



Historic Architectural Review Commission Staff Report for Item 4

To: Chairman Bryan Green and Historic Architectural Review Commission Members

From: Kathleen McDonald, MHP
Historic Preservation Planner II

Meeting Date: March 23, 2021

December 16, 2020 - **Postponed**

Applicant: Spottswood, Spottswood, Spottswood and Sterling

Application Number: H2020-0037

Address: #914 Thomas Street

Description of Work:

New frame house with off-street parking. New walkways and pool. New fences.

Site Facts:

The site under review is a vacant lot behind the structure located at 916 Thomas Street. The address of the subject site is 914 Thomas Street. 914 and 916 Thomas Street make up the Thomas Street Homeowners Association (HOA), which was recorded in 2019.

The 1912 Sanborn map shows 3 structures on one lot: 914, 916 and 916½ Thomas Street. In 1912, 914 Thomas was a structure situated between 916 and 910 Thomas, with a frontage on the street. The structure at 916 Thomas sat where it still does today, and 916½ was a structure that sat directly behind 916 Thomas, where this application is now proposing a new structure. The structure that sat at 914 Thomas was razed around 1973, while the structure that sat at 916½ was razed sometime between 1948 and 1962.

A build-back letter was written for the lot at 914 Thomas Street in October 2017, establishing one residential dwelling unit on the property. The applicant has submitted a letter clarifying that this application is to be reviewed as a new residence, and not pursuant to the build-back letter.

Guidelines Cited on Review:

- Guidelines for Roofing (page 26), specifically guideline 3.
- Guidelines for New Construction in the Historic District (pages 38a-38q), specifically guidelines 1, 2, 11, 12, 14 and 18.

Staff Analysis:

This item was postponed from the December 16, 2020, HARC meeting. The design proposed in December was a 1,700 square foot “eyebrow” structure, which reached a maximum height of 27.5 feet. When considering the immediate context, staff found the previous design to be out of scale.

A revised design is now proposed for review. The newly proposed design maintains the total living area at 1,700 square feet, but the style is no longer to be considered that of an “eyebrow.” The proposed height has been reduced from 27.5 to approximately 23.7 feet. Off-street parking, walkways, a pool, and fencing are still part of this application.

The height of the new design appears to be just under 4 feet taller than the height of the existing structure at 916 Thomas.

All new roofing material is to be 5 v-crimp metal. The siding of the new structure is to be painted HardiePlank lap siding with Hardie trim.

The design also includes two covered porches, one at the front and one at the rear. The porches are to be wood with composite decking and Hardie trim.

This proposal also includes a ribbon driveway for off-street parking, new walkways, a 22-foot by 8-foot in-ground pool, and fencing.

Consistency with Cited Guidelines:

It is staff’s opinion that the proposed design does not meet the cited guidelines.

While the scale and massing have been reduced since the project was last presented in December, staff still believes that elements of the form and proportions of the proposed structure are incompatible with the immediate context. The paragraph under guideline 4 on page 38-e of the Guidelines for New Construction reads, “Proposals must respect the distinctive character of the immediate area by following the existing scale, height, **building and roof forms**, rhythm, **proportions** and materials. New development can achieve compatibility with nearby architecture through setback, **roof pitch and shape**, building materials, windows and doors, **ratio of solid vs. void**, height, width, and massing. It must be visually harmonious with adjacent buildings and public spaces.” Staff feels that the proposed roof form is out of character of the immediate area and is not visually harmonious with the surrounding context. The proportion and ratio of the roof seem irregular and unbalanced with the rest of the building form when viewed from each elevation.

Guidelines 1 and 2 under New Construction speak to the compatibility of new proposals with the character of the area in which they are to be located. The proposed roof form does not reflect the character of the district, sub-area, or block. Guidelines 11 and 14 under New Construction address the need for consistency in scale, form, massing, and proportion when new buildings are compared to adjacent buildings of same land use. While scale and massing have been improved since this project was last presented, form and proportion—of the roof form, specifically—appear incompatible with the adjacent context. Guidelines 12 and 18 under New Construction, as

well as guideline 3 under Roofing, all speak to roof forms proposed in new construction being compatible with surrounding roof forms. Guideline 18 under New Construction specifies that new proposals should, “Use roof forms that appear similar to the established range of roof shapes of same typology in the immediate surrounding area and are compatible with the architectural style of a new building.” The roof shape that is proposed is not similar to any established roof shape in the area.

Overall, staff feels that the form and proportion of the roof on the proposed design is out of character for the district and does not resemble any established roof form in the area. The irregularity of form and unbalanced proportions of the proposed roof affect the overall design and make the proposal incompatible with the surrounding context.

APPLICATION

HARC MAJOR PROJECTS CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

\$400 NON-REFUNDABLE BASE APPLICATION FEE - OTHER FEES MAY BE APPLICABLE



City of Key West
1300 WHITE STREET
KEY WEST, FLORIDA 33040

HARC COA #	REVISION #	INITIAL & DATE
2020-0037	1	2/22/2021
FLOOD ZONE	ZONING DISTRICT	BLDG PERMIT #

A PRE-APPLICATION MEETING WITH HARC STAFF IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

914 Thomas Street, Key West Florida 33040

NAME ON DEED:

Thomas St Partners LLC

PHONE NUMBER

863 602 0332

OWNER'S MAILING ADDRESS:

2209 Long Leaf Circle Lakeland, FL 33810

EMAIL

ironwoodvg@tampabayrr.com

APPLICANT NAME:

Spottswood, Spottswood, Spottswood and Sterling PLLC

PHONE NUMBER

305 294 9556

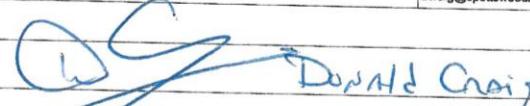
APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:

500 Fleming Street , Key West , Florida 33040

EMAIL

dcraig@spottswodlaw.com and erica@spottswodlaw.com

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:

 Donald Craig

DATE

10/27/2020

2-19-21

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PROJECT INCLUDES: REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS RELOCATION OF A STRUCTURE ELEVATION OF A STRUCTURE

PROJECT INVOLVES A CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE: YES NO INVOLVES A HISTORIC STRUCTURE: YES NO

PROJECT INVOLVES A STRUCTURE THAT IS INDIVIDUALLY LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER: YES NO

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION INCLUDING MATERIALS, HEIGHT, DIMENSIONS, SQUARE FOOTAGE, LOCATION, ETC.

GENERAL: Replacement of a two story residence which burned down with a new 1 and 1/2 residence , offstreet parking, walkways and a pool together with fencing

MAIN BUILDING: Create a new 1700 sq. ft. one and a half story residence behind an existing residence. The new residence is one of many two -story and 1.5 story residences in the immediate area (please see street elevations). The new structure is shielded from Thomas St. by the structure in front and by heavy vegetation

The new structure is designed as an "eyebrow" structure to minimize mass and scale. The proposed home has been re-designed and reduced in size in response to staff comments

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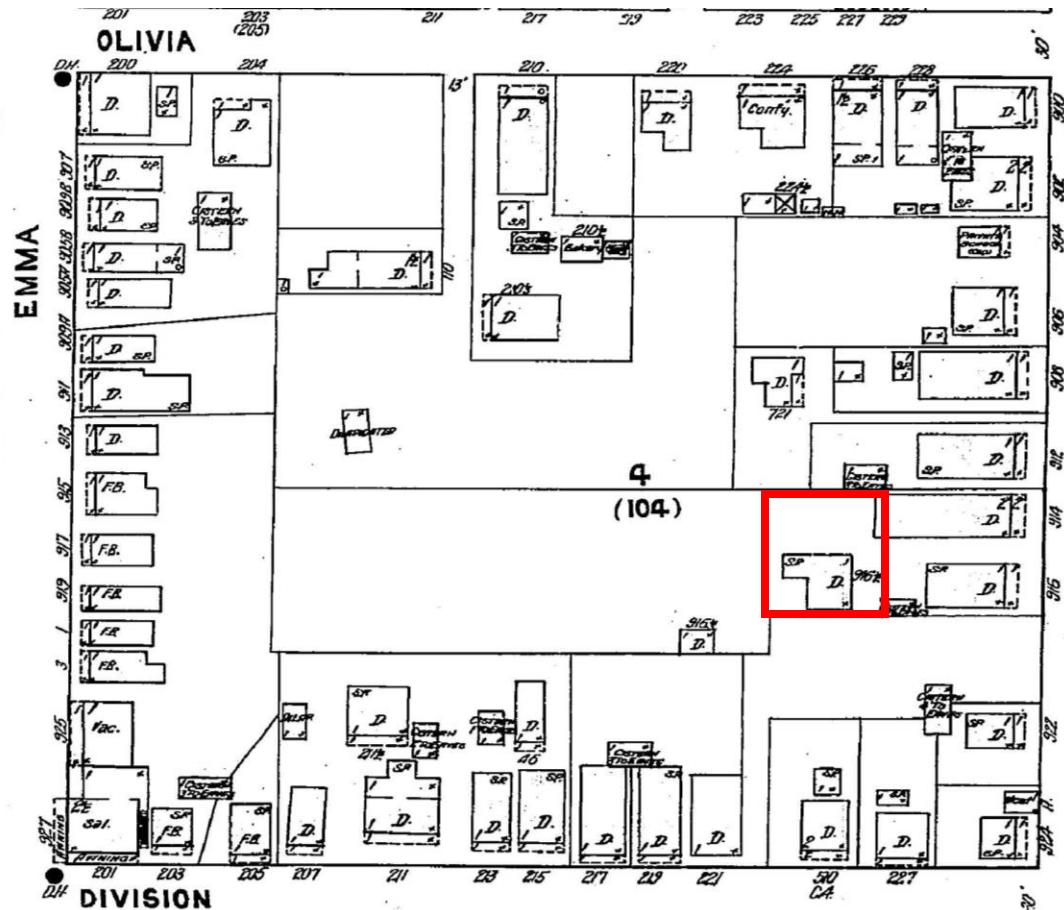
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ACCESSORY STRUCTURE(S):	
PAVERS: yes brick pavers	FENCES: yes wooden fences
DECKS: yes wooden deck	PAINTING:
SITE (INCLUDING GRADING, FILL, TREES, ETC.): Landscaping will be added	POOLS (INCLUDING EQUIPMENT): a swimming pool wil be added
ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT (GAS, A/C, VENTS, ETC.): AC Condensers will be used	OTHER:

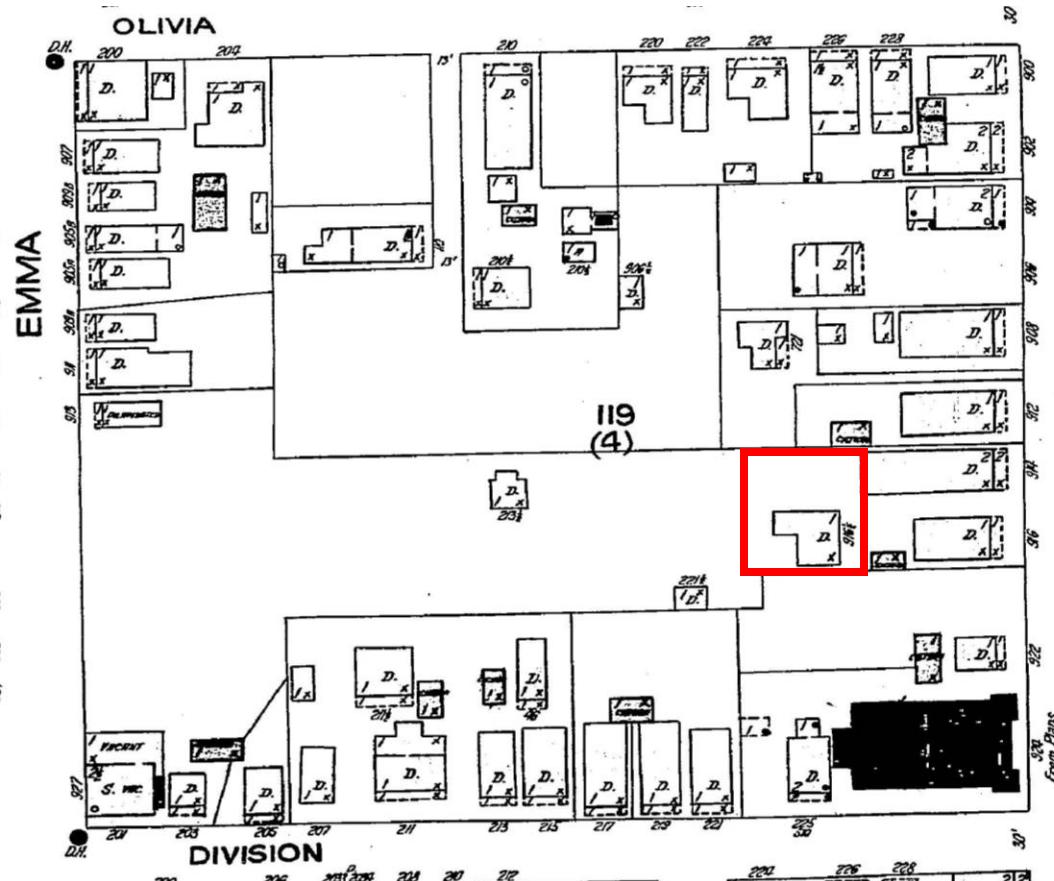
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STAFF REVIEW COMMENTS:		
FIRST READING FOR DEMO:	SECOND READING FOR DEMO:	
HARC STAFF SIGNATURE AND DATE:	HARC CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE AND DATE:	

THIS APPLICATION MAY BE REVIEWED BY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF.

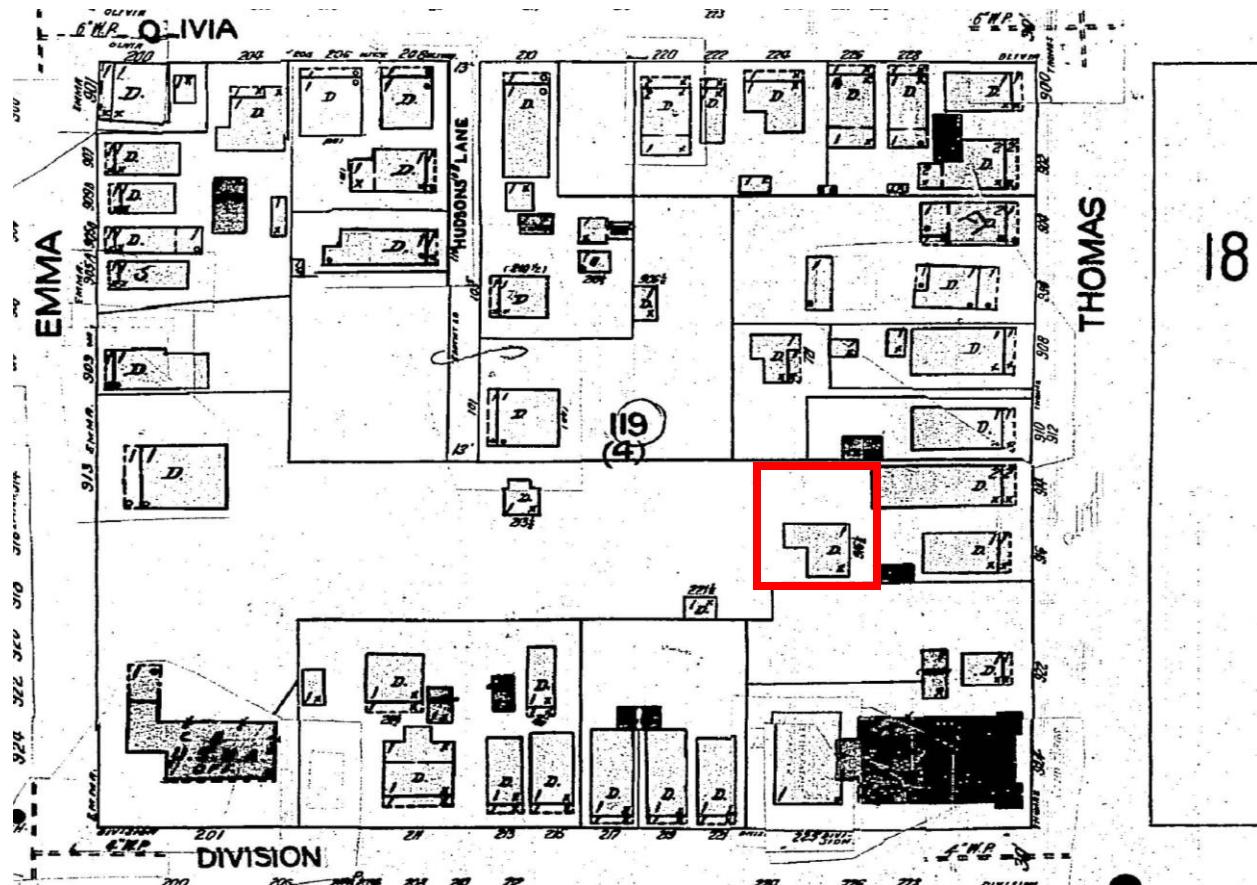
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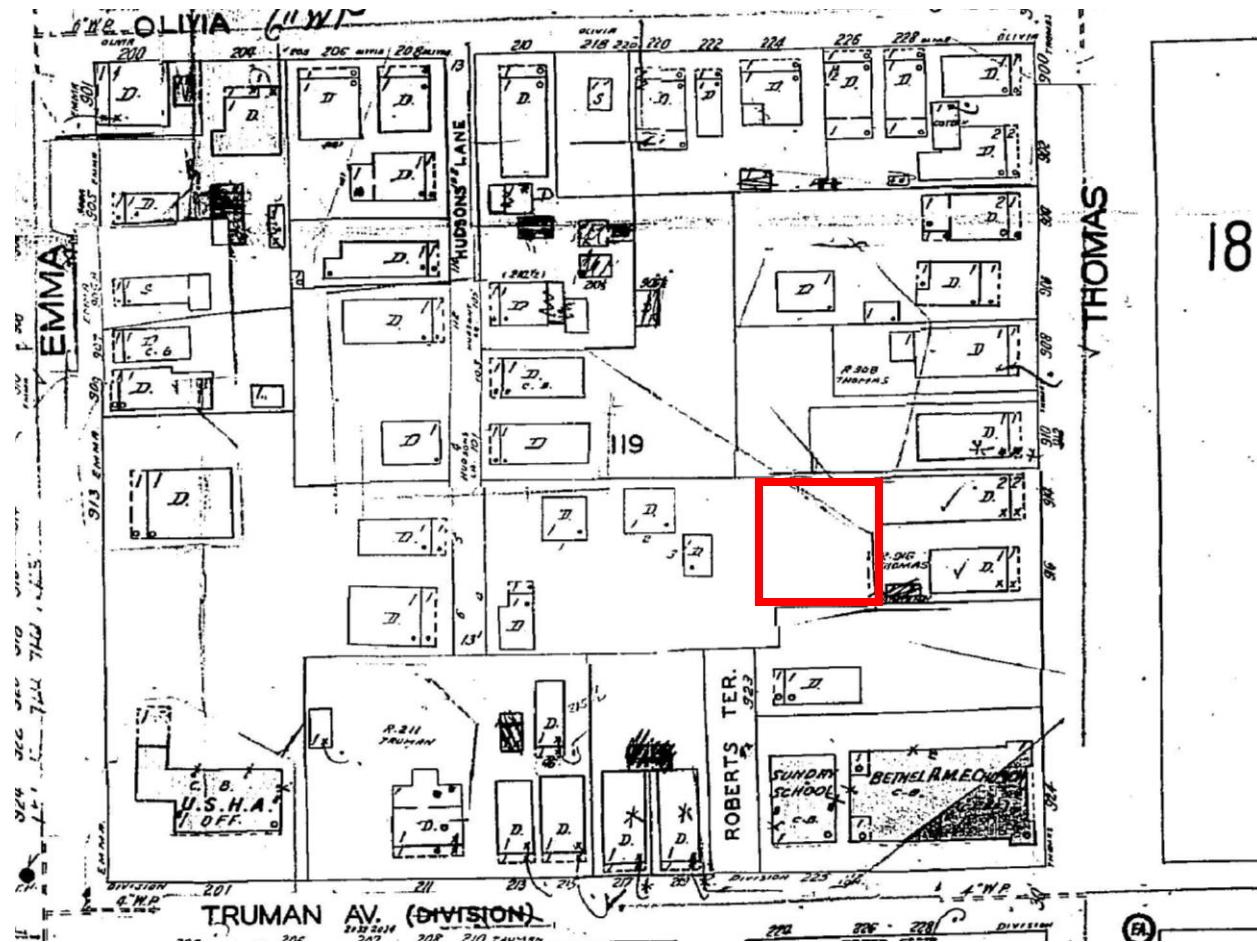
1912 Sanborn map indicating the location of the newly proposed structure.



1926 Sanborn map indicating the location of the newly proposed structure.



1948 Sanborn map indicating the location of the newly proposed structure.



1962 Sanborn map indicating the location of the newly proposed structure.

PROJECT PHOTOS



1965 photo of the structure that once fronted 914 Thomas Street. The structure was razed in 1973.



1965 photo of the structure at 916 Thomas Street. The structure that stood directly behind it at 916½ Thomas Street was razed sometime between 1948 and 1962.



Photo of 916 Thomas Street.



Photo of 914 Thomas Street lot entry.



Photo of 910 Thomas Street.



Photo of 922 Thomas Street.



Photo of 911 Thomas Street.



Photo of 917 Thomas Street.



Photo of 927 & 921 Thomas Street.



Photo looking at entry parking.



Photo looking from front right to front left corner.



Photo looking from front right to back right corner.



Photo looking from front right to back left corner.



Photo looking from back left to back right corner.



Photo looking from back right corner to front left.



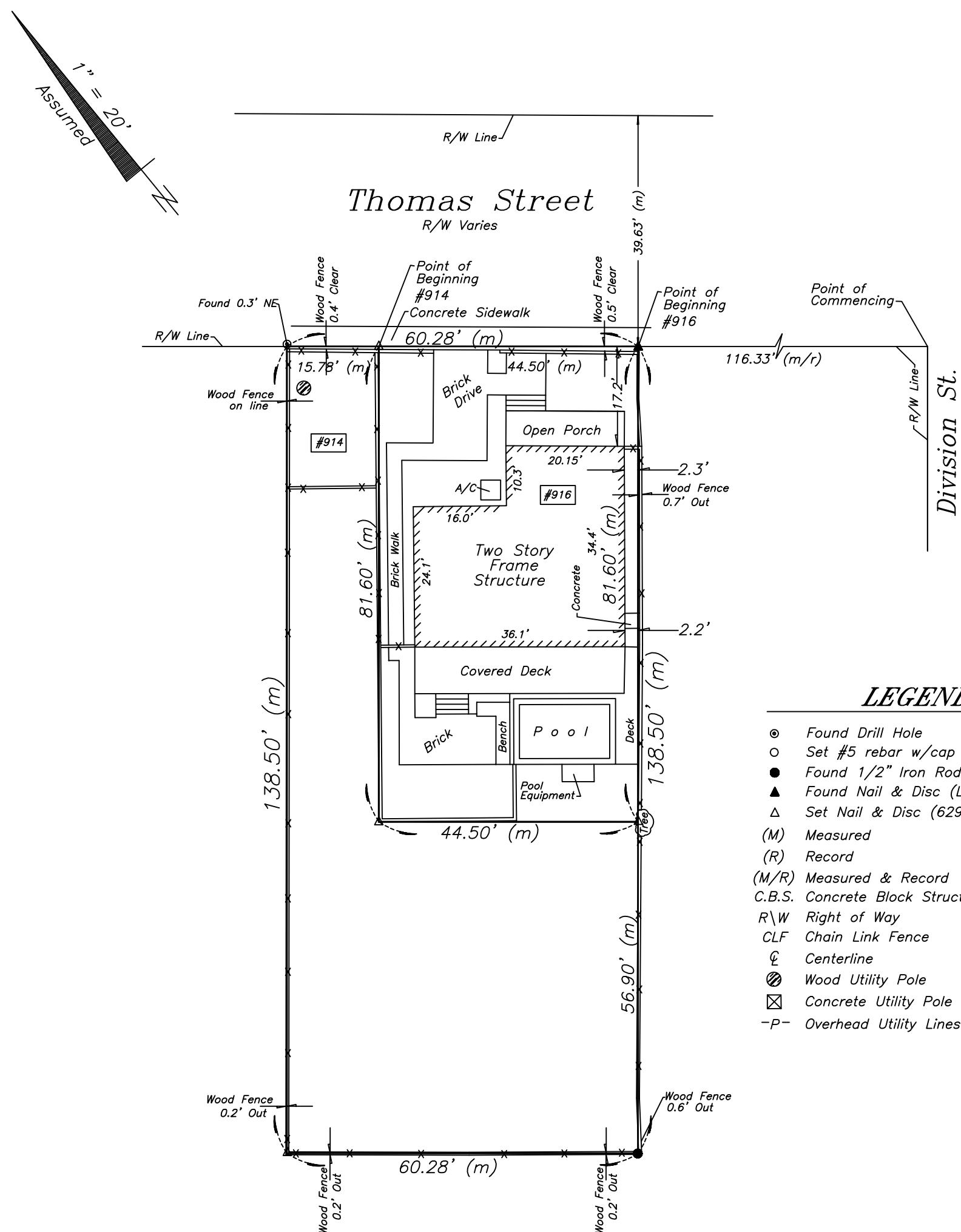
Photo of back right corner – view of 3 Hutchinson Lane and 219 Olivia Street.



Photo looking at front right corner from center – view of 910 Thomas Street.

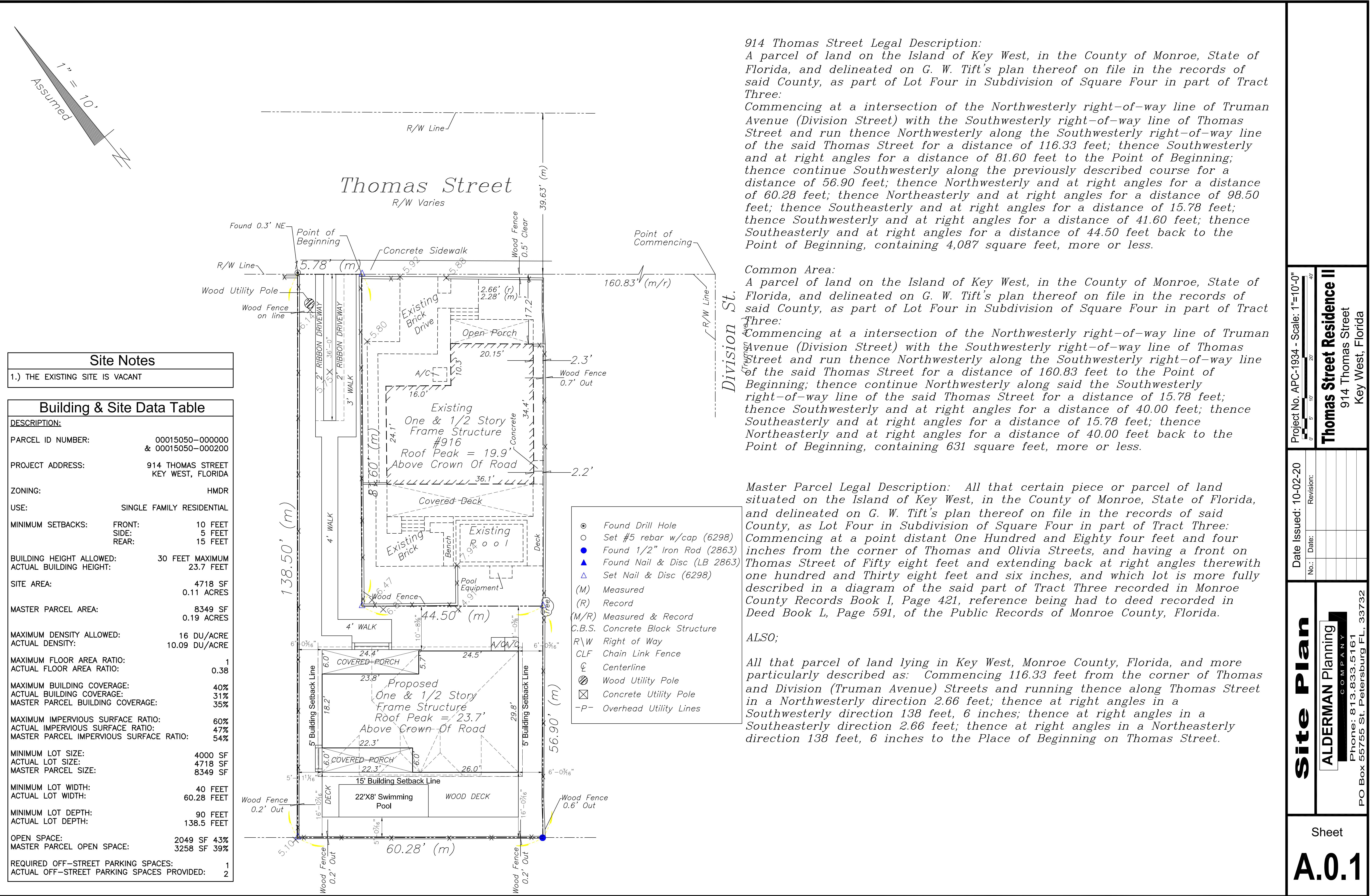
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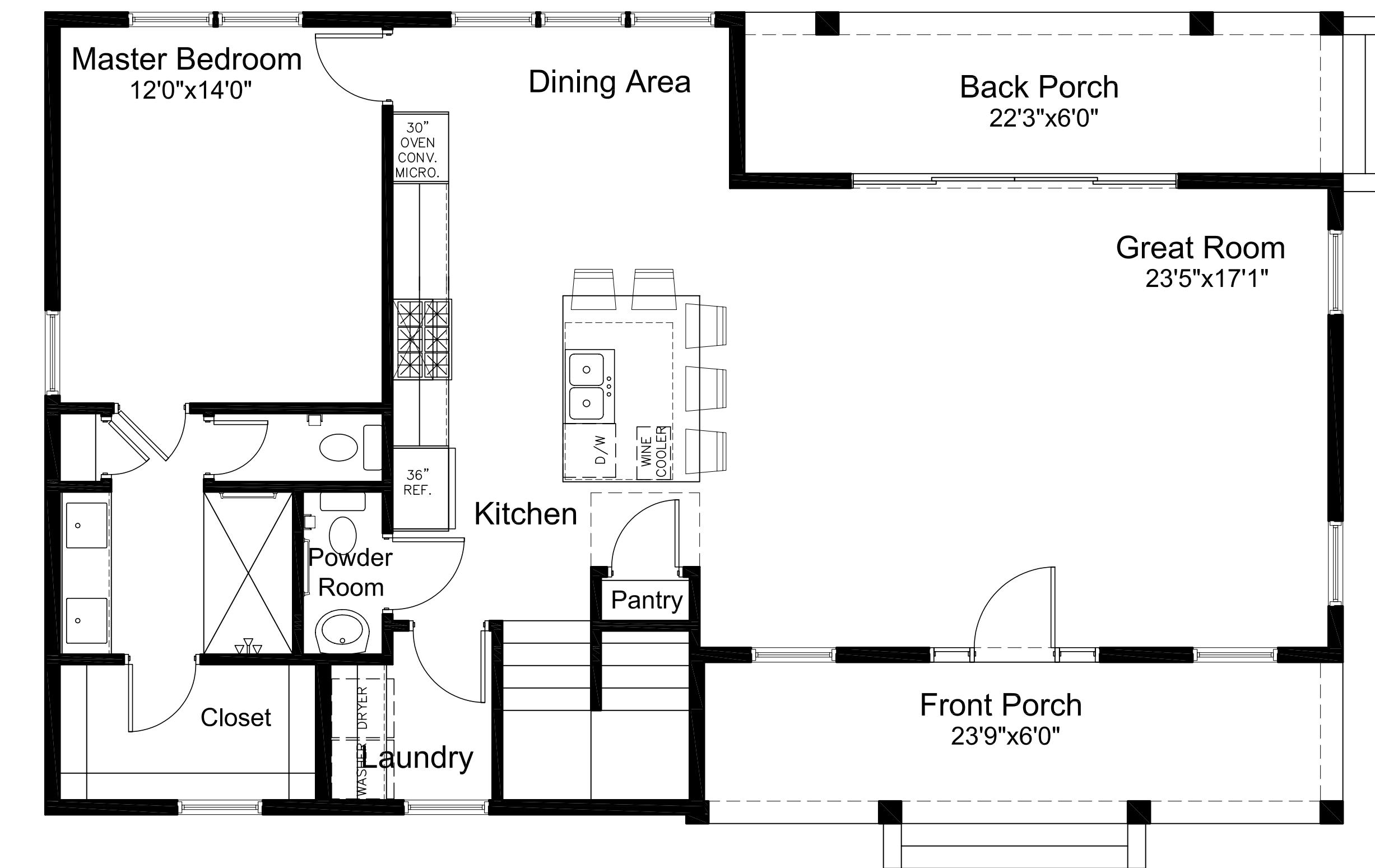
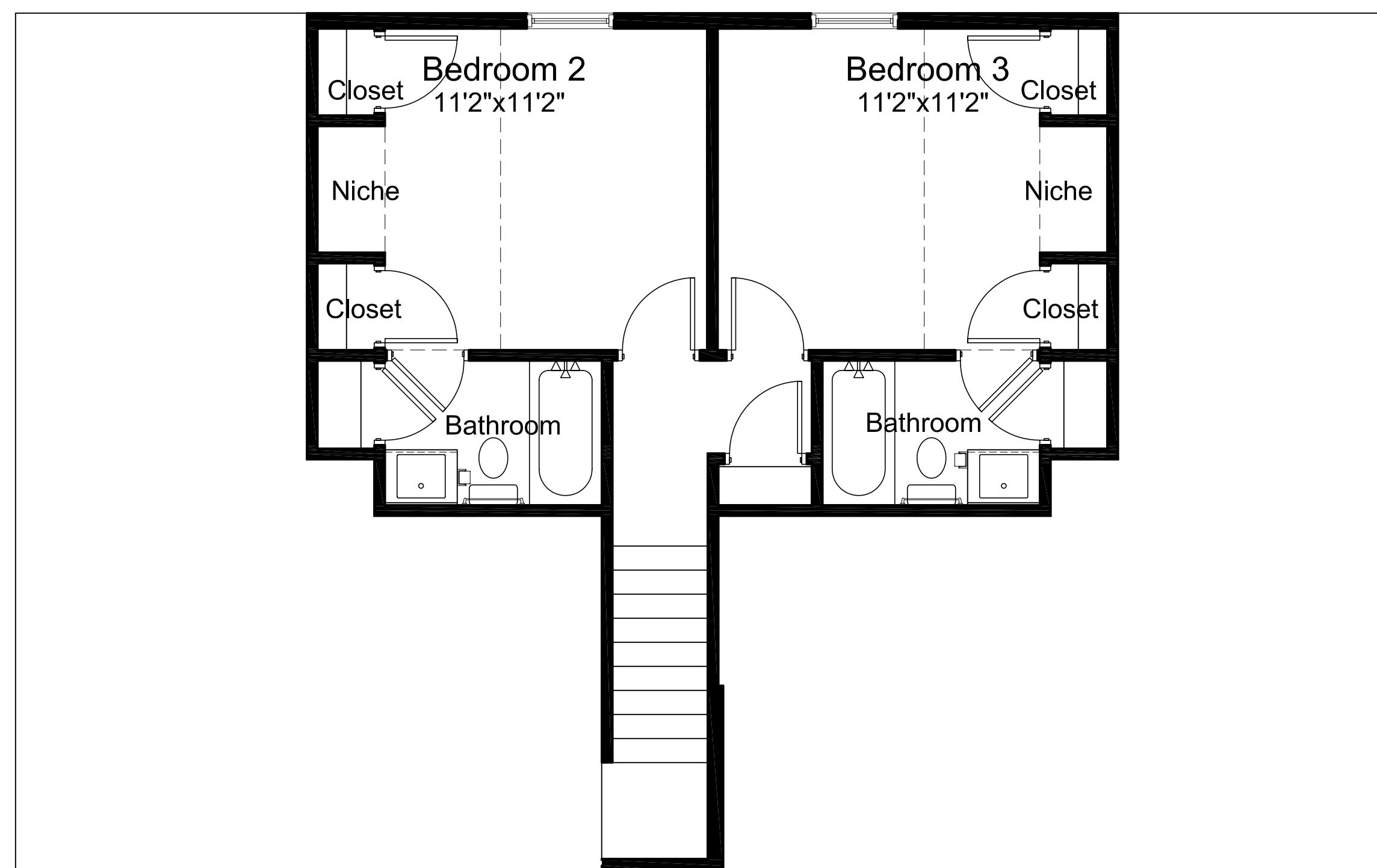
Boundary Survey Map of Lot 4, Square 4 of C.W. Tift's Diagram
on the Island of Key West



Sheet One of Two Sheets

PROPOSED DESIGN





Thomas Street Residence II
914 Thomas Street
Key West, Florida

Project No. APC-1934 - Scale: 1/4"=1'-0"

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Date: _____

Revision: _____

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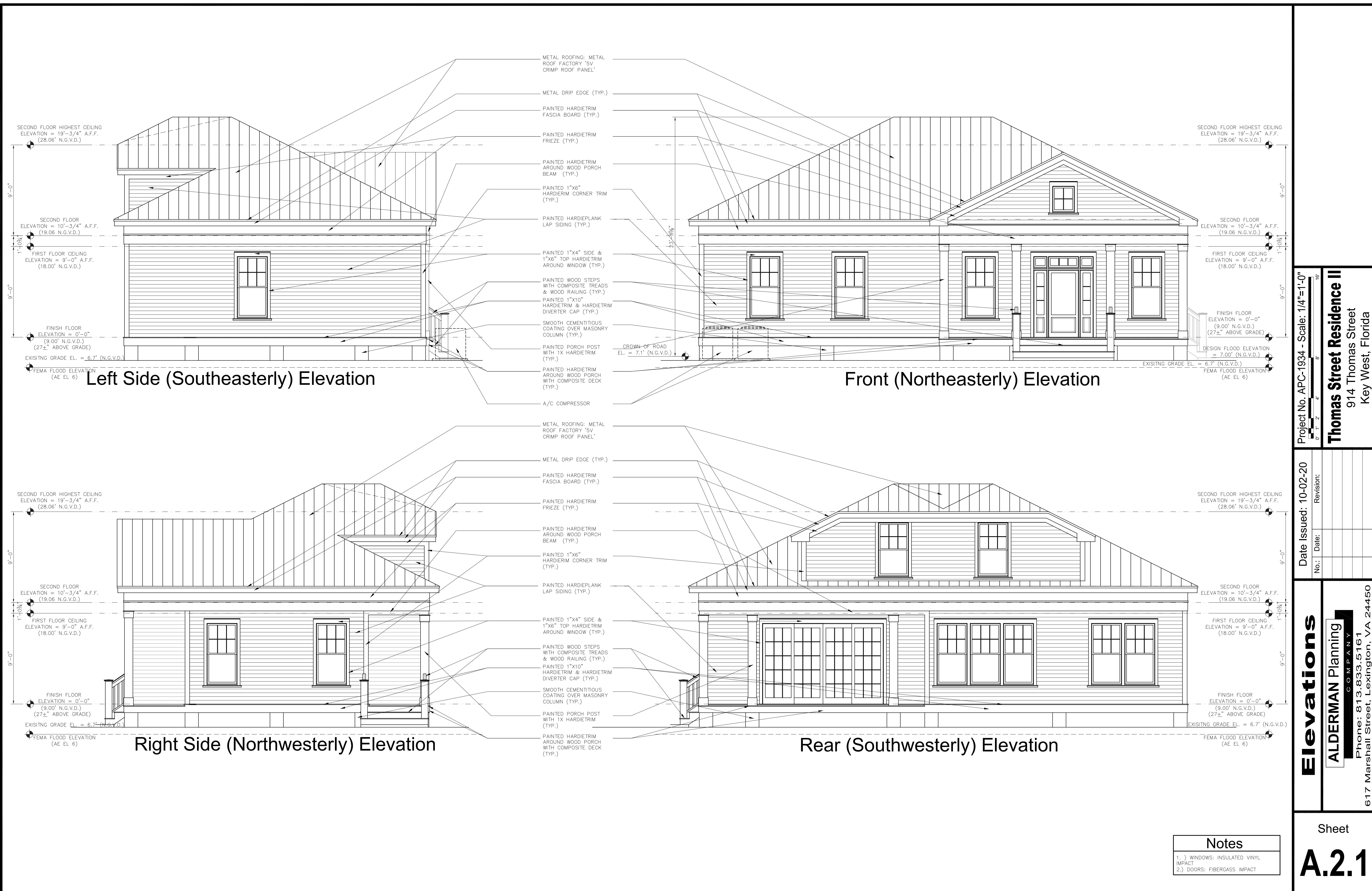
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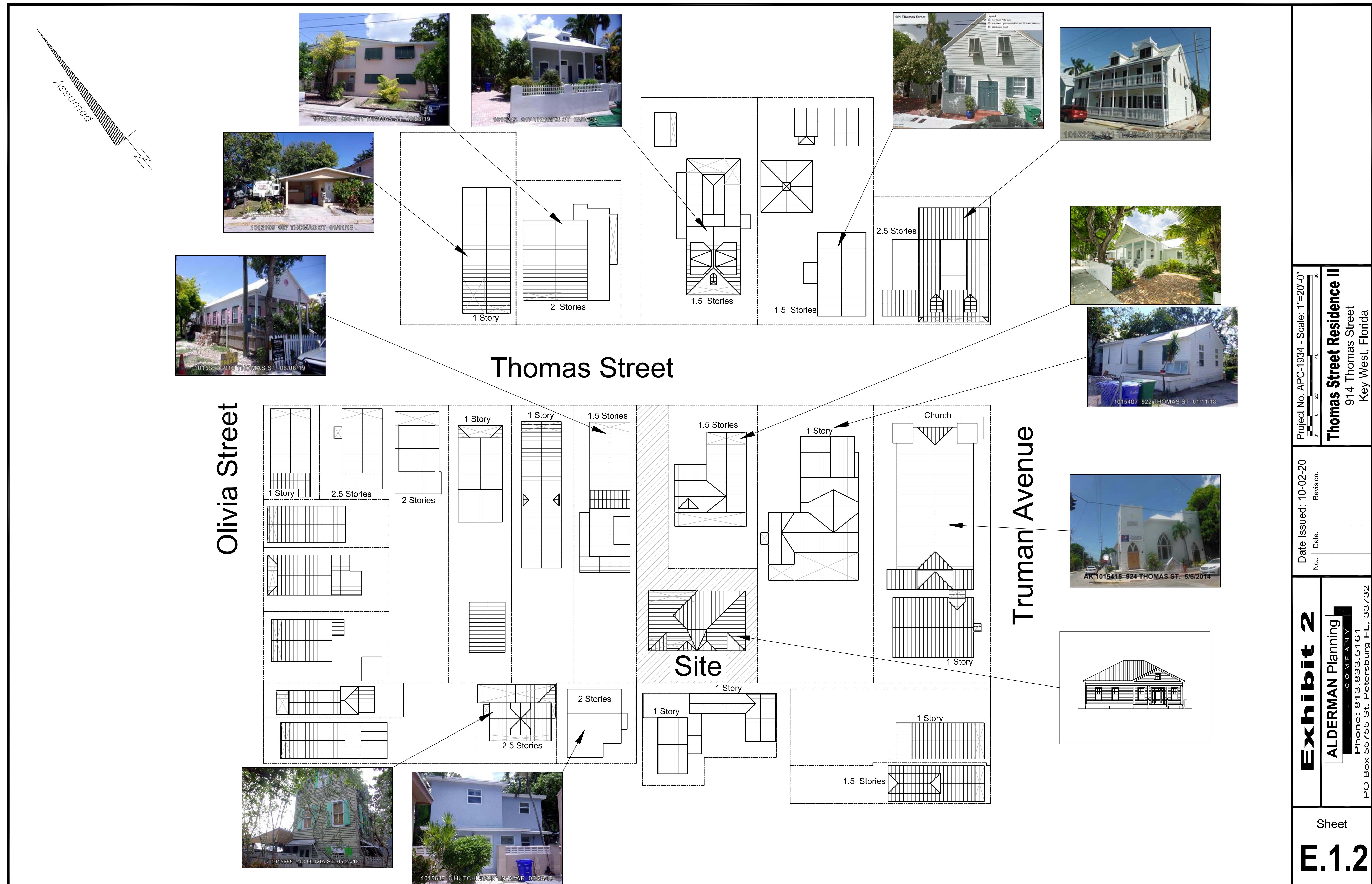
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NOTICING

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NEW ONE AND A HALF-STORY STRUCTURE.

#914 THOMAS STREET

Applicant – Spottswood, Spottswood, Spottswood and Sterling

Application #H2020-0037

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STATE OF FLORIDA:
COUNTY OF MONROE:

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Barry Barroso, who, first being duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says that the following statements are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1. That a legal notice for Public Notice of Hearing of the Historic Architectural Review Commission (HARC) was placed on the following address:

914 Thomas Street on the 16th day of March, 2021.

This legal notice(s) contained an area of at least 8.5"x11".

The property was posted to notice a public hearing before the Key West Historic Architectural Review Commission to be held on 3/23/21, 2021.

The legal notice(s) is/are clearly visible from the public street adjacent to the property.

The Certificate of Appropriateness number for this legal notice is _____.

2. A photograph of that legal notice posted in the property is attached hereto.

Signed Name of Affiant:

Barry Barroso
Date: 3-16-21
Address: 914 White St
City: Key West
State, Zip: FL 33040

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 16th day of March, 2021.

By (Print name of Affiant) Barry Barroso who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: Cornelia Jacobs

Print Name: Cornelia Jacobs

Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)

My Commission Expires: 12-17-21



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Summary

Parcel ID	00015050-000200
Account#	9104458
Property ID	9104458
Millage Group	11KW
Location	914 THOMAS St, KEY WEST
Address	KW PT LOT 4 SQR4 TR3 G11-244 (AKA UNIT 914 THOMAS ST HOA) OR946-1481D/C OR946-1482/87 OR951-1909/10 OR946-1488D/C OR946-1490/92 OR992-916/917 OR992-918/19 OR1077-375 OR1099-263 OR1107-1635 OR1122-145/46 OR1168-761 OR1168-1024/1025F/J OR1304-1/2 OR1514-1459/61 OR2321-421C OR2779-2196D/C OR2897-1009/10 OR2976-706DEC
Description	(Note: Not to be used on legal documents.)
Neighborhood	6021
Property Class	VACANT RES (0000)
Subdivision	
Sec/Twp/Rng	06/68/25
Affordable	No
Housing	

Owner

THOMAS ST PARTNERS LLC
6565 Heritage Park Pl
Lakeland FL 33813

Valuation

	2019
+ Market Improvement Value	\$0
+ Market Misc Value	\$0
+ Market Land Value	\$326,500
= Just Market Value	\$326,500
= Total Assessed Value	\$326,500
- School Exempt Value	\$0
= School Taxable Value	\$326,500

Land

Land Use	Number of Units	Unit Type	Frontage	Depth
RESIDENTIAL DRY (010D)	4,087.00	Square Foot	0	0

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Map

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