center 5:30 p.m. |
| | Diane Dursey | 935 NE 3rd Avenue, 32601 | 376-3404 | |
| Magnolia Plantation | Sharon Shahan | 2640 NW 27th Terrace, 32605 | 371-4744 | |
| Meadows | David Holt | 3835 NW 68th Place, 32606 | 373-4836 | |
| Milhopper Station North | Andrew Lovette Sr. | 430 SE 14th Street, 32601 | 375-2796 | 2nd Monday - 6:30 PM - Church SE 14th Street & 4th Avenue |
| North Lincoln Heights | Nathaniel Jones | 1216 SE 12st Street, 32641 | 376-6691 | 2nd Monday - 6:30 PM - Church SE 14th Street & 4th Avenue |
| | Vern Howe | 3710 NW 17th Lane, 32605 | 338-0120 | |
| Northwest Estates | Debra Bruner | 914 NW 14th Avenue, 32601 | 377-0355 | 2nd Thursday, Except July, Aug. & Dec. - 6:30 PM - 518 NW 11th Avenue |
| Oakview | Thomas Lau | Box 13684, 32604 | 372-8032 | Not Regular - Group active since 1975 |
| Palm Terrace | Philip Delaney | 429 NW 24th Street, 32607 | 375-3644 | Not Regular - Group active since 1975 |
| Pleasant Street | Larry Hamilton | 212 NW 3rd Avenue, 32601 | 378-3075 | 3rd Wednesday - 6:30 PM - Rosa Williams Bldg. - 524 NW 1st |
| Porter's Community | Janie Williams | 811 SW 5th Street, 32601 | 378-4586 | 3rd Monday, Except Jan Tues after 3rd Month and February - Porter's Community Center |
| | Glady's Perkins | 514 SW 4th Street, 32601 | | 3rd Monday, Except Jan Tues after 3rd Month and February - Porter's Community Center |
| Rainbows East | Joe Thomas | 5014 NW 24th Terrace, 32605 | 378-4039 | |
| Ridgeview Baptist | Carolyn Whittier | 3500 NW 21st Street, 32605 | 371-1314 | 2nd Tuesday - Ridgeview Baptist Church - 3508 NW 19th Street |
| Ridgewood | Heddy Vernon | 1932 NW 35th Avenue, 32605 | 375-6907 | 2nd Tuesday - Ridgeview Baptist Church - 3508 NW 19th Street |
| | Charles Nelson | 2801 NW 121 Place, 32605 | 378-3918 | |
| Rosemont/Vista Palms | Ernie Hodge | 3455 NW 60th Lane, 32653 | 336-2161 | Meetings Vary |
| Royal Gardens | Naomi Williams | 2435 NW 29th Place, 32605 | 375-1898 | |
| Seminary Lane | Calvin Bryant | 1126 NW 5th Avenue, 32601 | 374-4982 | |
| | Frankie Scott | 1108 NW 5th Avenue, 32602 | 338-4435 | |
| Shadow Lawn Estates | Kathy Baker | 1015 NW 5th Avenue, 32602 | 372-0326 | |
| | Connie Spitznagel | 3521 NW 35th Place, 32605 | 338-0764 | Spring & Fall |

NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRATION PROGRAM

| NEIGHBORHOOD | CONTACT | ADDRESS | PHONE | MEETINGS |
|--|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--|
| South Black Acres | Marge Malagodi | 3015 SW 1st Avenue, 32607 | 378-0819 | |
| | Thelma Carlisle | 121 SW 32nd Street, 32607 | 338-9901 | |
| Springhill/Mount Olive | Dorothy George | 925 SE 11th Avenue, 32601 | 372-5636 | 2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM - Mount Olive AME Church - 721 SE 8th Street |
| | Vivian Filer | 1636 SE 14th Avenue, 32641 | 376-9956 | 2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM - Mount Olive AME Church - 721 SE 8th Street |
| Springtree | Kathy Meiss | 2705 NW 47th Place, 32605 | 336-1684 | |
| Sugarfoot Community/Angiewood | Robert Zimmerman | 3806 SW 3rd Avenue, 32607 | 377-5901 | Every two months - John Mahon's Home - 4129 SW 2nd Avenue |
| | Paul Urone | 3726 SW 6th Place, 32607 | 375-0223 | Every two months - John Mahon's Home - 4129 SW 2nd Avenue |
| Sugarhill | Cynthia Cooper | 1441 SE 2nd Terrace, 32601 | 376-6382 | 3rd Tuesday - 7:00 PM - 219 SE 3rd Place - Church |
| | Jessie Moore | 229 SE 14th Place, 32601 | 378-2773 | 3rd Tuesday - 7:00 PM - 219 SE 3rd Place - Church |
| | James Woodland | 225 SE 14th Place, 32601 | 373-3388 | 3rd Tuesday - 7:00 PM - 219 SE 3rd Place - Church |
| Woodlawn Park | Clara Long | 1900 SE 4th Street #6, 32601 | 377-0213 | 3rd Tuesday - 6:30 PM - 1900 SE 4th Street #170 |
| University Park (UPNA) | Karl Hackenbrack | 131 NW 22nd Street, 32603 | 373-3923 | 4th Thursday, Except June & July, Flexible in Nov. & Dec. |
| | Helen Hill | 1644 NW 10th Avenue, 32605 | 371-6365 | 4th Thursday, Except June & July, Flexible in Nov. & Dec. |
| Council of University Neighborhood Associations (CUNA) | Karl Hackenbrack | 131 NW 22nd Street, 32603 | 373-3923 | Thursday before 2nd Monday each month |
| Weed & Seed | Margie Malagodi | 3015 SW 1st Avenue, 32607 | 378-0819 | Thursday before 2nd Monday each month |
| | Crystal Bowser | 3600 NE 15th Street, 32609 | 955-6875 ext.264 | |



Neighborhood Groups or Associations Gainesville, Florida

1. Millcopper Station North
2. Rosemont & Vista Palms
3. Kensington Park
4. Capitol
5. Springtime East
6. Shadow Lawn Estates
7. Royal Gardens
8. Ridgeview
9. University Park
10. University Park
11. Northwood Estates
12. Libby Heights
13. Highland Court Manor
14. Bartram Woods
15. Black Acres
16. University Park
17. University Park
18. Hibiscus Park
19. Palm Terrace
20. South Black Acres
21. Golfview
22. Council of University Neighborhoods
23. Highland Court Manor Crime Watch
24. Gateway Park
25. Gateway Park
26. Grove Street
27. Seminary Lane
28. Pleasant Street
29. Pleasant Street
30. University Park
31. Doral & Esplanade Crime Watch
32. Porter's Community
33. Northwood Heights
34. University Park
35. University Park
36. University Park
37. Woodlawn Park
38. Lincoln Estates



Exhibit F

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The Highland Court Manor Neighborhood is interested in participating in the 2001 City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program.

Signature: Eleanor M. Loseke

Address: 3119 NE 11th St
Gainesville, FL 32609

Phone #: 352-373-6687

How are you authorized to represent the neighborhood?

Additional Neighborhood Representatives:

1. Name: Dorothy Heselberger

Address: 1132 NE 31st Ave.

Phone #: 284-3554

2. Name: Crystal Bowser

Address: 3600 NE 15th St

Phone #: 955-6875 ext 264

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Highland Court Manor

#1. Highland Court Manor Neighborhood is a historical area of forty years with a family oriented tradition

#2. As the neighborhood has changed with new comers over the years we want to re establish a strong safe neighborhood for better quality of life for all the residents.

#3. We have three possible projects which we would choose the one that best fits this program. Our aim is to preserve the integrity of the area.

Idea #1. Provide E 911 required numbers for all the area homes. These homes would receive 4-inch contrasting color numbers on the curb.

Idea #2.

Make ditch on NE 35th more neighborhood friendly. Possibly get drainage pipes installed and cover over so that it can become a neighborhood park of some sort.

Idea 3

Signs for neighborhood of brick or wrought iron at several points in area example NE 9th and 23rd, NE 9th St and NE 31 Ave, NE 11th Ter and NE 39th NE 15th St and NE 39th Ave, NE 15th and NE 23rd Ave

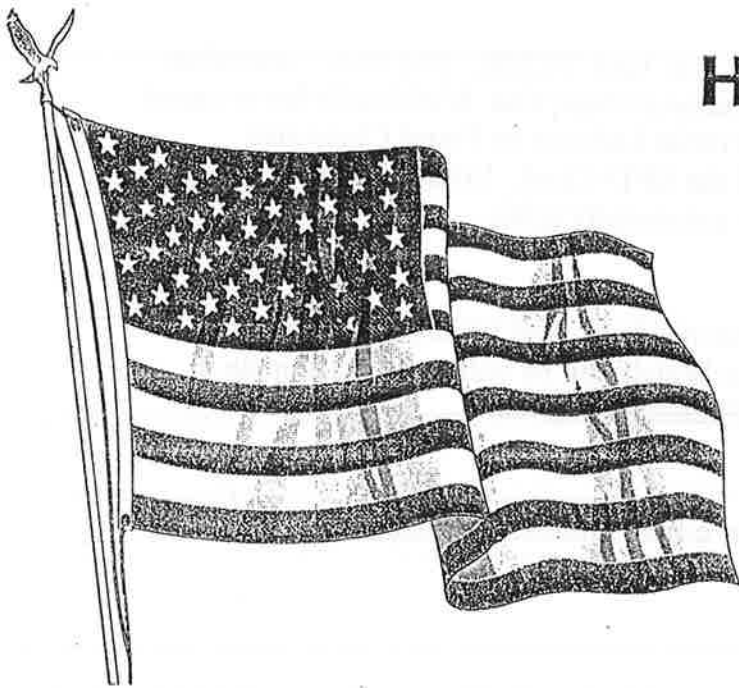
#4. We are presently organized as the Highland Court Manor Crime Watch. We meet monthly on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00PM at the R. T. Schafer Lodge 2505 NE 9th Street. We have been meeting consistently since August of 1998.

#5. We have had neighborhood clean ups 7/10/99, 3/4/00, paint your heart out 4/00. A Large clean up 5/6/00. Flag distribution to residents 6/30/00 for

community pride. Family Fun Day was held 7/22/00. The first Gainesville Court Watch was here 12/4/98. National Night Out 8/1/00 with horse escort and neighborhood luminaries. 12/18/00 Citizens on Patrol Christmas Caroling with Mayor Delaney and the GPD Chief. Luminaries were left at each driveway lighting the path to community spirit.

#6. A core group of 40 to 50 active residents who are always recruiting new members to Highland Court Crime Watch will be willing to participate in implementing the Neighborhood Planning Program.

Please feel free to contact us at our e-mail address hcmcwatch@hotmail.com
Coming soon a web page for our neighborhood.



HIGHLAND COURT MANOR CRIME WATCH

Hello Neighbors!

Our neighborhood has come a long way since August 1998 when Crime Watch had its first meeting. We have been working together with our neighbors, community leaders, the Gainesville Police Department and our Safe Haven (Safe Haven Fearnside Family Services Center) to "weed" out crime and "sow" the seeds of pride in our community.

We have received a generous donation of American Flags from Home Depot. On the following dates, please display "Old Glory" proudly in your front yard!

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Labor Day | September 4, 2000 |
| Columbus Day | October 12, 2000 |
| Election Day..... | November 7, 2000 |
| Veterans Day | November 11, 2000 |
| Martin Luther Kind Day | January 17, 2001 |
| Presidents Day | February 21, 2001 |
| Memorial Day | May 29, 2001 |
| Flag Day | June 14, 2001 |
| Independence Day | July 4, 2001 |
| National Night Out | August 7, 2001 |

Highland Court Manor Crime Watch Family-Youth Fun Day



Saturday July 22 10:00AM - 2:00 PM
McGurn Family YMCA
1303 NE 23rd Avenue

Free Free Free
Refreshments

Free Free Free
Swimming

Free Free Free
Volley Ball



Youth Crime Watch Info & Sign Up
Security Link Kid Safe/Photo Id
GPD K-9 Demonstration
Drawings for Prizes

! Come Join US ! ! Family Youth Fun Day !



Lots of Fun for Free



Youth Must be accompanied by an Adult

Sponsored By: Highland Court Manor Crime Watch, McGurn Family YMCA,
Weed and Seed Safe Haven (Fearnside Family Service Center)



What Can Highland Court Manor Do For You?

hcmcwatch@hotmail.com

*Good Meetings
Great Neighbors
Great Youth*

Ongoing activities:

- ☆ Neighborhood Clean Ups
- ☆ Citizens Patrol
- ☆ Citizens Academy
- ☆ Establishing Youth Crime Watch
- ☆ Paint Your ♥ Out

Notice the changes:

- ☆ New Street Lights
- ☆ New Speed Humps
- ☆ Cleaner Streets and Yards
- ☆ Newly Painted Houses

Come to our meetings the
fourth Monday of each month,
at the Schafer Lodge at 7 p.m.

Thank a Vet!
Fly your flag on Veteran's Day.

Highland Court Manor Neighborhood

Crimewatch

Come join us as we work
together to revitalize our neighborhood.



Family Fun Day



Who Are We?

We are your neighbors who have a strong sense of pride and community ownership. In order to maintain our surroundings, we must come together and take a hands on approach in keeping our neighborhood safe.

Meetings Location

We meet every fourth Monday of each month at the R.T. Schafer Lodge, 2505 N.E. 9th Street at 7:00 p.m.

We also have an e-mail address: hmcwatch@hotmail.com, where you can send in any questions and comments. At this time, we are in the process of creating a website.

For further information call

Eleanor Loseke
373-6687



What Can Highland Court Manor Do for You?

Help make you aware of your neighborhood and the surrounding neighbors

Help make our neighborhood safe and attractive for our children

Ongoing Activities:

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- Citizens Patrol
- Citizens Academy
- Paint Your Heart Out
- Family Fun Day
- Youth Crime Watch

Notice The Changes:

- New Street Lights
- New Speed Humps
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Weed & Seed

(Weeding out crime and Seeding in pride)

Weed & Seed is a federally funded grant designed to revitalize neighborhoods. We are supported by our Safe Haven, which is the

Fearnside Family Services Center.

3600 N.E. 15th Street.

Services Available:

- G.E.D. Classes
- Computer Lab
- Health Clinic
- Economic Services
- Gainesville Harvest
- Headstart Program
- Parenting Classes
- Computer Access, including Internet
- Meeting Rooms Available to Community

Any questions call:
Crystal Bowser, Weed & Seed Coordinator
955-6875 ext. 264

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The Sugar Hill, Moorwood Heights Neighborhood is interested in participating in the 2001 City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program.

Signature: Vera McCloud

"Mailing" Address: P.O. Box 294
Gainesville, FL 32602

Phone #: (352) 338-0143
727-1225

How are you authorized to represent the neighborhood?
I live in the neighborhood, I attend most of our meetings when not working.
I have organized the neighborhood clean ups.

Additional Neighborhood Representatives:

1. Name: Carolyn Woodard + James Woodard

Address: 225 SE 14th Place

Phone #: (352) 373-3388

2. Name: Patrell Parker

Address: 409 SE 14th Place

Phone #: (352) 375-7242

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Name of Neighborhood: Sugar Hill / Moorwood Heights

How many years has your neighborhood been in existence? _____

Why is your neighborhood interested in participating in the City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program?

We need to improve our neighborhood in so many ways. But we don't have the funds.

It need a face lift 😊

What are the major issues and needs facing your neighborhood, and what types of projects would improve your neighborhood?

* Safty (Proper lighting, speed bumps, ect.)

The neighborhood Park

* The houses in the neighborhood

landscaping, ect.

* Fire Safty

Is your neighborhood organized and are neighborhood meetings held (if so, how many meetings in the past year)? YES

every 2 Today for the past 4 years.

Describe any previous initiatives that the neighborhood has made.

1) neighborhood Clean up.

2) Crime watch team.

3) Regular meetings.

4) Board up old houses.

Approximately how many residents would be willing to participate in implementing the Neighborhood Planning Program? All About 15-20

Additional sheet(s) may be attached

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The Sugarfoot Community Improvement Association Neighborhood is interested in participating in the 2001 City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program.

Signature: Paul Urone

Address: 3726 SW 6th Place, Gainesville, FL 32607 Phone # (352) 375-0223

How are you authorized to represent the neighborhood?
Crime Watch Chairman (Former President)

Additional Neighborhood Representatives:

1. Name: Susan Wright (Very Active)

Address: 105 SW 42nd St, 32607 Phone #: 372-7975

2. Name: John Mahon, Ph.D. (Very Active)

Address: 4129 SW 2nd Ave, 32607 Phone #: 372-4197

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Name of Neighborhood: Sugarfoot Community Improvement Association

How many years has your neighborhood been in existence? ~~10 years~~ 28 Years

Why is your neighborhood interested in participating in the City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program? Incorporated April 18, 1985 No: N08792

We have an active Neighborhood Organization and we want to keep as a liveable, friendly, safe neighborhood with single family code enforcement.

What are the major issues and needs facing your neighborhood, and what types of projects would improve your neighborhood?

Maintenance of its single neighborhood code, Control of vandalism and crime - we usually don't have a lot of problems.

We have a neighborhood, Greenacre Park, that could be improved.

Is your neighborhood organized and are neighborhood meetings held (if so, how many meetings in the past year)?

Yes, we are organized. Have been organized for 28 years Incorporated, April 18, 1985; N08792. Meet about every two months Have had annual picnics for 28 years. Neighborhood Newsletters - 4 or more per year.

Describe any previous initiatives that the neighborhood has made.

Kept our neighborhood liveable and reasonably safe and always friendly. ~~Green~~

Approximately how many residents would be willing to participate in implementing the Neighborhood Planning Program? - At least 100.

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The Kirkwood Neighborhood is interested in participating in the 2001 City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program.

Signature: Katherine J. Trumble
Address: 2610 SW 9th Dr Phone #: 336-8541

How are you authorized to represent the neighborhood?

President of Kirkwood Environmental Improvement Inc

Additional Neighborhood Representatives:

- 1. Name: Jane Burman-Hilton
Address: 781 SW 23rd Pl Phone #: 335-9559
- 2. Name: John Hudson
Address: SW 29th Place Phone #: _____

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Name of Neighborhood: Kirkwood

How many years has your neighborhood been in existence? ~40 yrs

Why is your neighborhood interested in participating in the City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program?

We are one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city with a unique old-style ambience.

What are the major issues and needs facing your neighborhood, and what types of projects would improve your neighborhood?

*SW 13th Street - Main Street
Cut-through traffic
Prostitution control
Enhancing "family" appeal*

Is your neighborhood organized and are neighborhood meetings held (if so, how many meetings in the past year)?

4/yr - Board

Describe any previous initiatives that the neighborhood has made.

*Annual membership mtg
Road improvements / drainage
Acres street lighting*

would like to landscape medians on South Main

Approximately how many residents would be willing to participate in implementing the Neighborhood Planning Program?

10-20

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The Ridgeview Neighborhood is interested in participating in the 2001 City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program.

Signature: Carolyn V. [Signature]

Address: 3500 NW 21st St

Phone #: 371-1314
955-2025

How are you authorized to represent the neighborhood?

I am the president of the Ridgeview Neighborhood Association. I was one of the founding members and have been active w/ this group since it's incarnation over 2 year ago.

1. Name: Heddy Vernon

Address: 1932 NW 35th Ave

Phone #: 375-6907
378-9998

2. Name: Kay Weigel

Address: 2035 NW 36th Ave

Phone #: 376-9241

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Also submitted a video of TV-20 segments on the neighborhood.

Name of Neighborhood: Ridgeview

How many years has your neighborhood been in existence? 2 yrs 3 mos

Why is your neighborhood interested in participating in the City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program?

See attached

What are the major issues and needs facing your neighborhood, and what types of projects would improve your neighborhood?

See attached

Is your neighborhood organized and are neighborhood meetings held (if so, how many meetings in the past year)?

See attached

Describe any previous initiatives that the neighborhood has made.

See attached

Approximately how many residents would be willing to participate in implementing the Neighborhood Planning Program?

see attached

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**CITY OF GAINESVILLE
2001 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROGRAM**

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Name of Neighborhood: Ridgeview

How many years has your neighborhood been in existence? Approximately 75 years

Why is your neighborhood interested in participating in the City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program?

The Ridgeview Association began in October 1998. At that time a number of residents pulled together, mostly out of fear and apprehension, to combat the drug and criminal activity that had become rampant in our neighborhood. As we pulled together and began to organize, we not only began to reclaim our neighborhood, but also to recognize the underlying evils that had caused its deterioration. We have made great strides, working with the Gainesville Police Department in combating and controlling the drug and criminal activity. That was, and will always remain our first priority. We are no longer satisfied with the status quo, however. Now we want to beautify our streets and properties, to eliminate dilapidated buildings and increase our sense of community and ownership. Also, in order to protect, preserve and continue our recent progress, we have determined a major need to provide supervision, recreation and structured learning for the many children and adolescents living in this area to prevent their progression from roles as innocent bystanders to that of active participants of the drug/criminal element. To do these things we need the expertise, guidance and financial resources the Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program can provide.

What are the major issues and needs facing your neighborhood, and what types of projects would improve your neighborhood?

The Ridgeview Neighborhood is an older, well-established area roughly extending from Hogtown Creek west to 21st Street between 31st and 39th Avenues. Sturdy one-family residences from the 50's were built alongside original homes dating back to the 30's and 40's. These older homes are today interspersed with apartments, rental units and even some newer modular style houses. We have initiated an ongoing effort to restore the older homes and improve the livability of our surroundings while preserving the flavor of this hidden neighborhood. To continue our efforts we have identified three major issues.

First, we are a lower income neighborhood consisting mostly of young families, first-time homeowners and retired citizens. Many of our residents cannot afford the desired upkeep to their properties. Our association would like to provide assistance in yard cleaning and maintenance, landscaping, tree planting, house painting and or minor repairs, and fencing (erecting and/or fixing). We would also like to augment the upkeep of private properties with the beautification of our street rights of way, traffic circles and parks. Second, we have identified 5 "troubled properties" that will require extensive effort in order to eliminate illegal loitering, open alcohol use, and shelter for drug dealings. Third, we need to find a way to break the cycle of crime by addressing the children of our community. Police have observed toddlers progress from the innocents of childhood to adolescents who conduct drug deals and abet or commit robberies. Over 1/2 of the families living in our neighborhood are at or below the 1990 poverty level. One third of the families have a female as the head of household. Nearly 40% have children under the age of 18; and nearly 80% of those children are under 5 years old.

We envision the following types of projects to improve our neighborhood.

(1) Involve the children! We hope to recruit interested and knowledgeable adults from the neighborhood to work with the children and youth in our area. The children could be taught how to use yard maintenance equipment safely (rakes, edgers, clippers, and mowers, etc.). Homeowners in need of help can be identified. With adult supervision, the children/youth could then clean and maintain privately owned yards. For their efforts, they could receive some monetary compensation, plus some other recognition – perhaps an awards banquet. This effort would teach them important living and employability skills, instill a work ethic, increase pride in their neighborhood, provide a small allowance, offer an alternative to "hangin' out", and show them that they **can** make a difference. Homeowners will receive a much needed service. The adults and children will get to know one another. The entire community gains from improved properties, earned trust, and better communication.

(2) The same process can be utilized for public property. Residents, adults and children alike, could be encouraged to "adopt" a length of road right of way to maintain and keep free of trash and debris. Traffic circles and parks could be done the same way. These areas could also be developed through improved landscaping which might include planting flowers, bushes, and/or even trees. Landscaped, well-maintained signs to identify the neighborhood could be placed at appropriate entrance ways.

(3) We also wish to provide assistance to those homeowners whose homes are in need of painting or minor repairs. We could make "mini-grants" available. For those who qualify, we could unite for a day, all working together to provide the needed services, much like an old-fashioned barn raising.

(4) We need to continue our efforts to convince the owners of our "trouble properties" to manage them properly. Simultaneously, we need to access whatever alternatives are available to alleviate the dangers they represent.

Is your neighborhood organized and are neighborhood meetings held (if so, how many meetings in the past year)?

The Ridgeview Association has been an active neighborhood crime watch and support group since October 1998. We currently have over 75 members. We meet once a month in the Ridgeview Baptist Church fellowship hall with an average attendance of thirty. We have elected officers and established various committees, all of which are headed by volunteers. Each formal meeting is often followed by refreshments and a program or guest speaker (most notably, a representative from city planning to explain why 29th Road cannot be repaired due to the section that runs across Hogtown Creek, the director of Altrusa House; the manager of Glen Springs Manor, and Commissioner Warren Neilson). We have met 11 times this year to date.

Describe any previous initiatives that the neighborhood has made.

We have become one of the most active and recognized crime watch organizations in Gainesville. The Gainesville Police Department has encouraged and supported our efforts, provided safety training, and suggested links to other city and community agencies. GPD representatives attend our meetings, inform us of their activities on our behalf, and patrol our neighborhood regularly.

We were one of the few neighborhoods to actively participate in National Night Out. We organized an entire evening of crime awareness, community cleaning, and family activities. We were addressed by GPD Chief Bostford and recognized by the local media (The Gainesville Sun and TV20).

We conduct quarterly clean-ups from which tons of trash have been disposed of from the community. Residents were also able to dispose of large items that they may not have been able to dispose of otherwise. We also have community picnics and walks to encourage new members and let our presence be known. Commissioner John Barrow joined us in our December cleanup.

We have cleaned our streets. We had speed humps installed, additional street lights erected, abandoned cars removed, and vacant buildings boarded up.

We have coordinated our efforts with Gainesville Regional Utilities, Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation (Karen Snyder and Cliff Crawford), the Gainesville Police and Fire Departments, and local churches and businesses.

We are an official member of Keep Alachua County Beautiful and a registered Neighborhood Crime Watch Organization (signs and all!). We have representatives on such boards as GPD's North District Council, Court Watch, Youth Council and the Action Task Force.

Approximately how many residents would be willing to participate in implementing the Neighborhood Planning Program?

We believe that with the support and assistance you can provide, our organization should nearly double to 150 participants. That is, of course, counting the children! Always the children.

Joseph A. Schmid
P.O. Box 63
Gainesville, Florida 32602

December 18, 2000

Ms. Kathy C. Winburn, AICP
Senior Planner
Community Development Department
City of Gainesville
P.O. Box 490
Gainesville, Florida 32602-0490

Hand-Delivered

Dear Ms. Winburn:

Please see the attached Neighborhood Planning Program application for the Forest Park Neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you on this and other initiatives.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Schmid

**City of Gainesville 2001 Neighborhood Planning Program
APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

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Please complete this application and answer the questions on the attached sheet, and return to: Community Development Department, c/o Kathy Winburn, P.O. Box 490, Sta. 11, Gainesville, Florida 32601 **by December 20th.**

The Forest Park Neighborhood is interested in participating in the 2001 City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program.

Signature: Josh A. Smith

Address: 1735 NW 7 Place Phone #: 335-1419

How are you authorized to represent the neighborhood?

See attached.

Additional Neighborhood Representatives:

1. Name: Bernie Murphy

Address: 1507 NW 7 Avenue Phone #: 376-0337

2. Name: Sam Harris

Address: 1722 NW 5 Avenue Phone #: 372-5832

If your neighborhood is not selected, you will be given the opportunity to resubmit your application for the following year's program, if available. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Winburn at 334-5022 or e-mail at winburnkc@ci.gainesville.fl.us..

****Applications must be received by December 20, 2000 for consideration****

Name of Neighborhood: Forest Park

How many years has your neighborhood been in existence? 60

Why is your neighborhood interested in participating in the City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program?

See attached.

What are the major issues and needs facing your neighborhood, and what types of projects would improve your neighborhood?

See attached

Is your neighborhood organized and are neighborhood meetings held (if so, how many meetings in the past year)?

See attached.

Describe any previous initiatives that the neighborhood has made.

See attached

Approximately how many residents would be willing to participate in implementing the Neighborhood Planning Program?

20.

Additional sheet(s) may be attached

How are you authorized to represent the neighborhood?

I am the Secretary and an Executive Officer of the University Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA). Forest Park lies within the UPNA area.

Why is your neighborhood interested in participating in the City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program?

Forest Park is uniquely qualified and prepared to implement this program. This neighborhood often serves as the vanguard facing problems and issues that affect the whole city; a strong history of positive activism exists in this neighborhood, to the benefit of the rest of the city. Much of the efforts put forth by Forest Park residents and described in the following text may seem reactive. These are reasonable responses to challenges, but reactive nonetheless. Based upon this past, it is reasonable to believe that Forest Park residents would effectively and creatively execute the planning process and develop a dynamic action plan and projects—this would be money well spent. This program offers an opportunity for this important neighborhood to be proactive and take initiative, to give its committed citizens something to work for and be proud of, and a reason to keep living here.

What are the major issues and needs facing your neighborhood, and what types of projects would improve your neighborhood?

Forest Park is a cornerstone of the University Context Area. Located five blocks north of the University of Florida main campus, immediately east of J.J. Finley Elementary School, and yet bounded on the north by the east-west thoroughfare of NW 8th Avenue, Forest Park's character is integral to the stability of many of the surrounding neighborhoods. For instance, as the result of its proximity to Finley, the quality of this neighborhood directly impacts the school's success. Finley is the elementary school for much of the surrounding area and often is key to families choosing to live in the area. United Church of Gainesville is another example; this church serves a citywide population from the pulpit and beyond and is a vital component of the neighborhood. Obviously, the City of Gainesville has an inherent interest in rehabilitating, preserving, and enhancing the character of Forest Park.

Forest Park is currently experiencing stressors similar to college neighborhoods in other cities. Specifically, this traditional single-family neighborhood that has historically enjoyed a high level of owner occupancy has seen its quality and character eroded by the intrusion of unkempt, often illegal, rental properties. Houses are sold to investors, who seek to increase profits through renting to as many tenants as possible and keeping upkeep and oversight to a minimum. The impact to the neighborhood is felt through code violations, noise complaints, traffic issues, and general quality of life issues. Some long-time residents speak of the overall decline in the appearance and appeal of the neighborhood, of being afraid to confront their neighbors during loud parties and other inappropriate activity, and of not knowing their neighbors at all. The sense of place and cohesion is being threatened. The walkability, liveability, and general good neighborliness that have existed for decades are being diminished at a disturbing pace. The connectiveness that was once there is being lost.

The key to Forest Park's recovery is two-fold: (1) City regulation of property and behavior (see city initiatives below); and (2) encouraging single-family occupancy. Projects that could support this second goal are varied; many are aesthetic improvements that would contribute to the appeal of the neighborhood, and yet others are purely functional to families living here. Some that have been discussed are as follows:

- Playground and park facilities
- Sidewalks on all streets
- Underground electrical utilities
- Landscaping, including replacing the tree canopy in areas where it has eroded
- Historic signage
- Traffic improvements

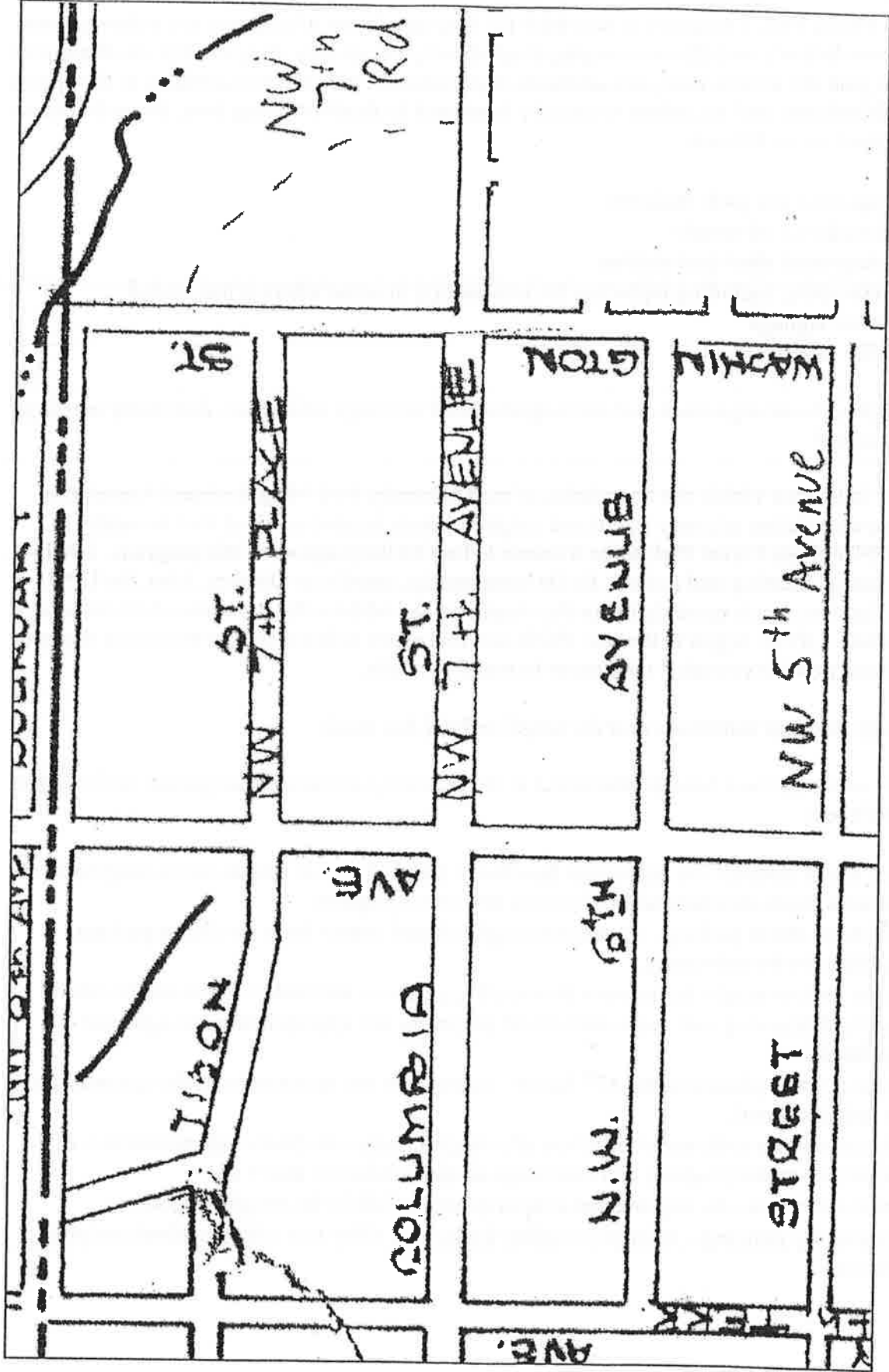
Is your neighborhood organized and are neighborhood meetings held (If so, how many meetings in the past year)?

Forest Park is located within the boundaries of the University Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA), an association of many traditional neighborhoods located north of the University of Florida. UPNA chose Forest Park since it seems to best fit the purpose of this program. UPNA holds one annual meeting and potluck for its membership, usually in October. Also, the UPNA Board of Directors meets monthly to conduct business and address the concerns of the associated neighborhoods. UPNA began in the late 1970s as a real estate referral service to reverse the trend of single-family owner occupied residences to rental property.

Describe any previous initiatives that the neighborhood has made.

Forest Park residents have been instrumental to the following initiatives that protect and enhance the neighborhood:

- Real estate referral—to encourage families to buy and live in houses in the neighborhood and slowdown the conversion of homes into rental property.
- City decal street parking—to prevent neighborhood streets from serving as parking facilities for the university.
- Codes enforcement—to improve to overall appearance and safety of the neighborhood.
- Landlord licensing—to make sure rental properties are appropriately managed and regulated.
- Crepe myrtles planted along 17th Street—to improve the appearance of this gateway into the neighborhood.
- City occupancy ordinance/definition of a single family—to discourage conversion of homes into rental property and encourage single families to move in.
- Noise ordinance—to improve the overall quality of life in the neighborhood.
- Community policing—to improve safety by forging close ties with neighborhood police officers.



Forest Park Neighborhood

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The Black Acres/Black Pines Neighborhood is interested in participating in the 2001 City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program.

Signature: Catherine C. Berg

Address: 3009 NW 1st Ave 32607 Phone #: 373-0467

How are you authorized to represent the neighborhood?

Pres. of Neighborhood Association

Additional Neighborhood Representatives:

1. Name: Ron Lutz

Address: 415 NW 29 St. Phone #: 376-7294

2. Name: Cindy Smith

Address: 121 NW 28 St. Phone #: 375-2540

If your neighborhood is not selected, you will be given the opportunity to resubmit your application for the following year's program, if available. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Winburn at 334-5022 or e-mail at winburnkc@ci.gainesville.fl.us..

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Name of Neighborhood: Black Acres / Black Pines

How many years has your neighborhood been in existence? Since mid-fifties
45 years

Why is your neighborhood interested in participating in the City of Gainesville Neighborhood Planning Program? We are an older, lovely neighborhood with a great balance of old and young, singles families, blue collar + professional, multiethnic. We have welcomed students, many of whom respect and add to the ambiance. We want to remain stable, but the

What are the major issues and needs facing your neighborhood, and what types of projects would improve your neighborhood? of rentals nearly - 30% is of concern. (see attached)

- Better ways of communicating with renters and absentee landlords

- Better articulation of neighborhood "expectations" with regard to parking, trash, noise, etc.

- Beautification of entrances to neighborhood and our "face" on West Univ. Ave.

- Help from code enforcement on upholding standards

- Development of "Vision" for our future Traffic issues

Is your neighborhood organized and are neighborhood meetings held (if so, how many meetings in the past year)?

- We have had 3 neighborhood potluck/meeting/street parties in last 12 months — 80-100 in attendance each time

- Steering Committee meets 4 times a year

Describe any previous initiatives that the neighborhood has made.

- Part of the group that formed CUNA

- Attendance at City Ad-hoc Committee

- Cindy Smith represents us at countless community mtgs.

- Established street coordinators/captains for efficient communication

- Newsletter 3-4 times/year (see attached)²

Approximately how many residents would be willing to participate in implementing the Neighborhood Planning Program? For certain, 6-8 people from

Steering Committee, plus street coordinators —

Additional sheet(s) may be attached

total 10-12?

I think many people would be interested —

1. We feel strongly that the viability of the neighborhood is precariously balanced ... much more rental pressure could accelerate a downward slide. Yet there is great pride and determination to preserve the quality of Black Aces / Black Pines by many long-term residents of 20-40 years duration!

We believe we are a good candidate for your program for the following reasons:

- 1) Neighborhood pride
- 2) vital organization in place
- 3) numerous efforts to help ourselves
- 4) we could become a Showcase
- 5) It is not too late to make a considerable impact for our neighborhood — but time is of the essence

2. (cont)

- Requested and received traffic calming humps
- Requested and received Heritage Neighborhood Signs
- * • Developed a comprehensive map of all properties as to ownership / rental status
- * • Sent letters to all absentee landlords advising them of need to be licensed and to follow codes
(copy sent to City Codes of rental properties not licensed)
- * • Send letters to realtors urging them to advise potential renters of occupancy codes
- Have invited police and codes officials to our gatherings ✓



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

ISSUE 8

Catherine Berg, editor

October 2000

Black Acres/Black Pines Potluck and Meeting Nov. 12

It's time again for great food, fun, and fellowship. Twice this year, 75-100 folks of all ages gathered under the oak trees for old-fashioned block parties. We even resurrected the watermelon seed-spitting contest (belated congratulations to current champions Ron Lutz, Reggie Hillman, and Julia Lutz!) Mark your calendar...hope to see you at the potluck November 12! Do not hesitate to call a neighbor or Steering Committee member if a bit of assistance would make it possible for you to attend.

WHEN: Sunday, November 12, 2000, 4-6 p.m.

WHERE: On 29th Street, blocked off between 30th and 32nd Streets

WHAT TO BRING:

- Your family and neighbors
- A large dish to share
- Portable chairs and tables (if you have any)
- Plates and silverware for your group.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- **Lisa Koehler**, codes enforcement manger, who will give us details of a new community pilot program.
- **Sherry Scott**, lieutenant of the North District of GPD, who will tell us more about "GULF" and the "Party Patrol."

Make a difference: join our Black Acres/Black Pines Neighborhood Association

Treasurer Ron Lutz reports a balance of \$212.55 as of 9/25, The five dollar membership fee covers the cost of newsletters, permits, and potluck expenses. Ron will be collecting dues at the potluck, or you can mail them to him at 415 NW 29 St.

Steering Committee

| | | |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| President | Catherine Berg | 373-0467 |
| Treasurer | Ron Lutz | 376-7294 |
| Liaison | Cindy Smith | 375-2540 |
| Secretary | Anne Murray | (on sabbatical) |

Steering Committee seeks input on issues, process for nominating new officers

Next Meeting: Monday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m. at Bergs', 3009 NW First Ave.

The current officers "volunteered" themselves a year ago after several re-organizational meetings.

While we are willing to continue, at your pleasure, for another year, we intend to present an "official" slate of officers for election at the Fall 2001 potluck.

With so many urgent issues confronting neighborhoods, we need all the vision, energy and commitment we can get. Join us?

First Avenue saddened by passing of longtime resident, friend

The recent death of David Williams, age 92, left a hole in the hearts of his neighbors. David and Charlotte, who predeceased him, had lived in their house at 3028 NW First Avenue for nearly forty years. He cared very much about the neighborhood; remember his sprightly participation at our last potluck? David's children would like to see a family love and care for their home as they did.

Which leads to the following...

Editorial

Keeping our neighborhood family-friendly is up to all of us by Ron Lutz

We have one of the best neighborhoods surrounding the University of Florida. In an effort to keep that family orientation, it is important to help neighbors who are moving to find families to buy their houses. We encourage anyone who is anticipating selling their home to let a member of the Steering Committee know, so that we can spread the word.

Word of mouth is the best way to help properties sell. Please note below the list of houses currently on the market and mention the availability of these properties to family and friends.

Remember to mention the friendly nature of the neighborhood; zoning to excellent schools: J.J. Finley, Westwood, and GHS; convenience of shopping at Westgate, Royal Park, fitness centers; proximity to UF for faculty and staff.

Currently available properties:

103 NW 32 St.
3100 NW 1st Ave.
3028 NW 2nd Ave.
121 NW 28 Terrace

Traffic calms down...

Special thanks to Danny Martin, who spearheaded efforts to get traffic calming speed humps installed this summer. Many people have been pleased with their effectiveness, and some have suggested the need for additional humps where they were placed too far apart. Express your opinion to a member of the Steering Committee: if there seems to be a need for additional humps, we will contact the city on your behalf. Or you may call Brian Kaneley at City of Gainesville Public Works: 334-2161.

City Commission sets up Ad Hoc Steering Committee on University Neighborhoods *"...for everyone interested in stabilizing and enhancing the single-family neighborhoods surrounding the University of Florida"*

At the first meeting of this committee, attended by Cindy Smith and Catherine Berg on September 18, it seemed clear that the City Commission is very serious about identifying strategies, policies, codes and homeowner incentive programs that might help neighborhoods like ours retain their charm, beauty and character.

Please consider attending these meetings to help think through the problems that face us as a community. The committee, open to all, will meet at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

October 16
November 20
December 18
January 29, 2001
February 19, 2001

Contact Cindy Smith (375-2540) for more information. She is our tirelessly devoted, highly knowledgeable liaison to countless meetings of CUNA (Council of University Neighborhood Associations), city, county and regional committees boards.

Black Acres/Black Pines: A Heritage Neighborhood

Thanks are again in order to Cindy Smith, whose prompt response to information requested by the city resulted in our designation as a Heritage Neighborhood! Note the classy sign at the entrance to NW 32nd Street.

A hint about noise control...

We have been advised that if a noisy party seems to be brewing near you, it is advisable to call the Party Patrol early (334-2400). The personnel are pulled downtown between 11:30 p.m. -2:00 a.m. as the bar scene winds down.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 2

ANNE MURRAY - EDITOR

MAY 2000

NEIGHBORHOOD POTLUCK

You and your family are cordially invited to a Neighborhood Potluck.

When: Sunday May 28th, 4-6 P.M.

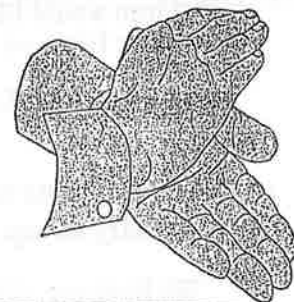
Where: On 29th Street. The street will be blocked off between 30th and 32nd street!

What to bring:

- ⇒ You, your family and neighbors, too.
- ⇒ A large dish to pass
- ⇒ Any portable tables and chairs you have
- ⇒ Silverware and plates for your own group

Why: Everyone who made it to the November Potluck had such fun that we wanted to do it again!

We look forward to seeing our Neighbors there!



“AND THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE...”

At the February Neighborhood Steering committee meeting we appointed the following people to serve as the Black Acres & Black Pines Neighborhood Association's Board of Directors:

Catherine Berg-President

Ron Lutz-Treasurer

Anne Murray -Secretary

**Cindy Smith- Community
Alison**

Any other individuals interested in serving on this board are invited to attend our meetings which are tentatively scheduled for the 3rd Monday of February, April, September and November at 7 p.m. at 3009 NW 1st Ave or contact Catherine Berg to offer input.

DO YOU NEED TO REACH US?

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|-------------------------------------|----------|
| CATHERINE BERG, PRESIDENT..... | 373-0467 |
| RON LUTZ, TREASURER..... | 376-7294 |
| ANNE MURRAY, SECRETARY..... | 376-0481 |
| CINDY SMITH, COMMUNITY LIAISON..... | 375-2540 |

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STREET COORDINATOR?

| | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1ST AVE: | MARY LOU VAN GELDER |
| 2ND AVE: | BEN BARGER |
| 32ND ST: | IDELLA LICHTER |
| 30TH ST: | DANNY MARTIN |
| 29TH ST: | JAMES HAHN |
| 28TH TER: | ANNE MURRAY & BERNIE STENTO |
| 28TH ST: | BAILA SCOTT |
| 4TH LN & 5TH CT: | CLAUDIA BARRETT |

CITY WORK

- As you may know the city has recently updated the noise ordinance. The changes have made the violation easier to report and the ordinance easier to enforce. If you note a violation, please call the Gainesville Police Department at 334-2421. The changes in the ordinance also allow violations to be cited repeatedly in a 24 hour period. If the noise doesn't go away or comes back again....call again.
- Are you interested in helping maintain Gainesville's residential setting? The city's Codes Enforcement Department has a board which hears appeals to code violations. This quasi-judicial citizen board hears violations and assesses penalties and fines. It meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting at 9 am, usually lasting two hours. Although the board is full now, they expect a vacancy shortly. Any resident with some type of professional occupation (realty, engineering, business, construction, etc) related to codes may apply. Consider filling this position if you can spare the time: the proper review of violations can really help maintain residential neighborhoods. To apply, contact the clerk of the city commission-334-5016.
- The Traffic Calming Plan of installing seven speed humps on 28th St., 28th Ter, 29th St. and 30th St. will proceed on schedule, starting in

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WORK

The Association Board is working on a neighborhood database. The purpose is to develop a profile of our neighborhood and to track rental properties. Data was collected from the county and city on the properties in the neighborhood. From this database we have identified the properties which are thought to be rentals and do not already have landlord permits. We will be sending the taxpayers of these properties a letter to remind them that a permit is required whenever they lease properties in a residential neighborhood. A copy of the city's guidelines for rentals in a residential neighborhood will be enclosed with the letter. *It is important to realize that if you are an owner and landlord living on the premises, you still must have a permit to rent rooms in your home.*

In addition to this letter we are developing a letter to realtors to remind them of the guidelines for rentals in residential neighborhoods. Whenever a property is listed in the neighborhood we will send realtors a letter as a means of reminding them that this is strong residential neighborhood.

In the same vein, if you are intending to sell your property, please let the board know about it. That way we can help locate prospective homeowners.

PLEASE JOIN FOR THE YEAR 2000

IT ONLY COSTS \$5.00 TO BELONG TO THE ASSOCIATION. THIS FEE HELPS TO COVER THE COSTS OF COPYING NEWSLETTERS AND OBTAINING PERMITS FOR THE POTLUCKS. RON LUTZ WILL BE COLLECTING THE 2000 DUES AT THE POTLUCK OR BY MAIL 415 NW 29TH ST. IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID THIS YEAR PLEASE DO SO!

Black Acres/Black Pines Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Meeting October 12, 1999

On October 12, 1999, approximately 30 residents of the Black Acres/Black Pines met at the home of Sanford and Catherine Berg, 3009 NW First Avenue, at 7 p.m. The meeting was called by Ron Lutz and Catherine Berg.

Action: Sal Locascio moved and Danny Martin seconded a motion to reconstitute the neighborhood association, which had been dormant for a number of years. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: The group reached consensus that it was important to have an independent identity but that we would look into loose confederation with the University Park Neighborhood Association and its allied communities.

Action: The assembled group agreed to the proposal from UPNA that we have Street Captains to facilitate the flow of information. The following people agreed to serve as Street Captains:

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Baila Scott | NW 28 Street |
| Anne Murray | NW 28 Terrace |
| James Hahn | NW 29th Street |
| Danny Martin | NW 30th Street |
| Adela Lichter | NW 32 Street |
| Claudia Barrett | NW 4th Lane-5th Court |
| Sanford Berg | NW First Avenue |
| Ben Barger | NW Second Avenue |

Action: The following people agreed to meet Wednesday, October 27, 7 p.m. at Bergs':

Ron Lutz, Catherine Berg, Jean Parker, Carl/Reggie Hillman, Sal Locascio, Anne Murray, Baila Scott.

Agenda of the meeting will be:

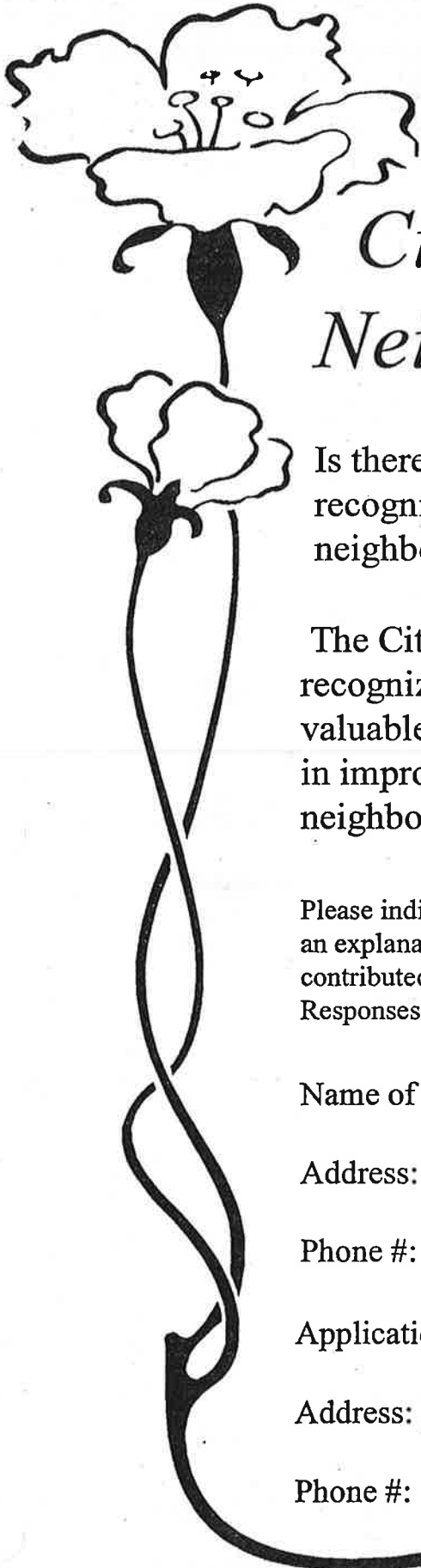
- 1) to plan a neighborhood potluck, to be held on Veterans' Day, November 11;
- 2) to prepare a slate of officers for election at potluck

•Cindy Small agreed to continue attending Plan Board, Code Enforcement and Transportation meetings and to report back to the neighborhood association.

•Residents were urged to call police, perhaps several times to enforce noise ordinances. The recommendation of UPNA is that individuals first try to talk with renters about violations of codes in a low key way before making a report to Code Enforcement.

•It was agreed that we need to explore a connection with neighborhoods across University Avenue that may also be Black Acres/Black Pines.

Respectfully submitted,



City of Gainesville *Neighbor of the Year*

Is there someone in your neighborhood who should be recognized for their outstanding efforts towards neighborhood improvement?

The City of Gainesville is initiating a program to recognize one individual per year who has made valuable contributions, through their leadership efforts, in improving the quality of life in a Gainesville neighborhood.

Please indicate the person you wish to nominate below and provide an explanation on an attached sheet indicating how that person has contributed to the improvement of a Gainesville neighborhood. Responses must be received by:

Name of Nominee: _____

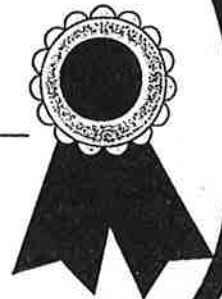
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Application completed by: _____

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Phone #: _____



Award winner will be formally recognized by the City Commission, and receive a certificate and other tokens of appreciation.

