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CITY OF COCOA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 27, 2018

A Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, in City Council Chambers, located in Cocoa City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, Florida, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

Mayor Parrish called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

A moment of silence was held for the two Brevard County deputies who lost their lives in traffic incidents this past week and also for the school shooting victims at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Councilman Whipple provided the invocation and Councilman Boisvert led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Henry U. Parrish III	Mayor
	Jeri Blanco	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilman
	Brenda Warner	Councilwoman (via telephone)
	Clarence Whipple, Jr.	Councilman
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	John Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Carie Shealy	City Clerk

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Katie Ennis, Acting Utilities Director; Karen Hamilton, Community Services Director; Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Michael Cantaloupe, Chief of Police; Teri Butler, Finance Director; Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Nancy Bunt, Deputy Community

Services Director; Cynthia Thurman, Planning and Zoning Manager; Lora Howell, Deputy Finance Director; Jonathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief; and Tre Folston, Helpdesk Support Tech.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of February 27, 2018 (18-73)
2. Minutes: N/A

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Councilman Whipple, to approve the Agenda as presented for the Regular meeting of February 27, 2018.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation on BACRAP. (18-43). (Larry Sinclair)

Mr. Larry Sinclair provided a presentation on B.A.C.R.A.P.[1] which stands for Broadmoor Acres Community Restoration and Preservation, Inc., A Community on the Rise.

He spoke about the mission of the organization and spoke heavily on their current intentions and their future intentions. He provided a listing of the properties that they currently own.

Mr. Sinclair showed various pictures of homes that were purchased, what they looked like before, and what they look like after improvements have been done.

He advised that they are envisioning a community center to be located at 408 N. Kentucky Avenue. It is currently a vacant lot.

Mr. Sinclair shared B.A.C.R.A.P.'s plan for moving forwarded and provided Council with a set of plans for the future of Broadmoor Acres. Homes can be built that are comparable with homes already in the area.

[1] EXHIBIT A: Presentation on B.A.C.R.A.P., A Community on the Rise

He spoke about two fundraising events that will be happening soon and in closing, he mentioned that the idea is to build a community that has the ability to support itself for decades to come. Every penny that goes into the neighborhood stays in the neighborhood.

Mayor Parrish asked if others in the neighborhood have started to clean up because of what is being done.

In response, Mr. Sinclair stated yes and provided an example of a home that has had a dramatic change.

Mayor Parrish believes he has done an outstanding job and everyone sees it. He is transforming the neighborhood and he is aware that he is expanding out to other lots.

Mr. Sinclair spoke about the lot at Peachtree and Prospect. He hoped to have the property cleared of all of the trees soon, and assured Council that all of the oak trees have been saved, trimmed, and their umbrellas raised. Not a single one has been removed. All of the pepper trees, palm trees, and others are gone. He is also in the process of getting sewer on the property by Noble Contracting. There is no reason for the property to be left like it was.

IV. DELEGATIONS:

Kathy Mardirosian, representing the Sister City, spoke about an interactive theatrical art experience entitled "When Your Children Ask You....A Living Passover Story", which will be March 22-25, 2018 at the B'Nai Shira Jewish Learning Center, located at 120 Forrest Avenue, in Cocoa. The Cost is $15.00 per ticket.

Allan Chapman, Executive Director of HCVA, noted that this weekend is the Spring Arts and Crafts Fair. It will be on March 3rd & 4th. There will be many kid and pet friendly activities. Melbourne BMW is a sponsor for the event and they have also sponsored car shows for this year. The event will run on March 3rd from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on March 4th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. It is free admission and free parking.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing to obtain citizen input and comments on housing and community development needs; approve recommendations on FY2018-2019 CDBG and HOME program funding; and provide notice to solicit public comment and notice of final public hearing scheduled for May 8, 2018. (18-47). (Community Services Director)

Ms. Hamilton advised that this item is a public hearing and is being held in order to obtain citizen input and comments on the community development.

Ms. Bunt, Deputy Director of Community Services spoke in regards to the public hearing and explained that the City anticipated receiving $165,277 in Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development as a direct entitlement. She provided further background on the program stipulations and mentioned that the use of CDBG funds must meet at least one of the following national objectives:

- Benefit low/moderate income persons;
- Eliminate or prevent slums or blight
- Meet urgent needs

Additionally, Ms. Bunt shared in detail about areas of assistance that the City provided this past year and she discussed the City's Hardest Hit program in detail.

Ms. Bunt mentioned that of the four (4) proposals submitted, all of them requested public service funds related to the CDBG Program. The total amount of funds requested was $43,000 and the City has approximately $24,791 available to support public services. As contained in the Request for Proposals, the minimum amount of funding per any CDBG public service agency is $5,000.

Based on thorough review of each agency's proposal and financial statements, the committee's recommendations are as follows:

CDBG Public Services – Maximum 15% allowed $24,791			
Name of Agency	**Description of services to be provided**	**Amount Requested**	**Amount Recommended**

Community Services Council of Brevard – Senior Nutrition Program.	Provide well-balanced nutritional meals to 90 frail and nutritionally at-risk seniors.	$6,000	$7,000*
Central Brevard Sharing Center	Provide daily nutritional meals to 1,100 low/mod income persons.	$12,000	$12,000*
The Salvation Army North Central Brevard Corps	Provide daily nutritional meals and provide basic necessities to 25 residents of their domestic violence shelter.	$5,000	$5,791*
North Brevard Charities Sharing Center	Provide Salary Funding for Tutoring Services to 15 youths in DSRDA.	$20,000	$0.00
CDBG Other/Public Improvements - $107,431			
Housing Rehabilitation	Rehabilitation of substandard housing	$57,000	$57,431
Community Services – Demolition/Clearance	Code enforcement initiated demolitions of 2-3 vacant, substandard units.	$10,000	$10,000
Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program.		$40,000	$40,000
CDBG Administration - 20% - $33,916			
City Staff			$32,055*
Fair Housing			$1,000
Total CDBG Admin			$33,055
Total CDBG Allocation			***$165,277***
****Any increase or decrease in funding will be deducted from the award.***			

HOME Administration – 8% - $4,532*			
City Staff			$4.532*
HOME CHDO & Housing Set Aside - $52,123*			

CHDO Housing Activity	15% Mandatory CHDO set aside		$8,498*
Housing and CHDO	Housing Activities	$43,625	$43,625
Total HOME Allocation			***$56,655***
****Any increase or decrease in funding will be deducted from the award.***			

As required by the City's Citizen Participation Plan, staff is requesting City Council hold a Public Hearing to obtain citizen input and comments on housing and community development needs and approve recommendations on FY2018-2019 CDBG and HOME Program funding. Upon City Council's approval, a 30-day public comment notice listing proposed projects along with the corresponding Action Plan will be advertised in the Florida Today newspaper. The notice will also inform the public of the date of the second and final Public Hearing, which will be held on May 8, 2018.

She asked at this time for the public hearing to be opened to the public.

Paula Shroeder, 3600 W. King Street, represented Aging Matters in Brevard. She thanked Council and staff for their service to the community and mentioned that the current CEO, Cindy Flachmeier would be retiring. She introduced the incoming CEO Mr. Josh Jenson. Council welcomed him.

Ms. Shroeder spoke about Aging Matters and the Meals on Wheels program. All meals are prepared in the kitchen and sent out on trucks daily. They prepare up to 1,500 meals per day and in the summer, children summer camps are provided food through the kitchen also.

She pointed out the age range of seniors that they serve and noted that they want to keep them in their homes as long as they can. These seniors need help and this program does that. Additionally, there is a live human being visiting their homes daily.

Councilman Whipple was glad that the Meals on Wheels program receives funding. Ms. Shroeder agreed and advised that they have been around for a long time.

Cindy Mitchell, P.O. Box 940, Cocoa, is the Director of Salvation Army Domestic Violence Program. She advised that their program has been around for 35 years and has continued to provide services to domestic violence victims. They

provide services regardless if they use their facility for bedding or not. Their shelter operates 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. They provide anything that is needed if they are brought to the house. However, the help they are asking for is to provide food assistance for those they helter. In 2017, they served 108% capacity at the shelter which means survivors are accessing services, but there is still a great need.

David Brubaker, 113 Aurora Street, Cocoa, and President of the Central Brevard Sharing Center, advised that their request was to receive funds to purchase food. Their community room is the only consistent feeding site in the area. They provide hot meals six days a week and bagged lunches on Sundays. One hundred percent of the funding will go to the program to provide food. They have had an increase in how many meals are provided. Last year they provided 45,577 meals to 2,190 people, many of which are Cocoa residents.

In closing, he mentioned they are getting ready to celebrate their 40th year. Their focus is to get food on people's tables, a roof over their head, and a shirt on their back. He is very appreciative to have the City as a community partner.

Mayor Parrish closed the hearing to the public.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to approve recommendations on FY2018-2019 CDBG and HOME program funding; and provide notice to solicit public comment and notice of final public hearing scheduled for May 8, 2018.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Ordinance No. 01-2018/Second and Final Reading: Relating to Disorderly Conduct: Amending the City Code to Add a New Section 14-2 Entitled "Disorderly Conduct". (18-62). (Chief of Police)

City Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 01-2018 into the record, by title only as follows. He advised that there have not been any changes since the first reading. He further advised that this was the second and final reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; RELATING TO DISORDERLY CONDUCT; AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 14-2 ENTITLED "DISORDERLY CONDUCT;" PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Parrish opened the hearing to the public. There being no response, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to approve Ordinance No. 01-2018 on second and final reading.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Ordinance No. 02-2018/First Reading: Amending Chapter 3, Section 3-23 of the Code of the City of Cocoa. Providing for an exception to the Light Emitting Diode (LED) Sign Standards Contained therein to allow for larger LED on-premise wall signs on properties that are contiguous or adjacent to interstate 95 and/or state Road 528. (18-64). (Community Services Director)

Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 02-2018 into the record by title only as follows. He advised this is the first reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE 02-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3-23 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COCOA; PROVIDING FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) SIGN STANDARDS CONTAINED THEREIN TO ALLOW FOR LARGER LED ON-PREMISE WALL SIGNS ON PROPERTIES THAT ARE CONTIGUOUS OR ADJACENT TO INTERSTATE 95 AND/OR STATE ROAD 528; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Thurman provided information regarding some of the information referenced in the Ordinance. She noted that this was a request for larger LED wall signs. Currently, the Code restricts the wall size and this would allow for a larger square

area. The amendment would further allow those property owners adjacent to I-95 and SR 528 the ability to utilize larger LED wall signs.

She spoke about the limitations on what would be allowed and pointed out that they might actually be able to do two signs. Additionally, they would be limited to be within 250 feet of residential properties.

The Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval of this Ordinance at their February 14, 2018 meeting.

Mayor Parrish opened the public hearing to the public. There being no response, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to approve Ordinance No. 02-2018 on first reading.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VII. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Consider the appointment of the following applicants as members of the recently established Sustainability Advisory ~~Board~~: Marlene Weiss, Lorraine Koss, William D. Childs, Jennifer Riggs, & Gisele Nieman. (18-63). (Administrative Services Director)

Ms. Gemmati pointed out that in the requested action it states that this is a Board. It is actually a Committee. She further provided a background of the item and reminded Council that this Committee was established by Resolution No. 2017-127 on December 12, 2017. If approved, this will give the Committee the minimum of five members.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Blanco; Seconded by Councilman Boisvert, to approve the item.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Status Update on the Voting Rights Consent Decree. (18-67). (City Manager)

Attorney Garganese reminded Council that at the last Council meeting, an update on the Consent Decree had been requested by Councilman Whipple. An update on the Heart of Cocoa Consent Decree would be provided at the next meeting.

He provided a background on the consent decree and how the Decree came about. He noted that the black electors in the City brought this forth to the City. Prior to 1993, Cocoa electors elected councilmembers and the mayor under at-large voting system. On April 12, 1993, several black residents of the City brought an action forth that alleged that the at-large method for electing city council members diluted minority voting strength in violation of the federal law.

At the time of the law suit, the City had a population of 17,722 of which 5.057 were black and 12,326 were white or other. Each Council seat was subject to a city-wide election under which all voters were eligible to vote for each seat. Under the at-large voting system, only a few black candidates every served on the City Council prior to the filing of the law suit. As a result of the law suit, a settlement was reached where there would no longer be at-large voting, but single member districts and all voters would cast votes for the Mayor.

In July 1994, the settlement agreement was approved. The City Council, by a 3-2 vote, entered into a joint consent decree with the plaintiffs where the City agreed to replace the at-large election method with a districting plan. It took the federal court a little over five years to approve the consent decree due to two additional legal proceedings that challenged the approved decree. One involved a challenge from several Cocoa registered voters who opposed the consent decree on the basis that former plaintiff and current Council member Rudy Stone had a voting conflict. The other proceeding addressed a decision by a newly elected City Council to withdraw the City's agreement for the consent decree before approval by the federal district court.

After that, there was still five years of litigation and there were still some opposed. The argument failed. The Eleventh Circuit, in two separate written decisions, held that Councilmember Stone did not have a voting conflict and the City Council could not withdraw their agreement to the consent decree. Therefore, both appeals resulted in the case being remanded to the district court for further proceedings to review the legality of the consent decree agreed to by the City Council and Plaintiffs.

Ultimately, the Council could not rescind its agreement and about six years later this went into effect. Charter changes were also made that memorialized the changes.

Attorney Garganese pointed out that November 2, 1999 was the first election under the Decree and Jewel Collins was elected to represent District 1. A new districting plan was done in 2011. In between that time there was the 2000 Census but no changes were made to district boundaries. They stayed as agreed upon between that time and 2012.

It is also important to note that Ms. Jewel Collins, Mr. Michael Blake, Mr. Clarence Whipple, Jr., and Mr. Jake Williams, Jr. were all elected. So, for some time there was a majority of black members serving on the Council which shows great success.

He further noted that the legacy of the Consent Decree was further memorialized when voters put into the Charter a redistricting plan. This process occurs every ten years when the Census information becomes available. Additionally, the City Council reserves the right on an interim basis to determine if changes need to be made prior to a centennial census.

At this point, they are not aware of any changes that need made. There is a significant amount of history that has been narrowed down for this agenda item. It is a history of how residents elect their members of Council. It is something that always has to be monitored and looked back at to make sure it is accomplishing what it was designed to do.

Councilman Whipple thanked the City Attorney and stated that he knew this information but wanted to put it out there so people would know what they need to do. He felt that they did not need to go backwards, but forwards to be fair when it comes to representation. There is another part of the Consent Decree which will be addressed at the next meeting, which will put things together. He has not spoken with the attorney that put the suit together for those concerned in the community but hoped that it would compare to how things are done.

He explained that a portion of District 2 had become a portion of District 1. He wants to make sure that the numbers jive and things are done that should be done in regards to the federal mandate. He thanked the attorney again for the information.

City Attorney Garganese reiterated that this was one part of the informational items coming forth. It takes time to compile the information, and they are doing their best to get the second part back by the next council meeting.

Mayor Parrish has been around and is aware of this but many people are not aware. He believed it was a good thing to bring up.

Councilman Whipple stated there are people who do know but are doing the wrong thing.

VIII. CITY BUSINESS:

1. Approve Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency as Manager of the Community Garden, located at 1112 Peachtree Street, subject to the City Manager's approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the Diamond Square CRA consistent with this Agenda Item and in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; Authorize the Mayor to execute the approved MOU on behalf of the City. (18-44). (Community Services Director)

Ms. Hamilton presented the item and provided a brief background on the garden. The garden was initially being managed by the Alliance for Neighborhood Restoration and the Police Department, but the garden has not thrived in the past years. After a discussion with the Diamond Square CRA, it was determined that because the site is located in the Diamond Square CRA, it would meet their vision and goals of the CRA plan.

Staff then met with the Police Department staff and they were in agreement that the program would thrive under the leadership of the Diamond Square CRA. There is an understanding of what needs to be done and an agreement with Human Resources and their Civic Volunteer Program.

Deputy Mayor Blanco asked if the intent was to put a garden back in. Ms. Hamilton answered in the affirmative. Deputy Mayor Blanco believed this was an excellent opportunity to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to the community. She believed it was a great idea.

Ms. Hamilton stated there is great interest being shown.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Blanco; Seconded by Councilman Whipple, to approve the item.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2018 Budget to Allow for Filter Media Replacement for Groundwater Filter #6; To Authorize the City Manager to Execute and Approve the Change Order. (18-48). (Utilities Director)

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to approve the item.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Approve a Resolution Waiving the Competitive Bidding Process for the Purpose of Making a Sole Source Purchase from WesTech, Salt Lake City, Utah, of the Bar Screen for the Sellers Water Reclamation Facility; To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2018 Budget. (18-59). (Utilities Director)

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Councilman Whipple, to approve the item.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

4. Approve a Resolution amending the FY2018 Budget in the amount of $31,800 from the General Fund Reserves Account to the Community Services Professional Services Account to cover the costs of the Historic Cocoa Village Parking Study Update, conducted by Rich & Associates, Inc. Parking Consultants. (18-65). (Community Services Director)

Ms. Hamilton presented this and per a question by posed by Councilman Whipple, she noted that the study had been finalized, but there were a few minor corrections that needed to be made. It was basically complete and ready to be closed out.

She advised that this was brought about last year due to the need to look at the existing demand for parking in the downtown area, and it was also an update of a previous study that had been done for the previous City Hall site.

During the RFP process the decision had been made by the Cocoa CRA to look at the parking demand to see whether or not a structure needed to be created. The results indicated a deficit and the former City Hall site would be the best location. Since then, an RFP has been issued for a public/private partnership for the site.

City Manager Titkanich added that a parking structure was one alternative and others could be repurposed. He assured Council all areas would be looked into, including other areas that could be utilized, etc.

Councilman Boisvert asked if this included spaces at Time Out Sports Bar. In response, City Manager Titkanich pointed out that any business in the Village has to provide for their own parking. The City Hall, by Ordinance, has to provide for its own parking and this is what this site does, and the City is complying with the ordinance.

Councilman Boisvert further asked about street parking and diagonal parking. City Manager Titkanich advised that there is currently a task order with Myra Design regarding parking. The next step is that they will provide the designs to see how we can achieve about 150-160 spaces.

Councilman Whipple is not against what is being done but asked where the money was coming from. Discussion was held on the funding for this study, and Ms. Hamilton advised that when the last fiscal year was wrapping up, they noticed the omission from the budget, as they thought it would be completed by September 31, 2017. Funds were not carried over and the funds would come from the General Fund Reserves.

* **MOTION by Councilman Whipple; Seconded by Councilman Boisvert, to approve the item.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS:

5. Approve as a Multi-Year Agreement the First Amendment to Purchase Agreement to the Continuing Services Agreement with WSP USA Inc., formerly known as Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. for Consulting Services for Federal, State and Other Loan Applications effective October 29, 2017 and terminating on October 28, 2019. (18-53). (Community Services Director)

Ms. Hamilton provided information on this item and pointed out that it was the renewal of a previous continuing services agreement that was an RFQ in 2015.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Blanco, to approve the item.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

6. Approve a Multi-Year Agreement with Property Registration Champions, LLC, DBA PROCHAMPS, a Florida Corporation and a Community Champions Company for foreclosure property registration program services, subject to the City Manager's and City Attorney's approval of the final form of the Agreement. (18-57). (Chief of Police)

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Blanco; Seconded by Councilman Whipple, to approve the item.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

IX. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA:

1. Cumulative purchase approvals over $35,000 and under $50,000 for period 10/01/2017 to 01/31/2018. (18-40). (Finance Director)

2. Approved change orders to construction contracts that the City Council has authorized the City Manager, by resolution, to approve in excess of the City Manager's spending authority. (18-49). (Finance Director)

3. Data showing the relation between the estimated and actual income and expenses to date. (18-50). (Finance Director)

4. FY 2018 Budget Adjustment Report. (18-51). (Finance Director)

5. Resignation Letter from Lawrence Koss. (18-66). (Administrative Services Director)

X. REPORTS:

Mr. Wegerif advised that Public Works would be starting two projects. C & D Construction would be starting on the Heart of Cocoa Meeting Room and the Cocoa Riverfront Connector will also be started. He further noted that the oak tree would stay. These are two exciting projects.

Councilman Whipple asked what was being done on Stone Street, as he saw some pipes. Mr. Wegerif believes that FPL is installing power poles. In response to a question posed by Councilman Whipple as to how this would affect those projects starting, Mr. Wegerif mentioned that they were being installed at the same locations as old poles.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer believes that the improvements are due to FPL's Hurricane Hardening. They are more substantial and this is unrelated to the City's project.

Councilman Whipple asked about the complete street project. In response, City Manager Titkanich noted that a public meeting would need to held regarding Stone Street and a discussion held for where they want to go with the project, along with how to accomplish it.

At this point in time, Utilities will not be replacing their infrastructure and this would not qualify for the funding of a complete street project. The Diamond Square CRA has approximately $80,000 and the City has budgeted some. There are not any funds allocated on the stormwater side as they are allocated for other projects. City Manager Titkanich advised that the idea is to have a community workshop that is joint between Council and Diamond Square CRA to discuss Stone Street and the Joe Lee Smith Center.

Councilman Whipple stated that he does not want any delays and wants it to be done. There have been dates announced for the project and members have been told it would begin in March. If that is changing he has a problem with that. Individual board members should also be informed. City Manager Titkanich

advised that they were trying to get dates and other information before they contact them.

Ms. Butler advised that the CAFR would be presented at the next City Council meeting.

Chief Cantaloupe provided a report on the 2017 Uniform Crime Report. He mentioned that this is usually done twice a year. He provided detailed statistics on the crime in Cocoa. He pointed out the following information:

- Crime rate in Cocoa is the lowest it has been in 20 Years
- Over the last five years crime rate has shown a 35% reduction
- 26.2% drop in overall crime rate in 2017 compared to 2016
- Crime rate is the number of crimes per 100 Residents.
- Cocoa's Crime rate for 2017 is 6.19 per 100 residents.
- The Crime Index is down 25.6% (this is the difference in the number of crimes reported between 2016 and 2017 or 404 fewer in 2017.
- 40.7% drop in the number of reported violent crimes (NO Homicides)
- The data shows a reduction in nearly all our reported crimes.
    - 40.9% fewer Assaults
    - 32.9% fewer robberies
    - 32.4% fewer burglaries
    - 14.8 % fewer larcenies (thefts)
    - Domestic violence related crimes were also down 18.5%

The data also shows a 21.2% increase in the clearance rate for the index crimes reported. Clearance rate is the number of cases solved by arrest or other resolution. The actual clearance rate for 2017 was 28.9%.

He advised that they feel that community involvement, outreach and community education, the dedication and hard work from the members of the Police Department, along with support of the Council and City Manager have all aided in these statistics.

Council agreed it was a good job by all.

Chief Prince spoke about the open house at the new Fire Station #1. Fire Stations #2 & #3 should be done in April and open houses would probably be in May.

Ms. Hamilton thanked board members and staff who came to the waterfront meeting last night. The consultants will come back to the April CRA meeting.

Assistant City Manager mentioned that at the waterfront meeting held last night some residents were concerned about the funding. A complete estimate for damages and other costs was done. It was determined to be over $1.7 million, and some of that would be reimbursable by FEMA. Additionally, the City submitted a FIND application that was successful. They received $427,000 in funding, which is now active on a reimbursable basis. He added that part of the concept plan does include resiliency efforts to ensure that the waterfront is available after the next storm.

Mayor Parrish thinks it is hard to believe that there would not be another storm, and chances are we will be hit again. We live in Florida and better plan for it. He thought it was a great outcome on the grant.

Mayor Parrish questioned the remaining boat removal. Assistant City Manager Fuhrer advised that he had reached out to FWC and those that had cases pending at the time of the hurricane have ran their course and FWC has reinitiated the process. He stated it was a struggle because the County reported 60 boats that were removed to Lee Wenner and they are stored at a County site, but are just sitting there. It costs a lot of money to run the barge and personnel associated with it.

City Manager Titkanich mentioned that he followed up with the Center for Public Safety Management. There are conflicts with the date of March 7th so that will not be the date of a workshop as it relates to the results of the study. They are trying to get a better date and will let them know as soon as possible. There is a document coming forward soon to all Council members.

Councilwoman Warner thanked Cocoa Rotary for their support of the Boys and Girls Club. They did a great job and raised a lot of money for the club. Cocoa Rotary worked very hard to make the event successful and she thanked Chief Cantaloupe and his department for their hard work on compiling the crime statistics.

Councilman Whipple thanked all for the Black History Month invitations. He spoke about the Soul Food Luncheon event at EFSC, which he and Deputy Mayor Blanco attended. There was a Tuskagee Airman in attendance. It was a great time, with great food, and he looked forward to next year.
Councilman Boisvert attended the Neighborhood Watch meeting at Adamson Creek and will attend the one on Thursday at Emerald Lakes. There was a good

turnout and hoped for a good turnout at Emerald Lakes. Officer Hattaway is sharing the same statistics and residents are very appreciative.

Deputy Mayor Blanco attended the Annual Black History Breakfast at Cocoa High School on Friday. She thanked Principal Wilson and his staff. She further spoke of her attendance at the Fire Station #1 grand opening. It was s state of the art event and it was very nice.

She echoed Councilwoman Warner's sentiments about the Cocoa Rotary concert in the park. It was a great concert, and a great job managing the crowd, plus it benefited the Boys and Girls Club in Cocoa. They have a great facility and great staff who work very hard.

She thanked Chief Cantaloupe for the great report and believed that everything they are doing is paying off and working.

In closing, she invited everyone to attend a walk at the Cocoa High School Stadium on Saturday, March 3rd from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. This walk is for the Mayor's Fitness Challenge. It will help the Mayor win the Mayor's Fitness Challenge. She reminded all to register so that all points count.

Mayor Parrish noted that the Walmart Distribution Center was looking great and is huge. There will be at least 460 jobs available and it will be the largest distribution center between here and the Florida Keys. The Erdman dealership located off of I-95 is also big. These two projects are very exciting.

He mentioned that people were complaining about traffic and parking problems. This is not good but does show people are coming into the City. He asked if FDOT was having another meeting soon regarding SR 524.

In response, Mr. Wegerif advised that the next step is the PD & E Study. They will be interviewing consultants for that step and it should be advertised soon. Mr. Wegerif explained that the ultimate plan is to make it four lanes. He assured Council it is on the list and it is progressing.

Mayor Parrish felt this was exciting and pointed out there is one shot to do it right. Mr. Wegerif agreed and reminded Council that FDOT does community meetings in order to gain citizens input.

Mayor Parrish further asked about the status of the pipes on the Sykes Creek Bridge. City Manager Titkanich noted that with the costs that have been incurred at this time it is not prudent to bury the pipes. There are plans ready to go in the future if they want to bury the pipes. City Manager Titkanich advised that he was under the impression they were not re-opening the bridge. Mayor Parrish asked him to keep him informed.

Mayor Parrish concurred with other Council members regarding the ribbon cutting at Fire Station #1. They did a great job and it will be a great place to work.

He spoke about the waterfront meeting, adding that the moderator did a lot of talking and there were a lot of costs regarding things he said. He further spoke about the updating of the Civic Center and felt that staff and Council needed to look into things that will have the most impact.

City Manager Titkanich spoke about some of the projects and mentioned that the only project that does not require the Army Corps of Engineers is the Civic Center, but there are a lot of discussions still to be had.

In closing, Mayor Parrish referred to Chief Cantaloupe as "Chief of the Year". He cannot be happier with a 35% crime reduction in the last five years. He believed if they kept it up they would be up to 50%. He reminded all that if they see something going on to call it in so the police can do their job. It takes all to be a part of the awareness of the City to see what is going on.

XI. ADJOURNMENT.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Councilman Whipple, to adjourn the Regular meeting of February 27, 2018.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Henry U. Parrish III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie Shealy, MMC, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A: Presentation on B.A.C.R.A.P., A Community on the Rise

B.A.C.R.A.P.

Broadmoor Acres Community Restoration and Preservation Inc

A Community on the Rise

What Is BACRAP

- Broadmoor Acres Community Restoration and Preservation Inc (BACRAP) is a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Non-Profit with the mission to restore this storied Cocoa community to a family friendly, clean safe community with a ratio of homeowner occupied residences of 85 to 90%. In addition BACRAP mission is to build a community center in the heart of the community which will focus on providing services for residents within the community and surrounding communities when possible. Those services are to include daycare for single parents who work; after school programs centered on Music, Art, Civics, Science, Robotis, Environment and more. The center will serve as a place seniors in the community can gather and mentor youth in the community. Funding for the community center to function would be obtained/supplied the development part of BACRAP's plan. This is a decades long commitment and plan.

BACRAP Owned Property

- Currently BACRAP owns the following properties
- 401 N Carolina Ave
- 1054 Mitchell St
- 1057 Mitchell St
- 408 N Kentucky Ave
- 300 N Varr Ave
- 1102 Broadmoor Dr
- 1115 Broadmoor Dr

Property BACRAP Has Agreements On

- Currently BACRAP has agreements to purchase 1049 Broadmoor Dr and is negotiating to purchase 1057 Bellefonte Ave

BACRAP Projects

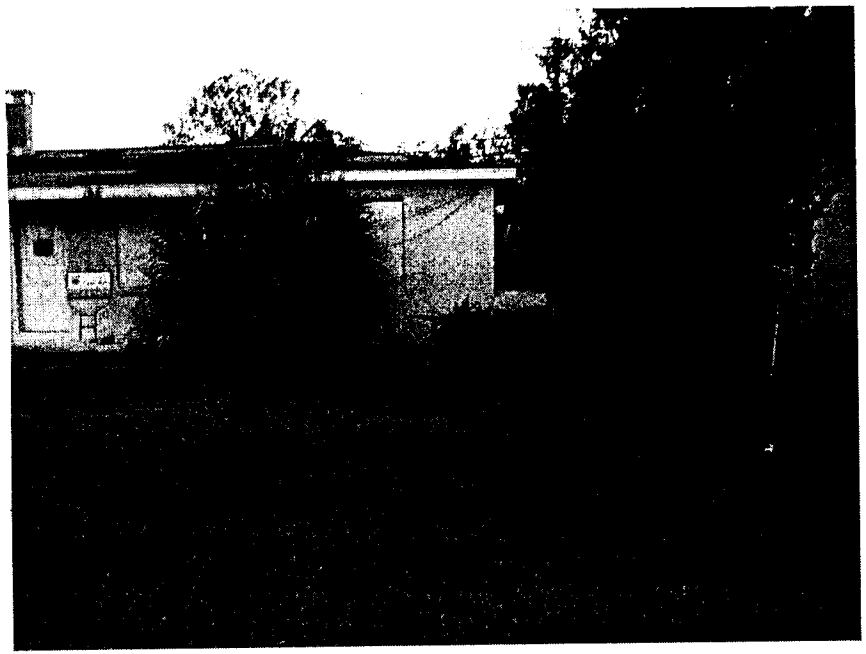
- The following Properties were taken of the City Demo list and have been completely renovated and are occupied as a result of BACRAP.
- 507 N Georgia Ave this property wasan eye sore the roof collapsed on the Pineda side and in such bad condition that even the City of Cocoa declined accepting it because of the work needed. As the direct result on myself and Barbara Green joining together and purchasing the property from Regions Bank this property was sold to Orange Valley under the requirements that Orange Valley obtain permits and bring the property to current code. It is now a completely rehabed 4 Bdrm 2 ½ bath home completely up to current building codes.
- 513 N Carolina Ave was a Code problem property for almost 3 years yet BACRAP arranged the purchase of that property and ensuring that the Code issues were resolved immediately.

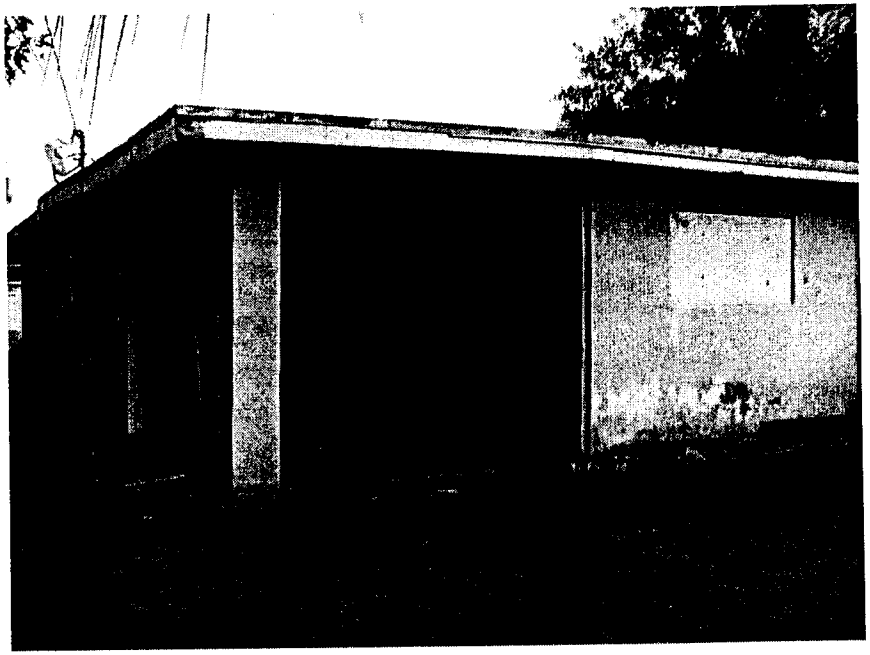
- 311 N Kentucky Ave had remained empty for 2 years when BACRAP arranged private funding to purchased and carry the mortgage for a family. The entire mortgage was paid in full in 90 days with buyers not paying a penny in interest.

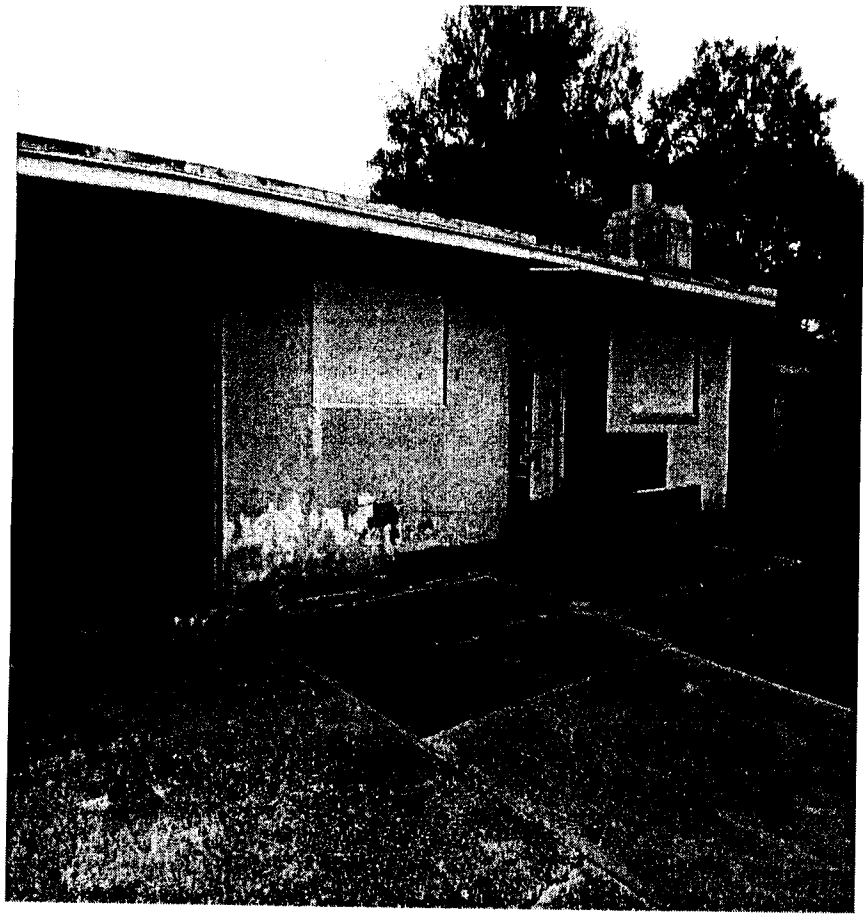
- 1112 Broadmoor Dr had been empty for a couple of years when BACRAP founder arranged to purchase the property using private funding and it is now currently owner occupied with private funding used for mortgage.

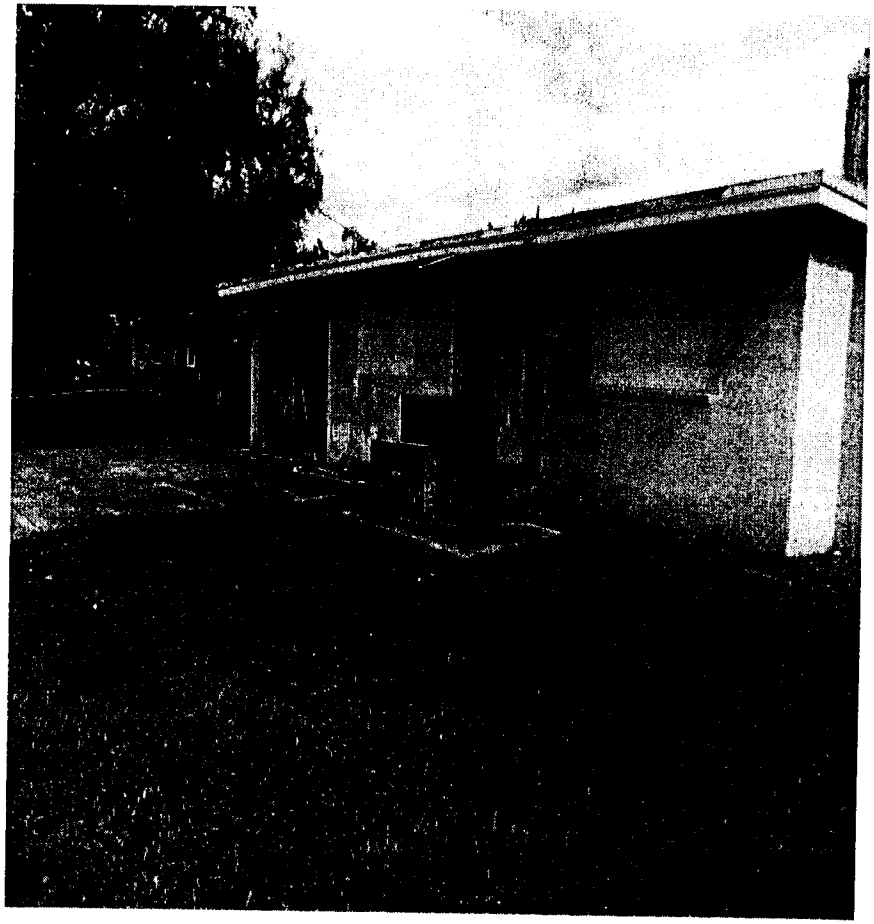
- 1054 Mitchell St I purchased and placed in BACRAPs name and have maintained the property since Mr. Bowers passed away Jan 31, 2015.

Before 507 N Georgia Ave

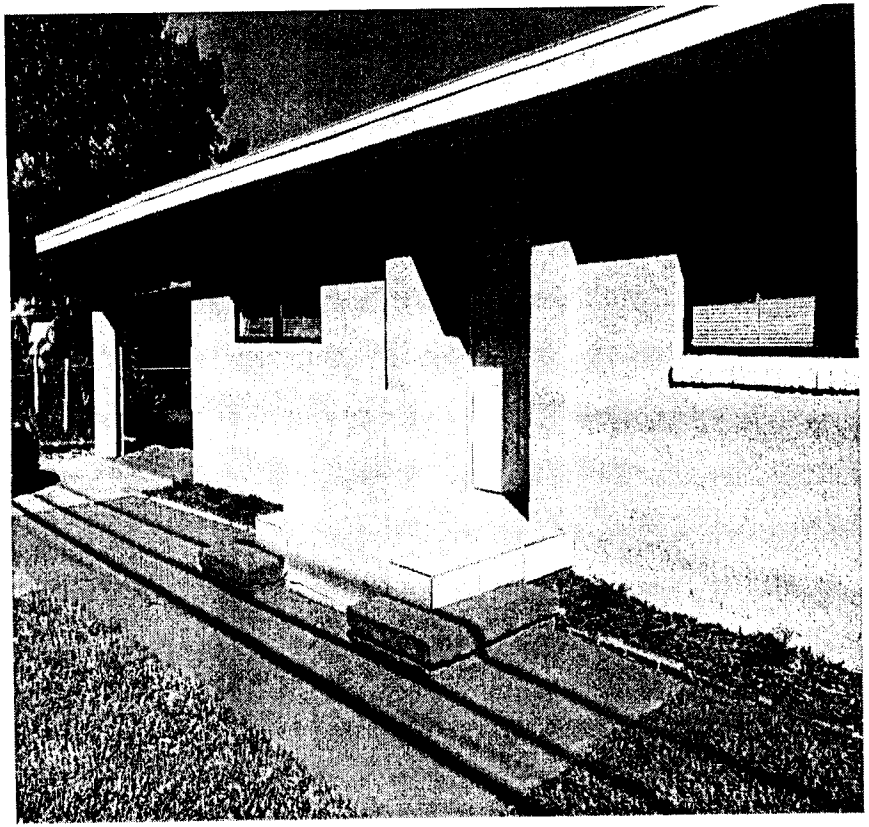


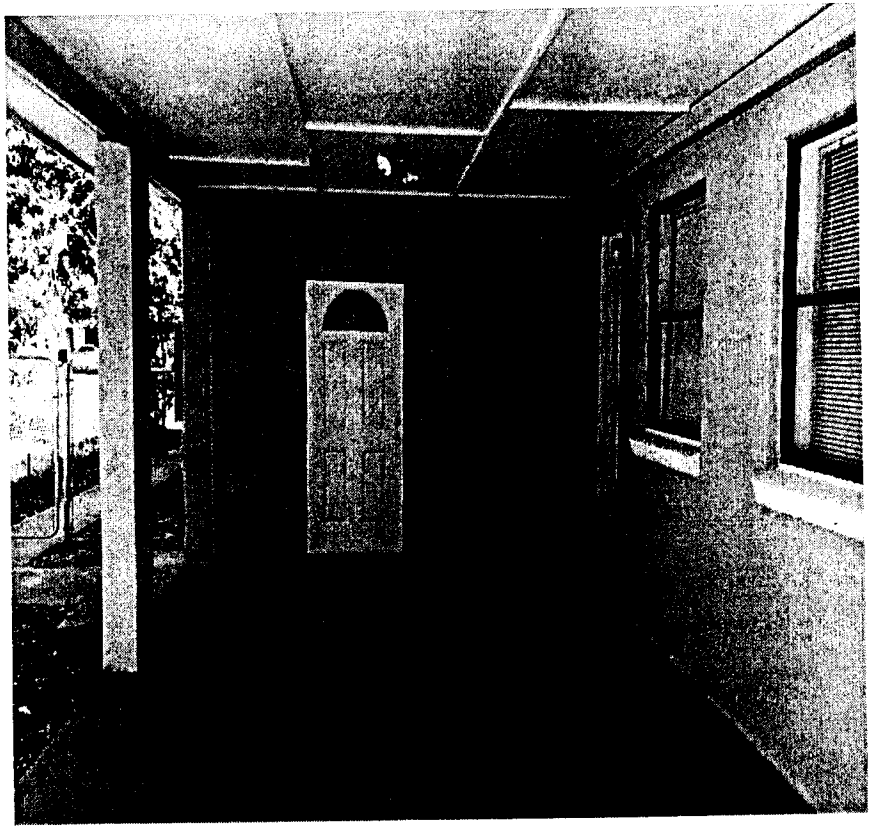


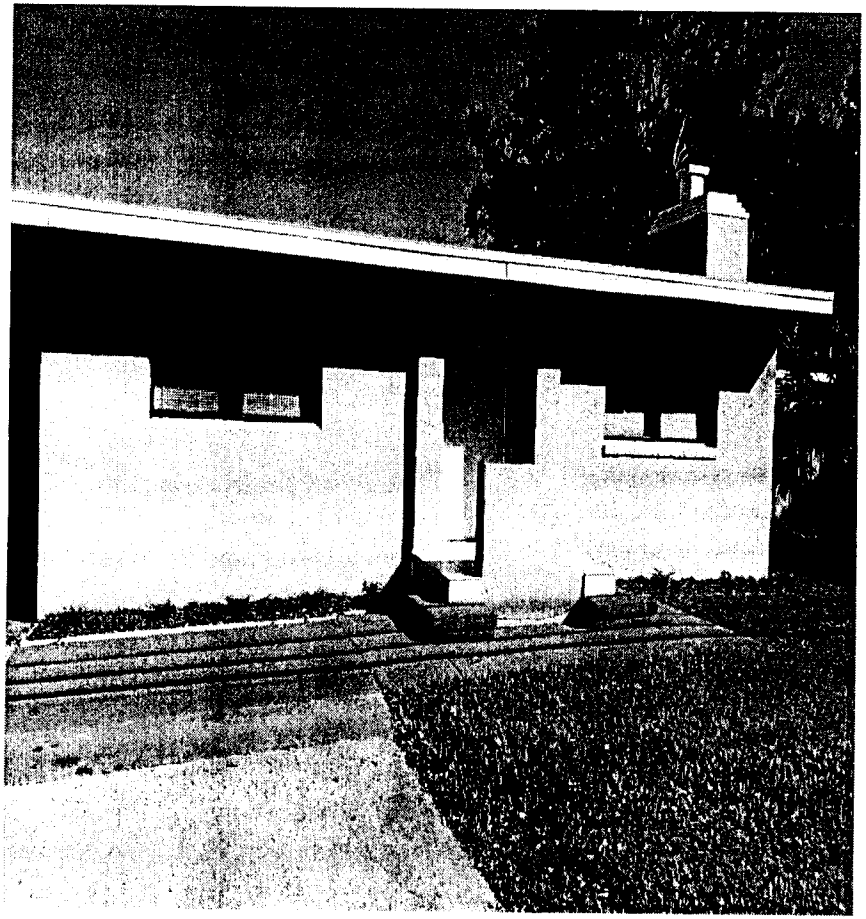


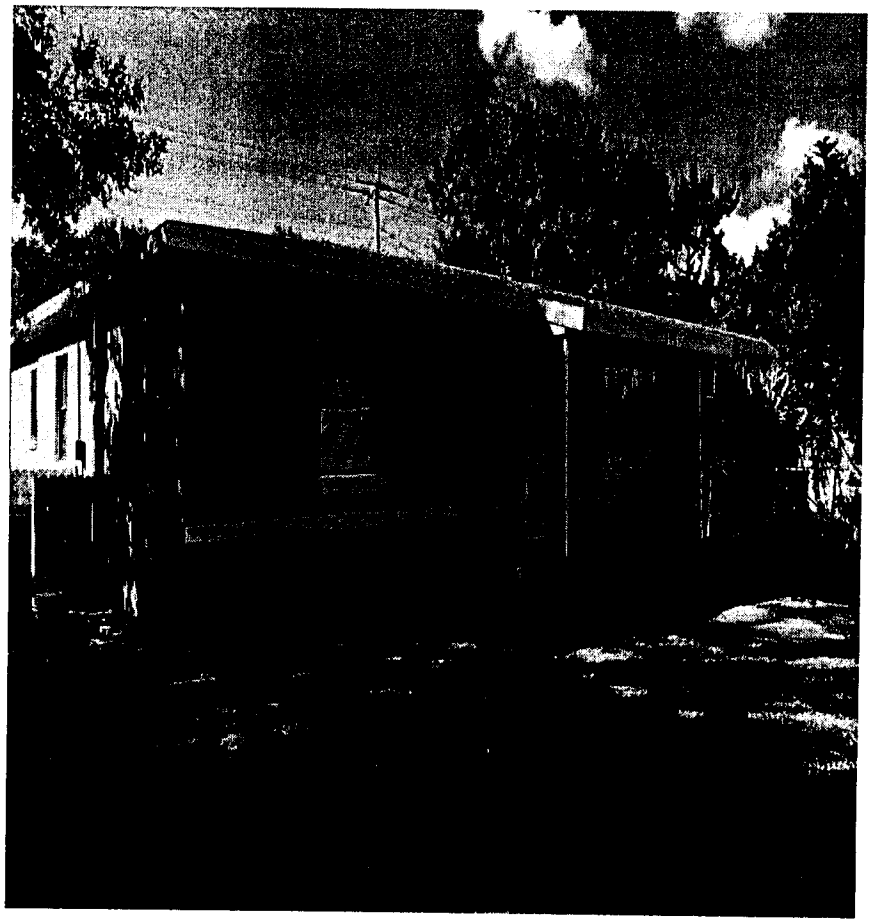


507 N Georgia Today









1061 Bellefonte Ave Before

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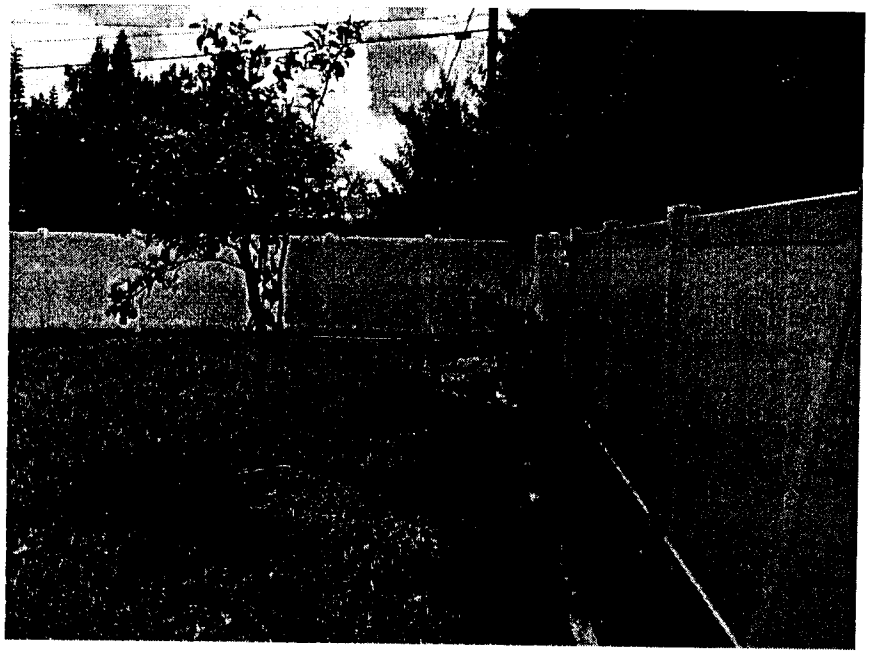


1061 Bellefonte Ave

Before this property had been vacant for several years after it was bought in tax deed sale. BACRAP secured private funding to purchase this property and just 3 days after close it was purchased by Erick and Juana Morales

Today this is one of the nicest landscaped, clean and maintained homes on Bellefonte Ave a Street that those living on it wouldn't walk down in daylight 3 yrs ago







1061 Bellefonte Ave

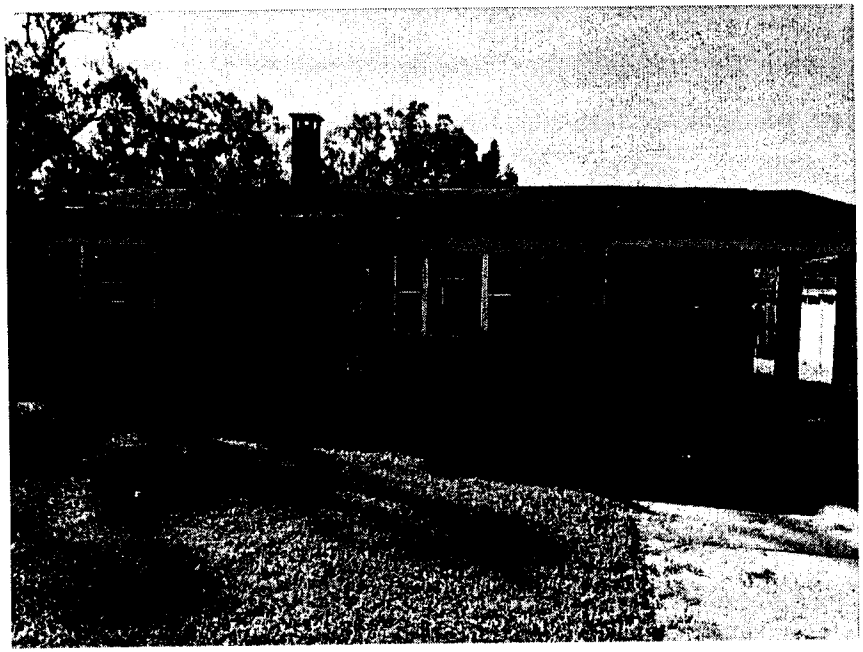
This isn't the most current photo and this home has been turned into a beautiful home and BACRAP has been by Erick & Juana the entire time

1059 Bellefonte Ave

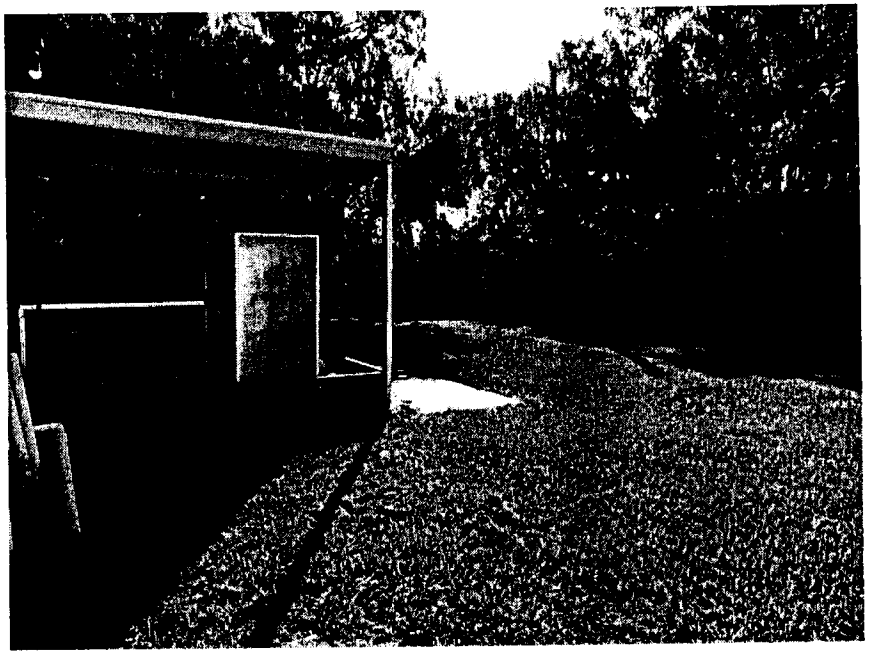
- 1059 Bellefonte Ave was being used as a rental property housing individuals who were selling prescription pills and other illegal drugs from the property. A wood shed in the back yard had been wired with electric and was being rented out to a couple and 2 dogs. The property was always covered in old TV sets that had been gutted.
- Today the property is an owner occupied home of the Lopez family and has a new roof and the property is kept clean and the front and back lawns maintained.

1059 Bellefonte Ave

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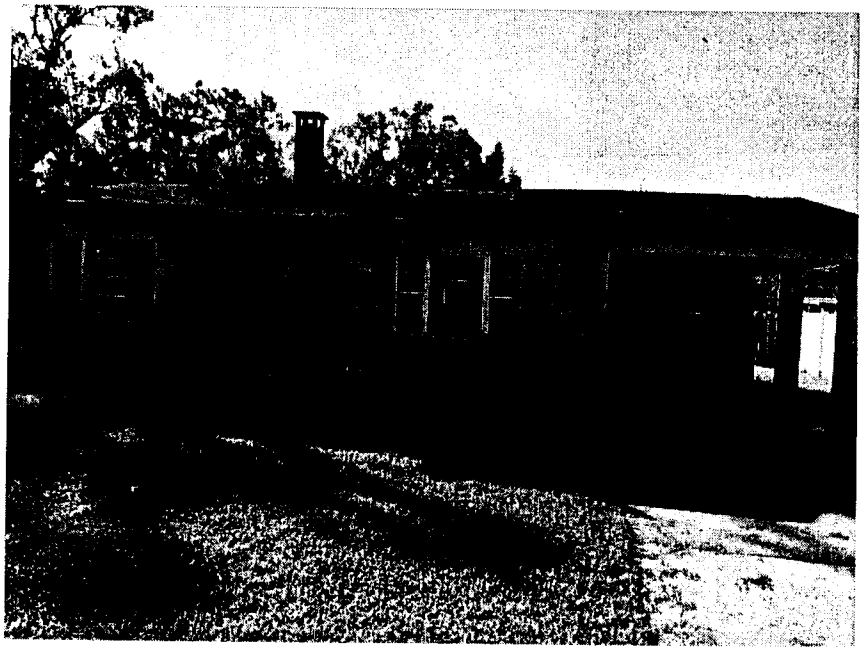


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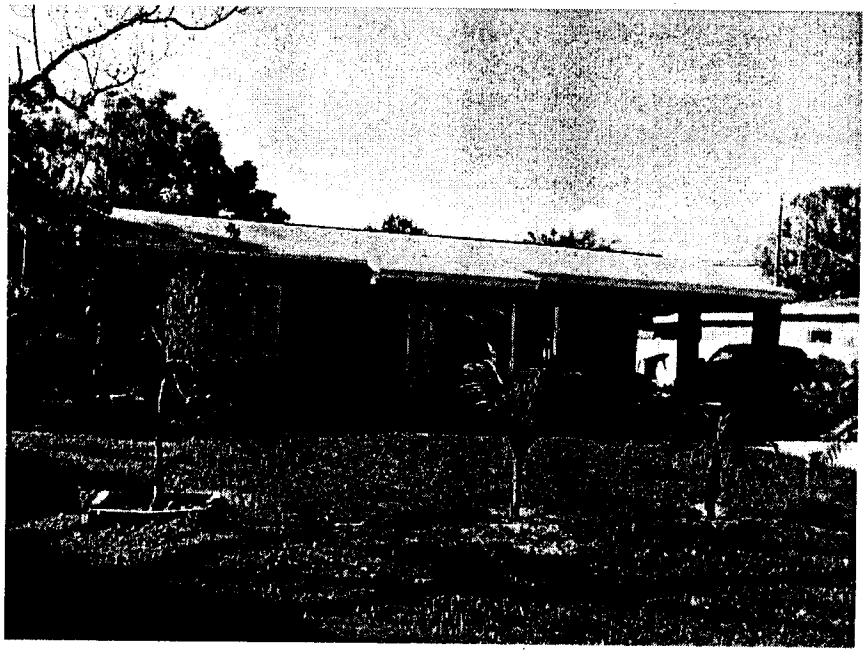


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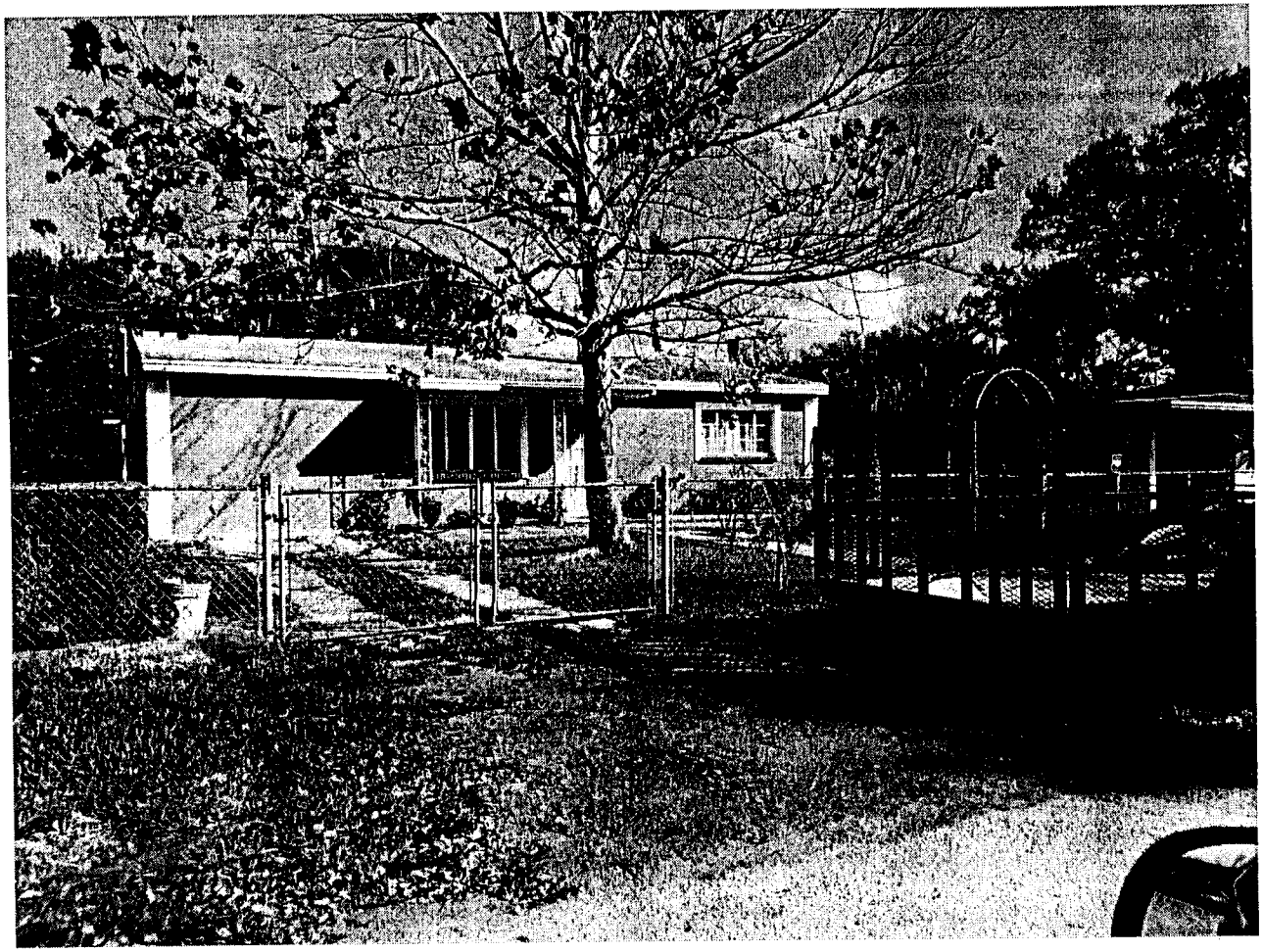
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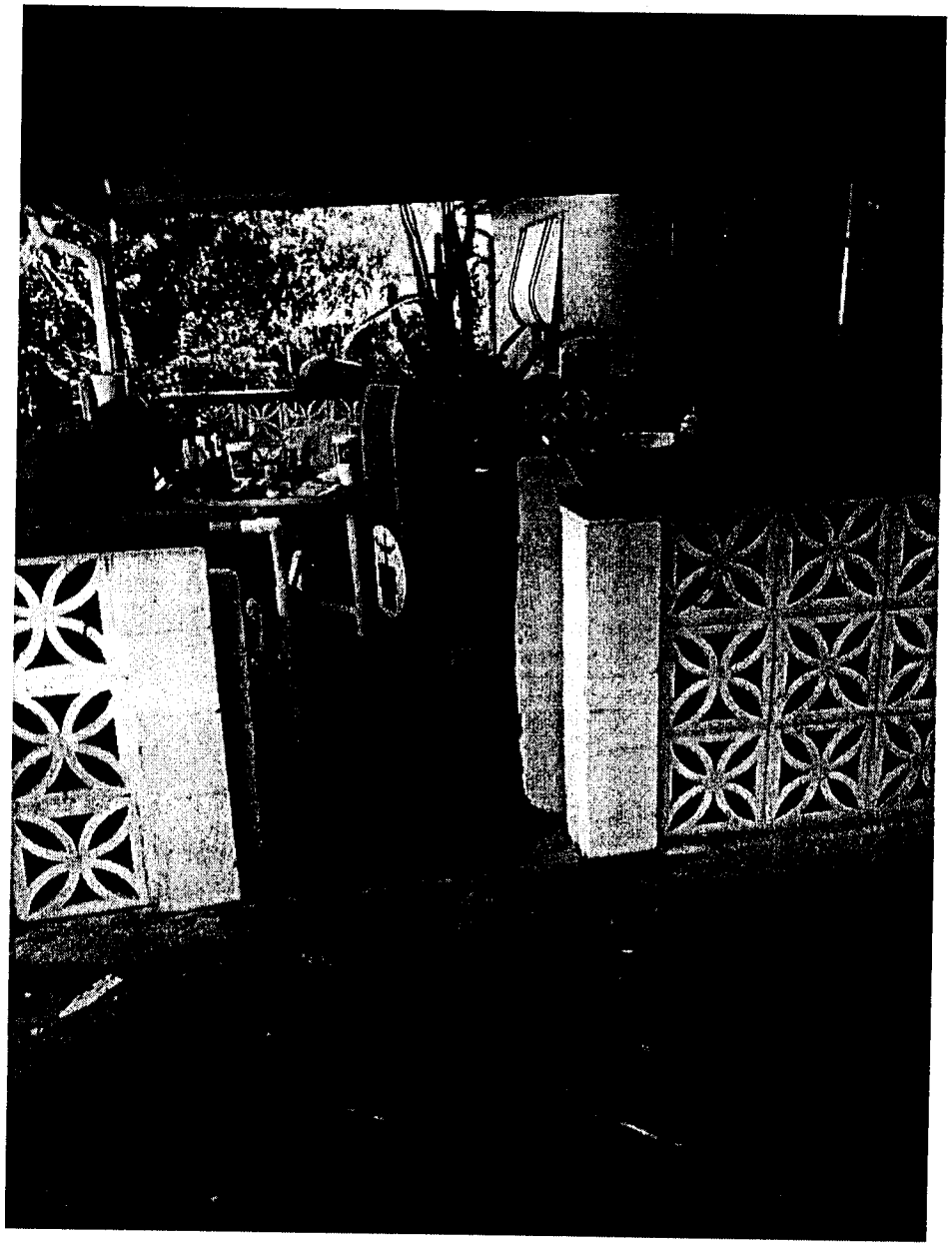


1112 Broadmoor Dr Today



1103 Broadmoor Dr

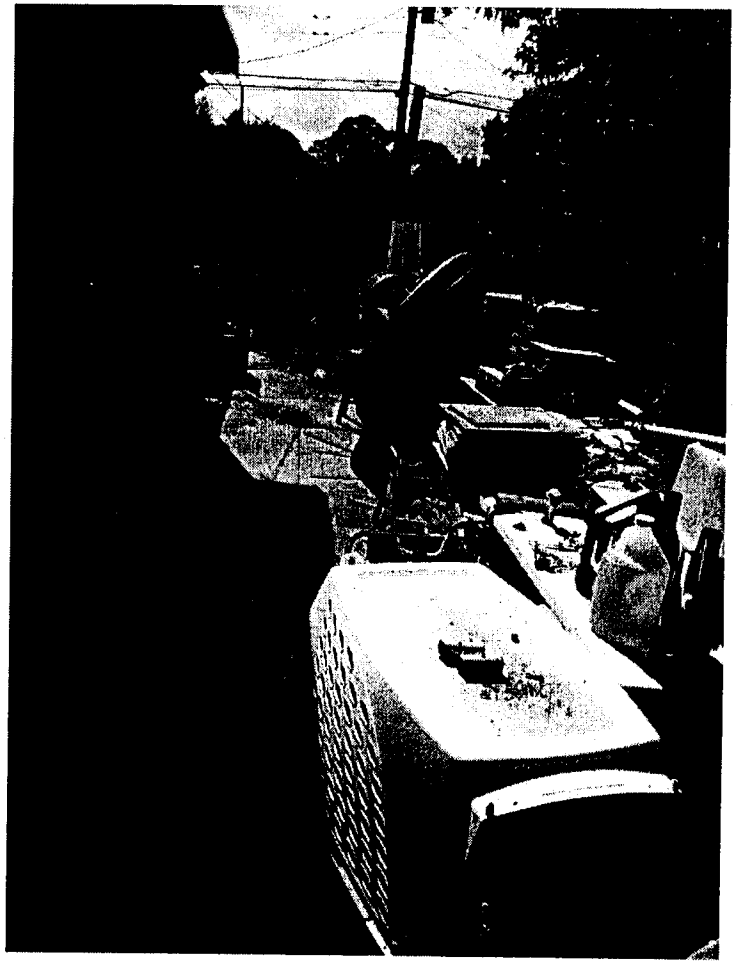
1103 Broadmoor Dr was a real disaster and not only was it disgusting it truly was creating a bad rodent issue for the neighbors on both sides of this property. The back yard was so bad when we started to cut it down we were literally charged by an entire Army of rats



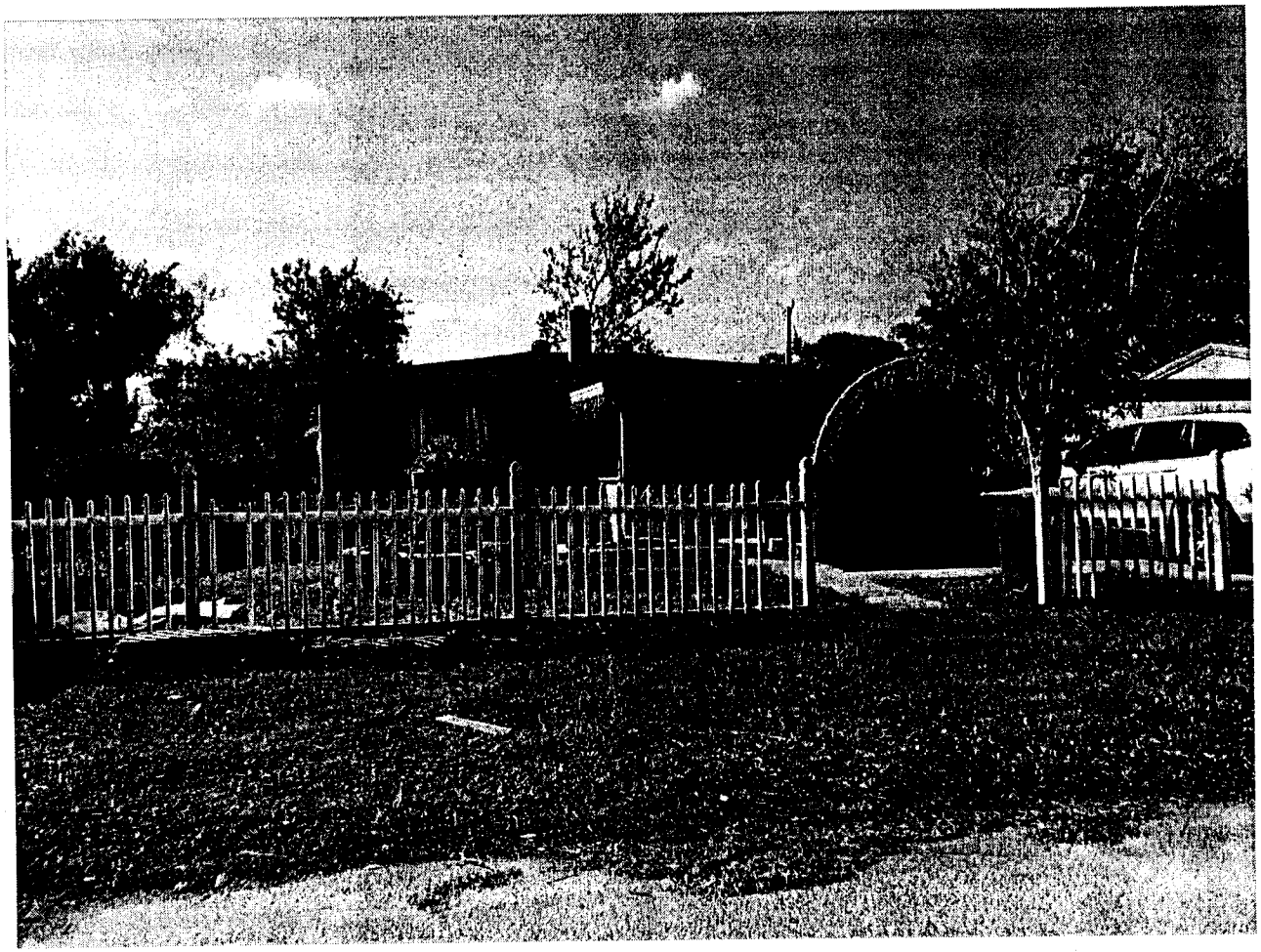








1103 Broadmoor Today

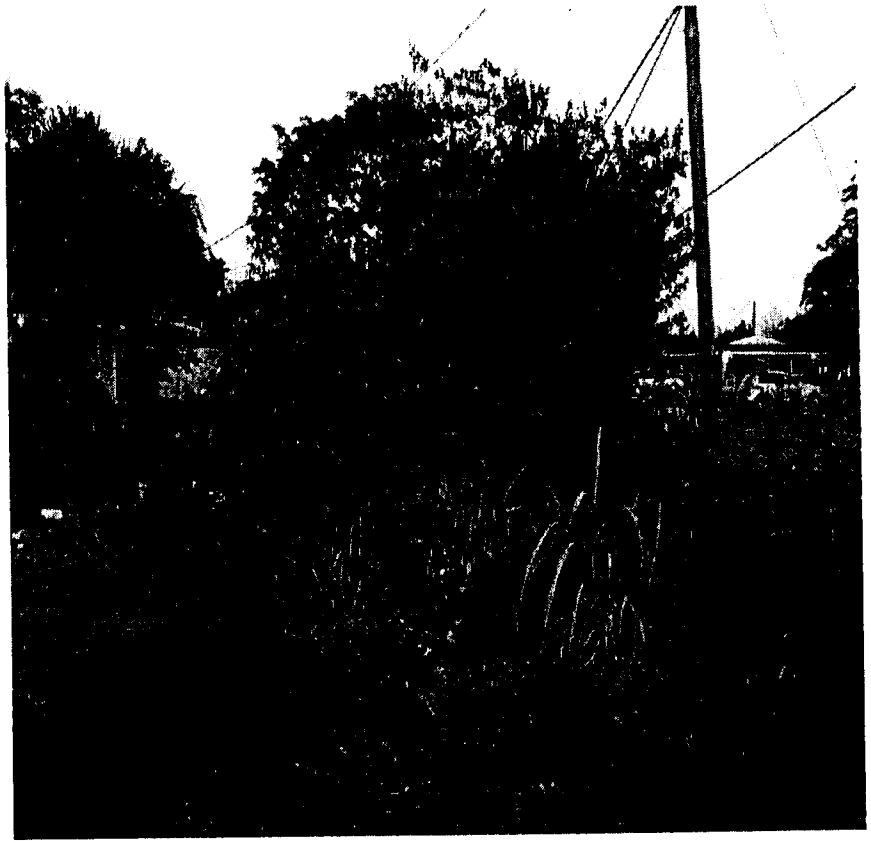


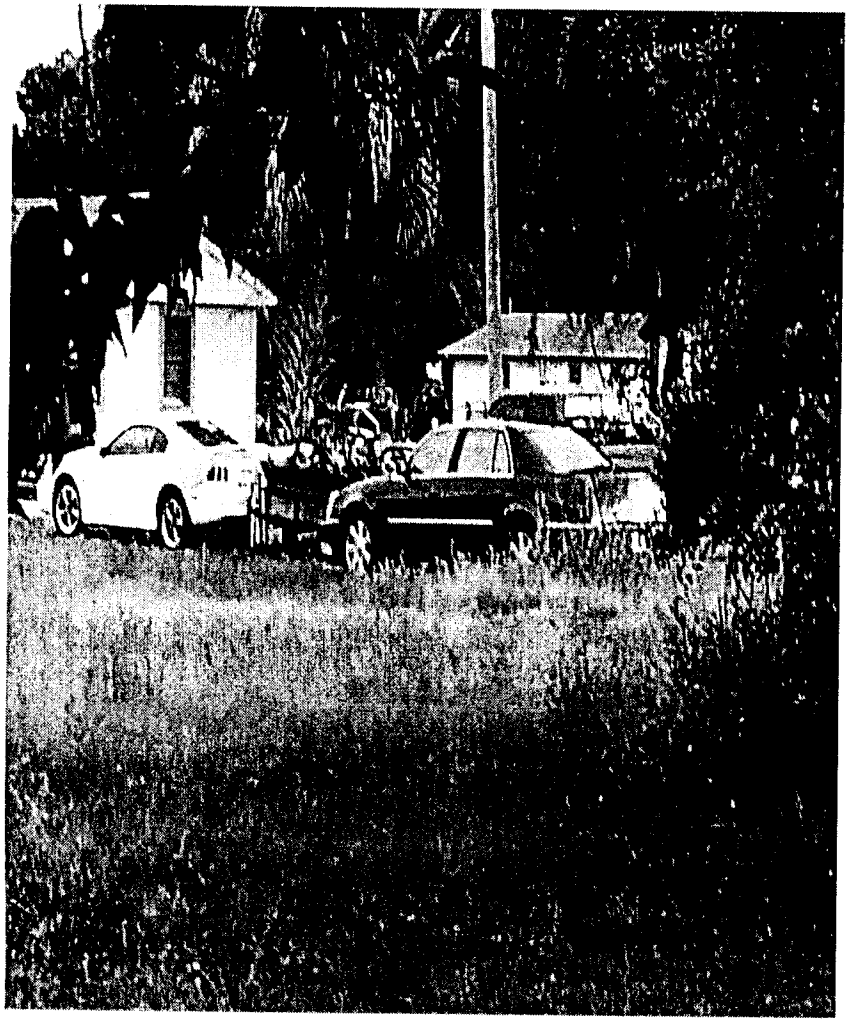
- Today 1103 Broadmoor Dr is an owner occupied property which has been cleaned up and is a 3 bdrm home to a Family of 4

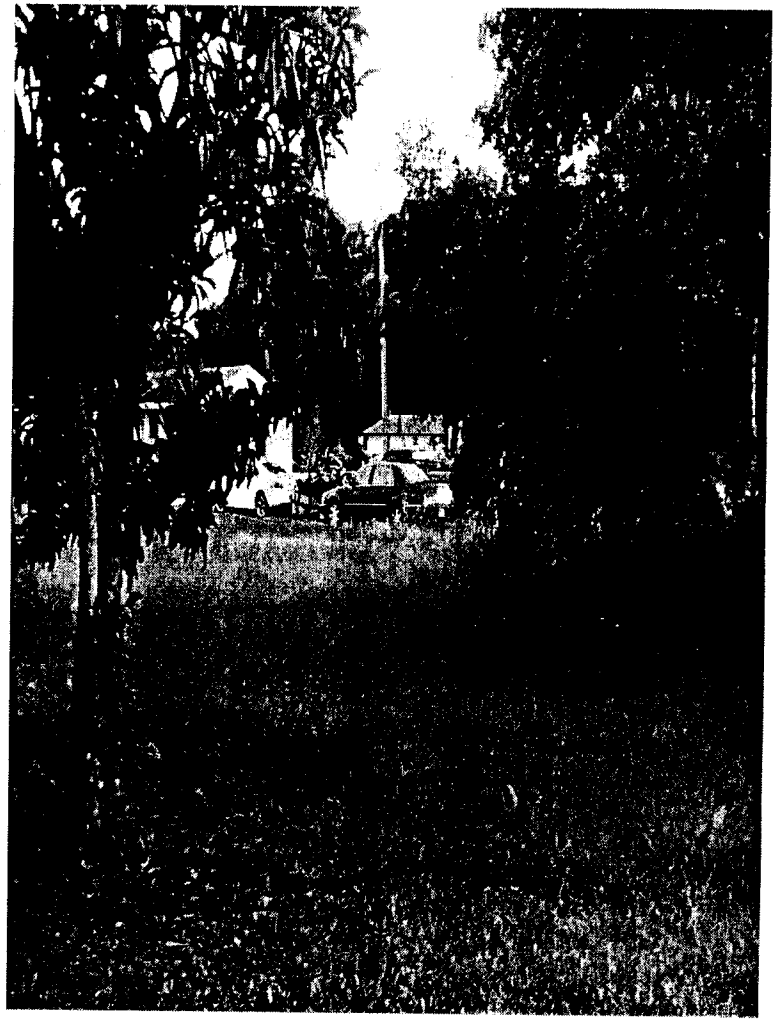
1115 Broadmoor Dr

This is what it looked like when BACRAP acquired it

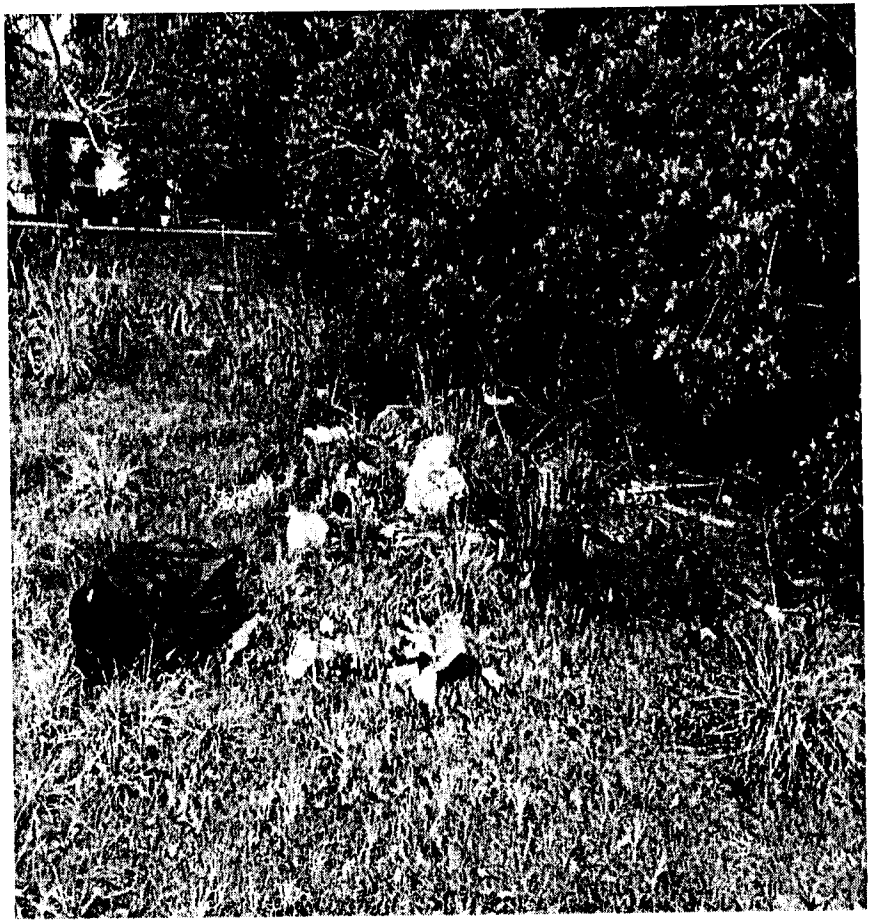




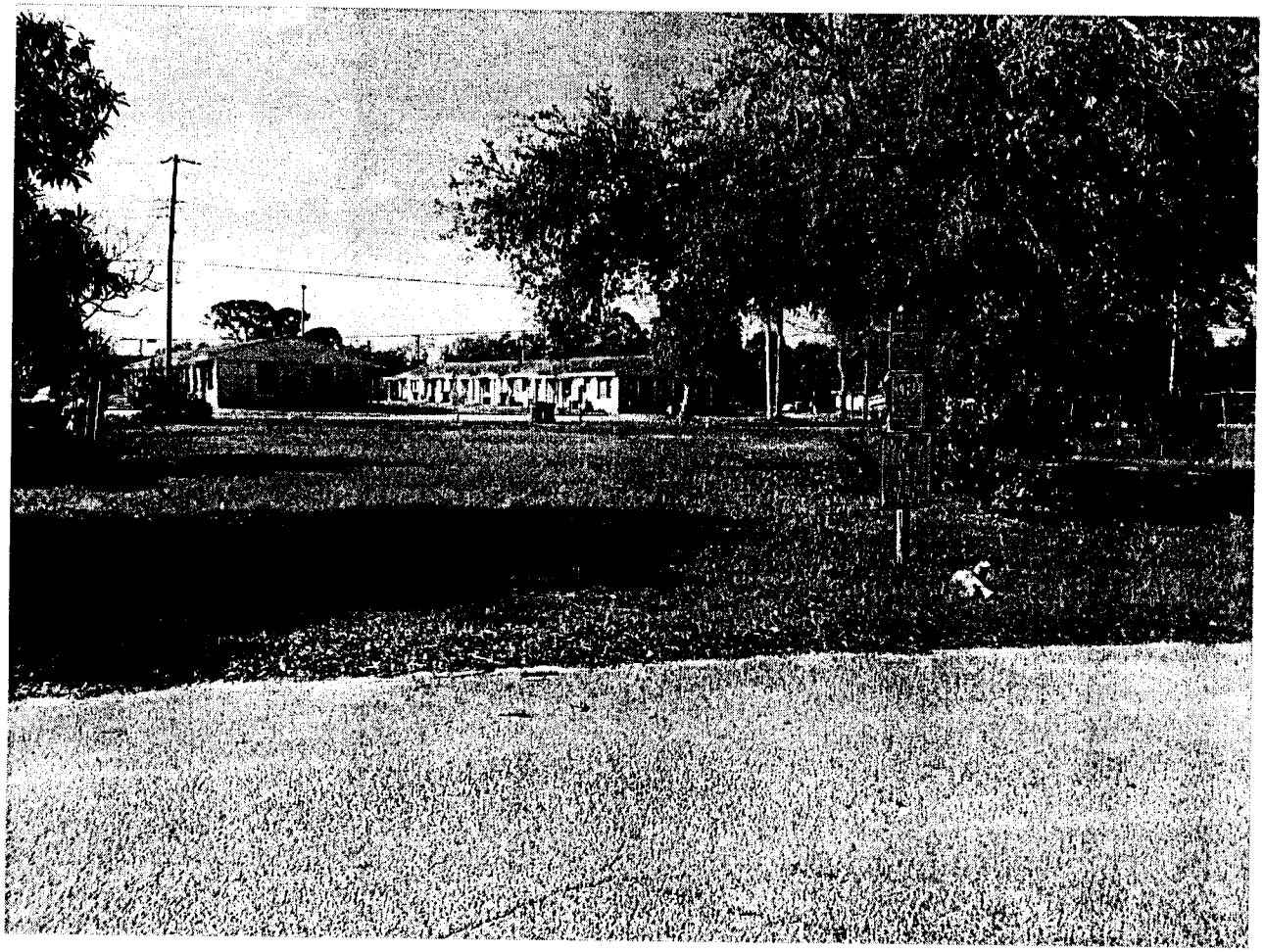








1115 Broadmoor Dr Today



1057 Mitchell St

When BACRAP Acquired it



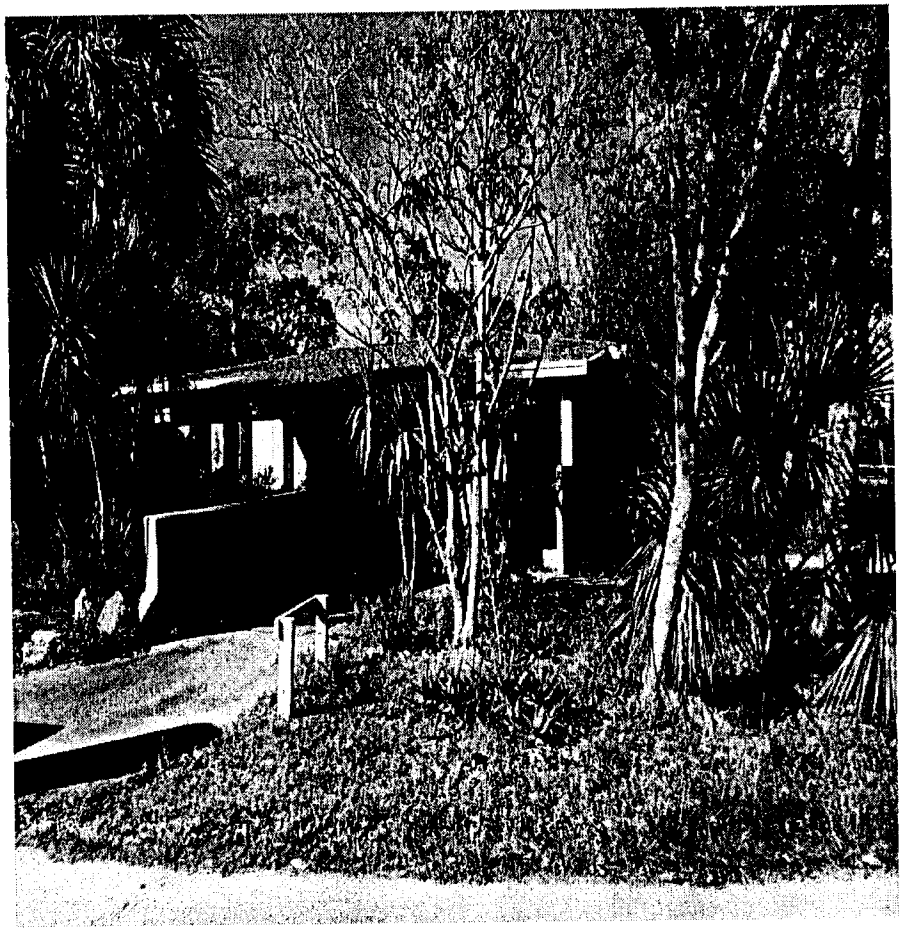


1057 Mitchell St today



403 N Kentucky





403 N Kentucky Ave

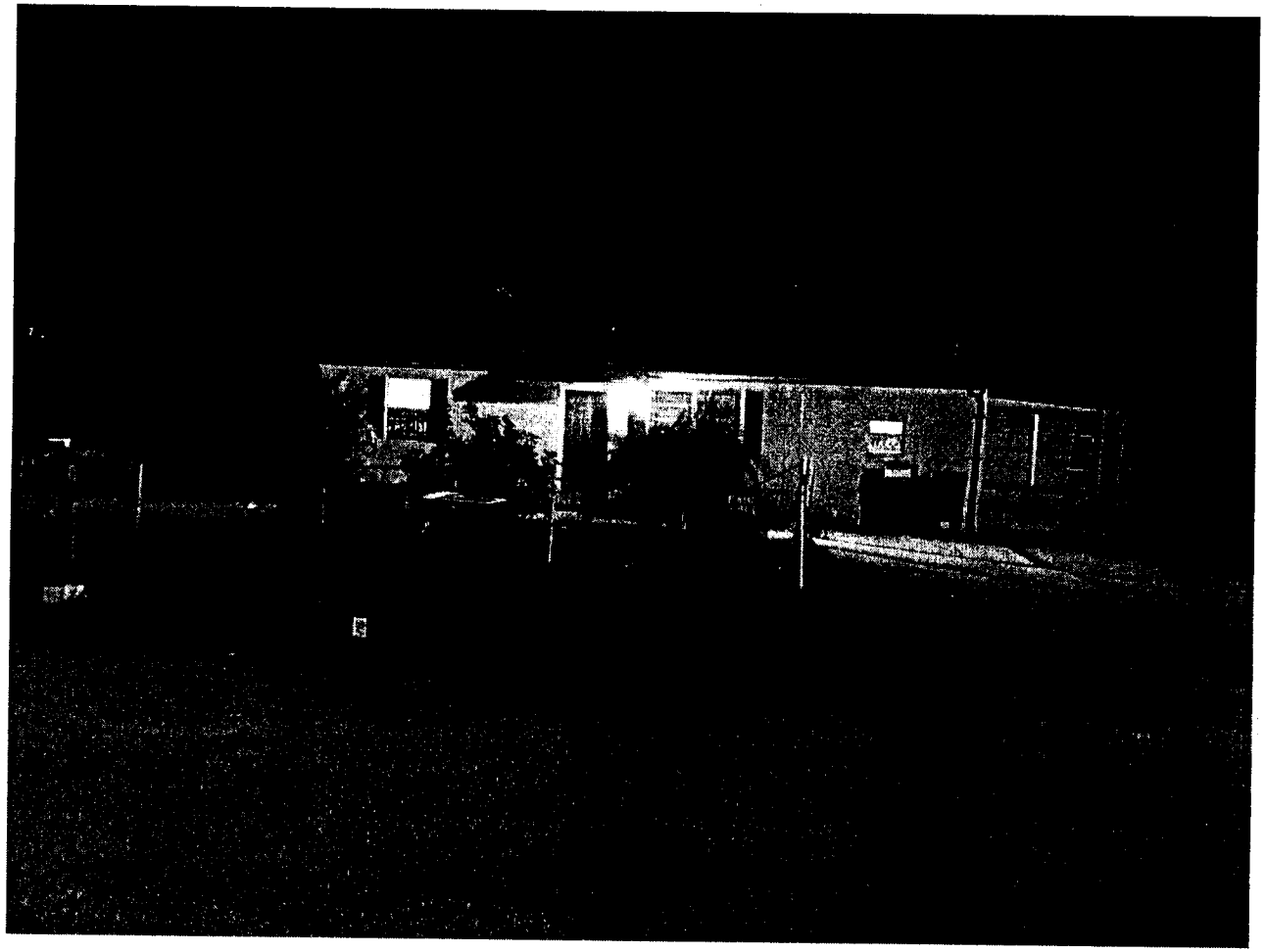
- This property was a run down boarding house being operated by the previous owner. After her sister died she became upset at Larry for pushing her to bring the property to code and to stop operating an illegal rooming house. We made her an offer on the property but instead she decided to sell it to a friend for $10,000 less to keep Larry from getting it. That friend has renovated this property into a beautiful 4 bedroom 2 ½ bath home. While its not a BACRAP property it is because of BACRAP this property was sold and renovated. Now we just have to find a way to make it owner occupied.



408 N Kentucky Ave

Future Home of Broadmoor Acres Community Center

1051 Mitchell St
From Slumlord to Owner Occupied



1055 Olive St

Before



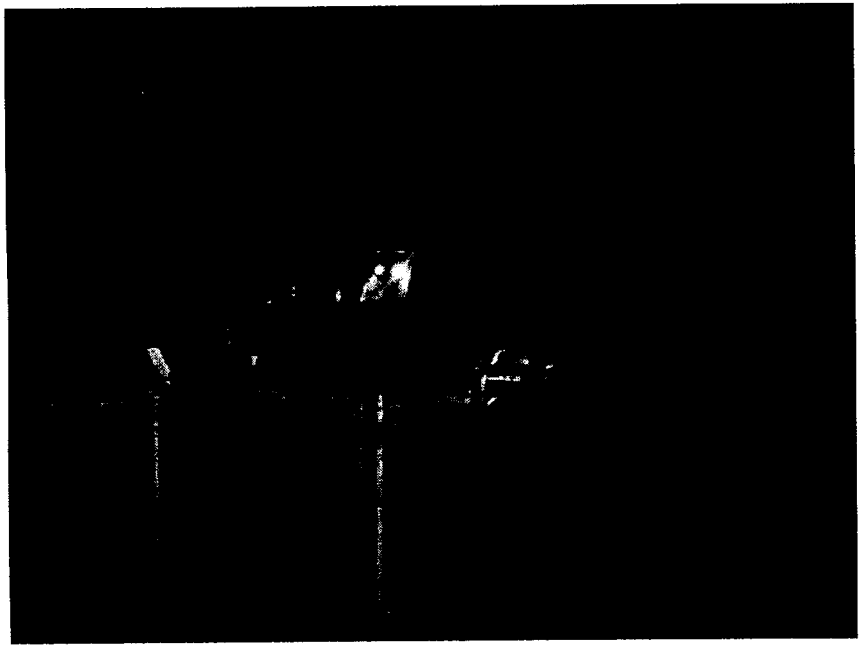
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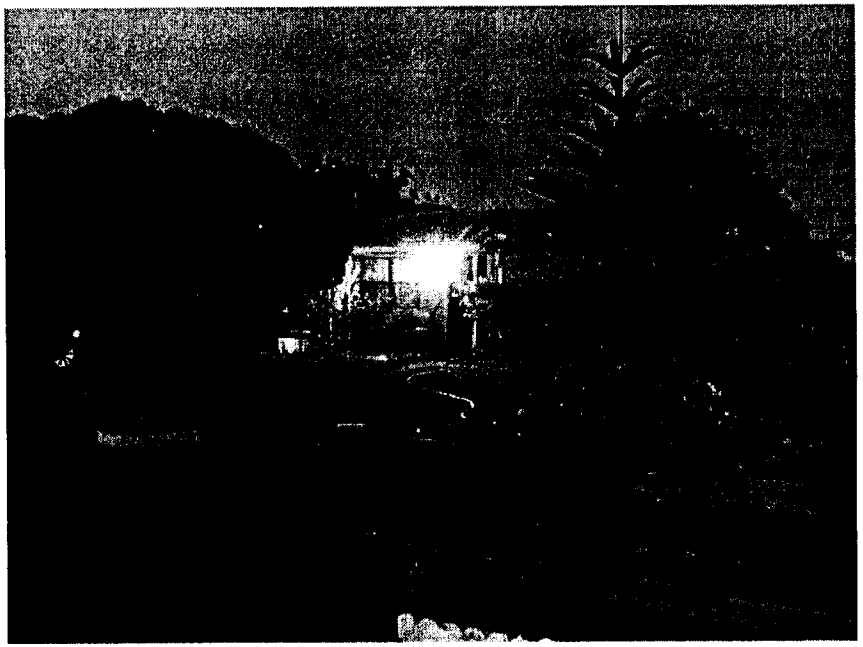


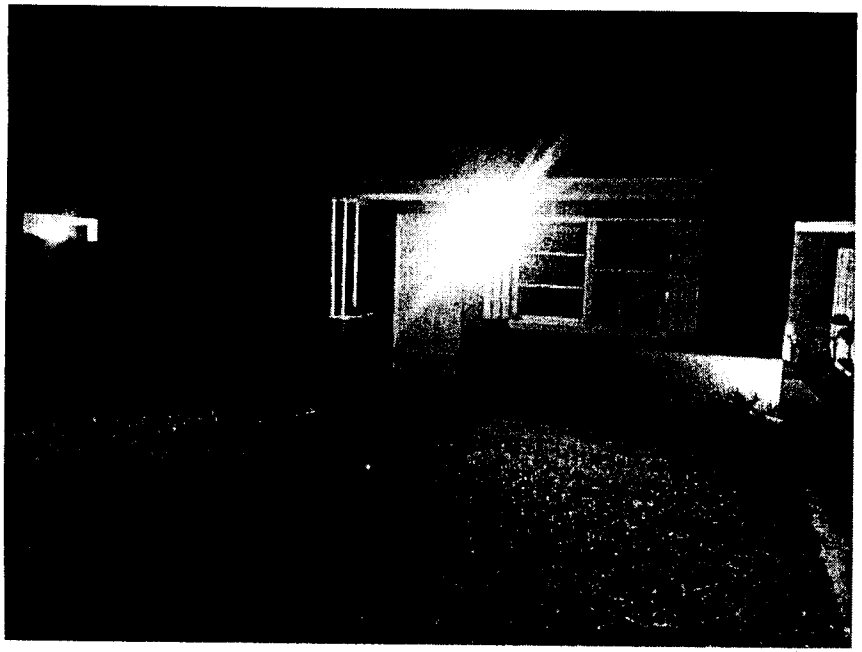
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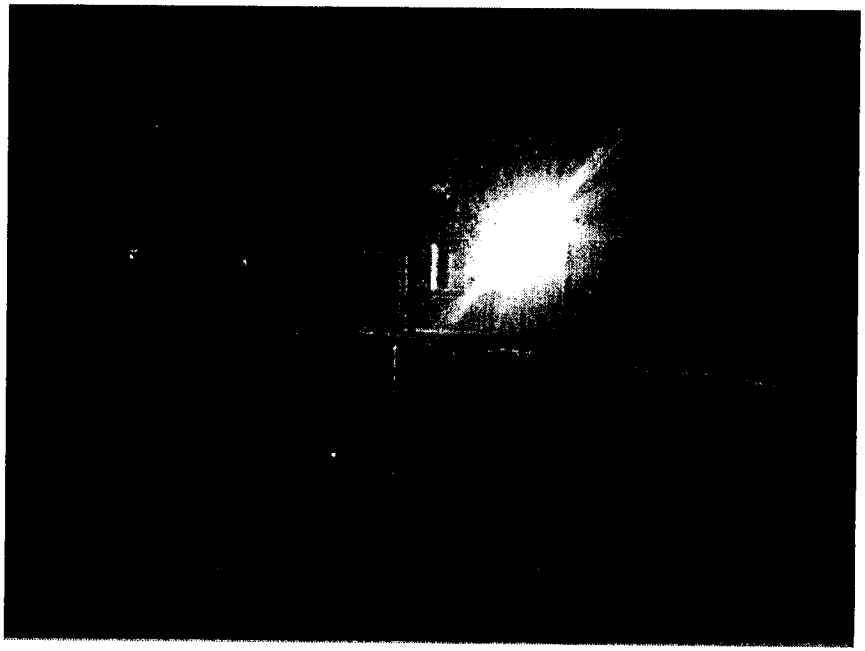
- 1055 Olive St was a slumlord renting to drug dealers who blamed the Cocoa Police for allowing the property to be destroyed.
- To take it out of slumlord and drug dealer hands we found private funding to purchase and repair the property. While not a BACRAP property I do have control of the property and who will reside therein

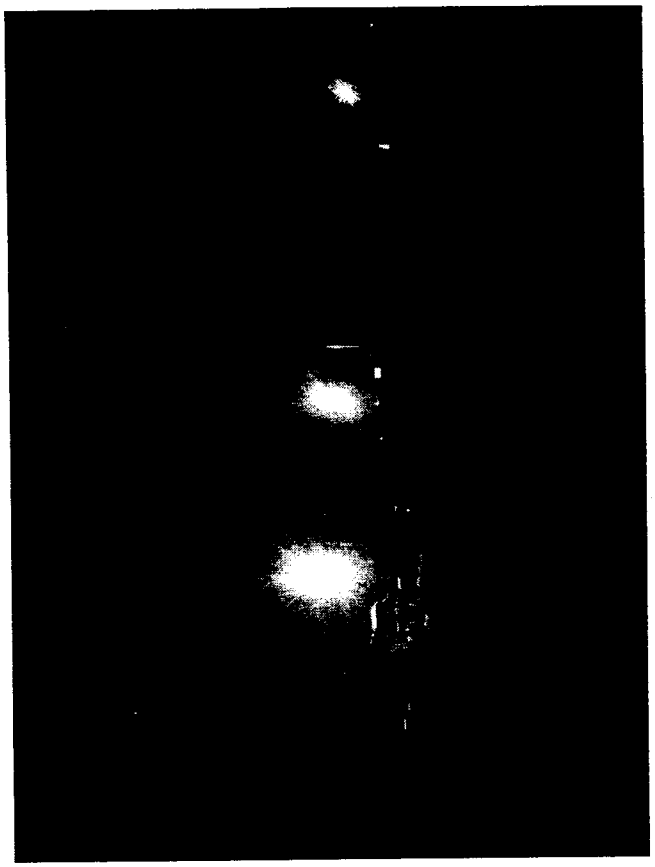
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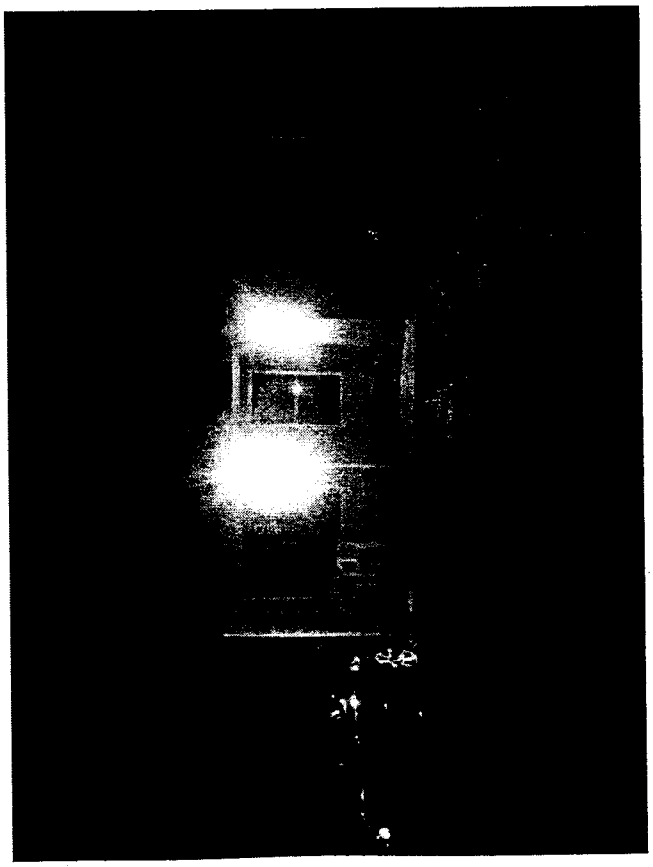


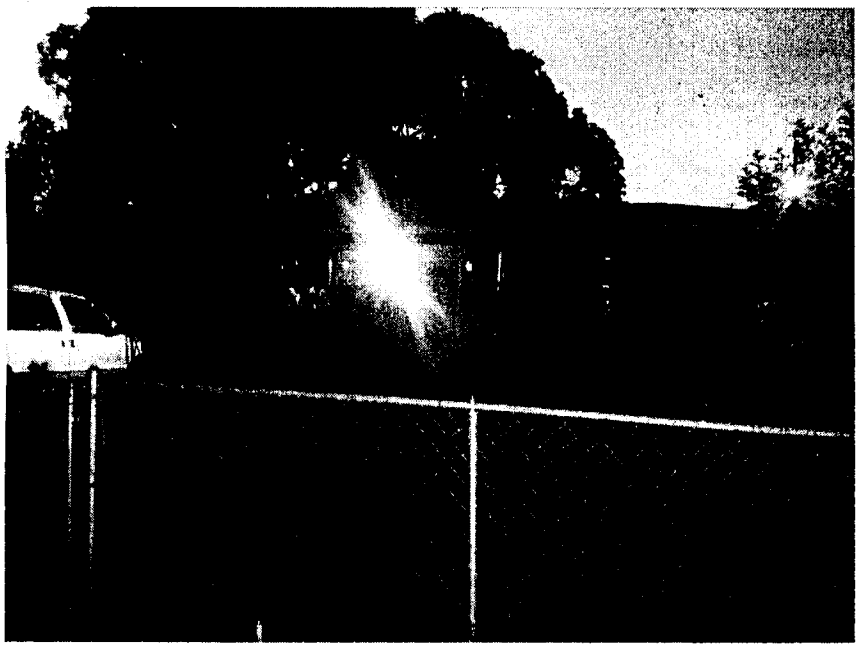


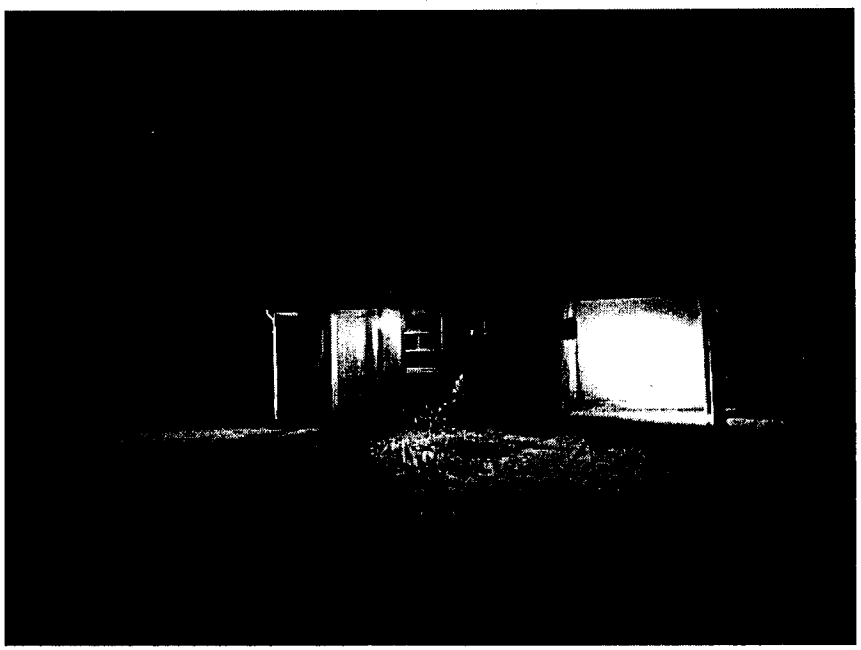












BACRAP Moving Forward

- The Plan for us is to move forward and raise funding that will allow BACRAP to build new homes on the current lots we own. These homes would be 3bdrm 2 bath homes which would sit further back with large front porches on them and smaller backyards. The idea is to bring the community back to the front so they see whats going on in their neighborhood, the visit with their neighbors and form a sense of community together.
- BACRAP intends to fund construction of these homes allowing us to hold the mortgages on them which allows greater opportunity for families to own their own home
- By BACRAP holding the mortgages on these homes we have a funding source for the Community Center to truly function and serve its community. Monthly mortgage payments would be used to fund community center programs which will also lighten the burden on the City and other agencies
- Our plan allows donors to give today while watching their contribution work for decades to come

Just Some of the Benefits to the City

- The City would have a higher property tax valuation and base in an area where little tax money has gone to the City for years.
- Community Services currently costing the City and other agencies would now be provided by the community itself through its own community center funded by mortgage payments
- Kids in the community who don't participate with B&G Club, PALS or any other program would have a place to go and grow and learn keeping them out of the streets or from hanging in the wrong crowd
- Single parents who work and provide for their children would have a place around the block that can provide child care day and night so they know their child is safe while they work.
- Community gatherings like our Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Seniors mentoring kids or just visiting with each other
- The City has already save a large amount of money it had been spending over the past 8 yrs in abatements, demolishions Police Calls etc to the vacant lots and houses.
- Police will have a better advantage and cooperation within the community and a place they can host meetings with community in their own backyards so to speak.

BACRAP Gets Results

- Lets be honest, money is what makes or brakes our ability to accomplish our goals. That is why we are starting a Raffle for a 202 Subaru Impreza which has been made mechanically sound and is a really cute dependable vehilce for someone. Only 650 tickets will be made available.
- Tickets are $25 ea and go on sale March 1, 2018 with drawing on April 15, 2018

BACRAP Surprise

- It is not a secret to anyone that BACRAP has pretty much been funded out of my pocket with some donations from a few who have become aware of what BACRAP is through our Board Chairman Bob Harvey.
- After personally putting everything I have into making BACRAP projects succeed I will be hiring individuals as early as March 5, 2018 to come into my home at 1052 Mitchell St and complete the remaining work needed to complete my house. Once this has been completed and I see no reason why it won't be done no later than March 31, 2018, and the final inspection is made and permit closed I will be Raffling off my home at 1052 Mitchell Street and ALL Net proceeds will be given to BACRAP to begin construction on the first new home to be built in this community in 63 years.

- After the Raffling of 1052 Mitchell St (which will be up too if not exceeding current building codes) BACRAP operations will move to 1047 Park Dr which will keep us in the community itself.
- A total of 2500 tickets will be offered at $100 each. All who purchase a ticket will agree that the winner must reside in the home as a single family owner occupied home for a period of not less than 30 years or they can sell the property with the same LURA applying to the buyer. In no case can the winner use the property for rental purposes.
- This allows us to raise money while staying true to our mission and commitment to this community