

TAB 6

CRA ADVISORY BOARD MARCH 17, 2009 MEETING

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Agenda Item IV. E.

Review of Status of Ward 1 Park Research

Mr. Mollanazar declared a conflict. The Advisory Board deferred consideration of this item until such time that a full Advisory Board is appointed and a quorum can make recommendations.

ATTACHMENT

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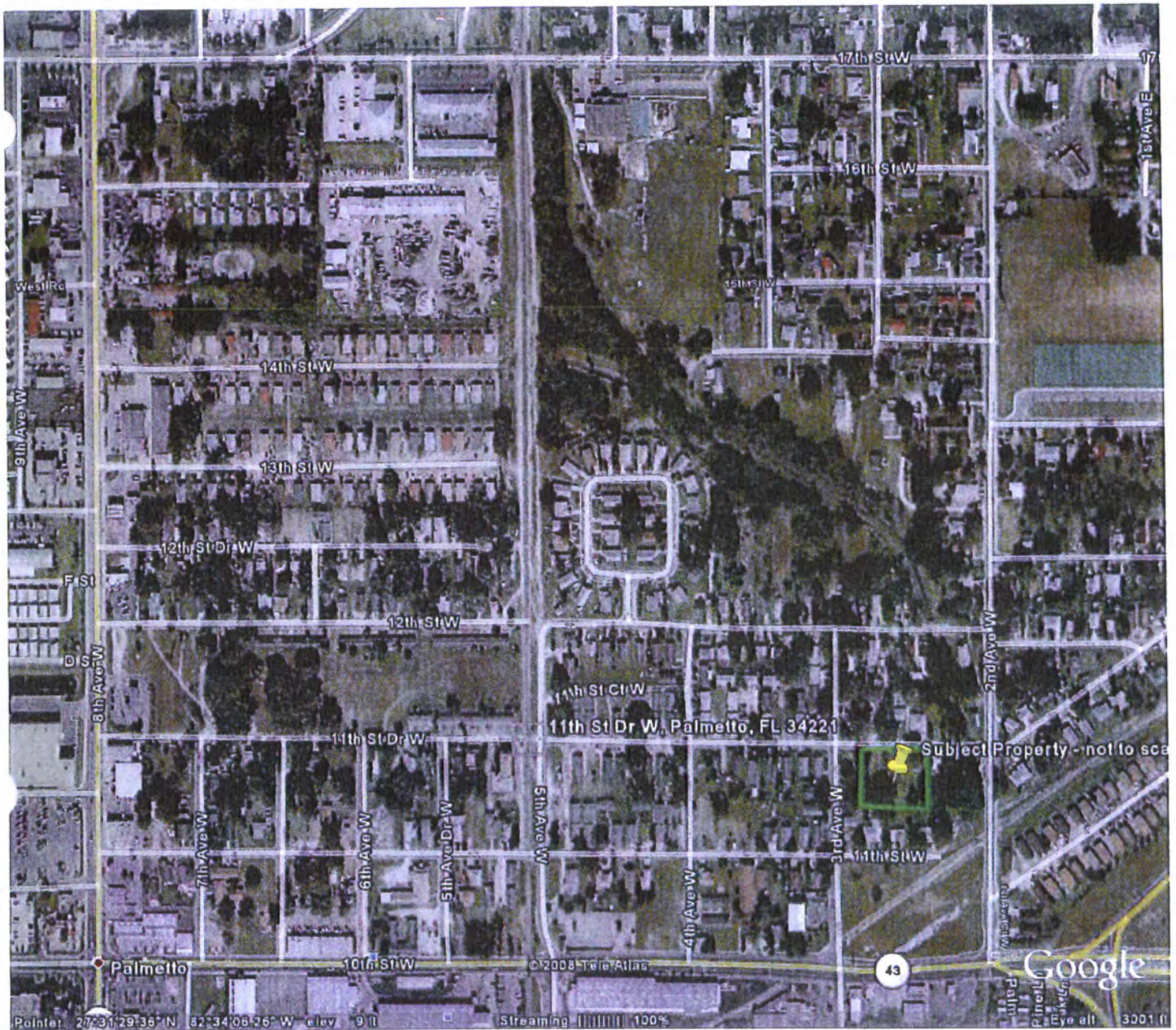
There is no neighborhood park located in this community. Children currently need to cross major roadways (ie: 8th Ave., 10th St. or US 41) to get to playgrounds.

The 4 lots are:

- 203 11th Street Drive West 2635600409
- 205 11th Street Drive West 2635600359
- 207 11th Street Drive West 2635600309
- 211 11th Street Drive West 2635600259

Asking Price: \$200,000.00 for all four parcels (appraisals yet to be acquired)

****Also available – donation of all engineering work if property can be utilized as a neighborhood park.***



Excerpt from
adopted CRA plan

10th Avenue Corridor

- Lighting (with theme) for safety and visual continuity
- Parking - add more @ key locations - there is room
- Street tree planting for image and shade for pedestrians is lacking
- Improve sidewalks and consistency of materials
- Infill businesses - match in storefront character and theme
- Palmetto identity signage and graphics from U.S. 301
- Upgrade visual character of 8th Avenue & 10th Street intersection
- Maintenance program for existing and any new landscaping needs to be implemented
- Resolve image that 9th Avenue is tucked away in middle of nothing between 10th and 8th Avenue

North-East Residential Area

- Remove truck scales on 5th Avenue from neighborhood
- Extend 5th Avenue to the north of 10th Street along railroad to funnel traffic off 8th Avenue then up a new 5th Avenue to neighborhoods
- Provide more single family H.U.D. housing like the current CRA housing project being built
- Improve housing conditions with grant assistance
- Build new and rebuild existing sidewalks
- Need neighborhood parks (active & passive) are needed
- Work with County to clean up housing just outside city limits (pocket area along U.S. 41). This is a key visual gateway and image for City.
- Code enforcement needs to be continued to upgrade conditions
- Catalyst is needed to promote positive image (fairs, festivals, parades, parks)
- More pleasing entrance from 10th Street down 2nd Avenue is needed

Waterfront

- Focus on beauty and architectural character of Regatta Point and park area. Link up into core of downtown.
- Capitalize on waterfront opportunities/sites which could be put to higher and better use in future.
- Mobile home opportunity sites might be long-term conversion to new multi-family land use.