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#### 10. Geographical Data

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#### **UTM References**

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#### **Verbal Boundary Description**

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#### **Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### **Continuation Sheets**

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

#### Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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name Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club	
street & number PO Box 2487	telephone
citv or town Fort Lauderdale	_state Florida zip code 33303

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### SUMMARY

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The Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club (FLWC) is located in the heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale on the corner of Broward Boulevard and South Andrews Avenue. The clubhouse is bordered by Stranahan Park on its north and east sides, and the Broward County Library is located directly to its south. The clubhouse follows a single-story rectilinear plan with walls constructed of hollow concrete block and finished with stucco. The building has a red barrel tile intersecting gable roof, a common feature of the Mediterranean Revival style. The main entrance on the west façade features a small 3-bay arcaded porch, while the north façade has a protruding chimney with double hung sash windows placed on either side. The interior features a large open meeting hall which takes up the majority of the west side of the building, a small kitchen in the northeast corner, a smaller meeting room in the southeast corner, and restrooms located between the two. The property is in good condition and has had a couple of alterations since its construction. Although there have been alterations, the FLWC has been in the process of undoing these alterations to help the building better reflect the original design. The past alterations include: enclosing the porch (now re-opened), changing the windows to Jalousie style, boarding up the fireplace (since re-opened and restored), and replacing the barrel tile roof with composite shingles (since changed back to red barrel tile). The FLWC has also joined forces with private, public, municipal and civic organizations to revitalize Stranahan Park, which is now marketed as a botanical garden and is available to rent as an event venue with proceeds going to the FLWC.

#### SETTING

Fort Lauderdale is a city in Broward County, Florida, with a population of 180,072 according to the 2017 census.<sup>1</sup> Named for the commanding officer during the Seminole Wars in the 1800s, Fort Lauderdale began as an outpost and grew into a base for coastal expeditions. At the end of the Second Seminole War in 1842, the New River area had few inhabitants. The implementation of a post office in 1891 and a well-planned trading post started by Frank Stranahan in 1893 allowed the city of Fort Lauderdale to prosper.<sup>2</sup> Although there is evidence of South Florida being inhabited over 5,000 years ago, the city of Fort Lauderdale did not receive its state charter as a city until 1917, at which time there were around 300 registered voters.<sup>3</sup>

The City of Fort Lauderdale occupies 36 square miles within Broward County and is the county seat. The seemingly ever-evolving city has a modern theme, with few surviving historic buildings. The Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club is located a quarter mile north of the New River and just under a half mile

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> United States Census Bureau . 2017. "Quick Facts." Fort Lauderdale.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Gillis, Susan. 2004. *Fort Lauderdale: The Venice of America*. Vol. The Making of America Series. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing. Accessed 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid.

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from the Stranahan House (formerly the Stranahan Trading Post). The clubhouse is located on the edge of a very dense part of the city and surrounded by commercial and government buildings. It is located on the southeast corner at the intersection of two main streets; South Andrews Avenue and Broward Boulevard. The buildings to the south east of the clubhouse are on average over 20 stories tall, and mostly covered in glass, while to the west of the clubhouse the buildings are an average of 3 stories or less. (See Figure #9). Directly across from the main (west) entrance to clubhouse is a 12-story glass office building and a 4-level concrete parking garage.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

#### Exterior

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The Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club is a simple one-story, Mediterranean Revival style building that was constructed in 1917 by architect August Geiger. The foundation is made of reinforced concrete piers, the walls are made of hollow concrete block, and the exterior is finished with stucco. The building has an intersecting gable roof featuring barrel tile. On the main (west) façade there is a three-bay arcaded porch, which is made of concrete block, finished with stucco, and features a decorative raised double band above the arcade. Below the bands are the words "WOMAN'S CLUB" in the same raised fashion, and a circular hibiscus medallion. The porch houses the main entrance doors and two sets of double hung wood sash, one over one window on either side. There are two additional windows on the west façade, south of the porch. On the north side of the building, there is an external chimney that is to the west of the center line of the building, which has a double banded decoration towards the top to match the porch. There is one window to the west of the chimney and one to the east. This side of the building is bordered by Stranahan Park, and so it has a lot of vegetation covering the building making it difficult to see the main features. Continuing east around the building, the windows to the kitchen in the northeast corner of the building become visible, followed by the back side of the club which faces towards Stranahan Park and the gazebo in the park. The eastern façade has a wheelchair ramp that leads to a third/back entrance. There is a window on either side of the back entrance, a small extension to the north of the entrance, and another window on the far north end. There is a gate that separates the east and south sides of the club in order to close off the park. The south façade faces towards the Broward County Library and the small parking lot for the FLWC. This side of the club features an enclosed portico that serves as a secondary entrance facing the parking lot. There is a window on either side of the entrance, and two additional windows on either side of the portico, plus one window on the east end of the south facade that is part of the eastern wing of the building.

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The interior of the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club consists of a large open meeting area with adjacent restroom, kitchen, and small meeting room. The main (west) entrance has a double glass door with wood framing and a transom window above. Once entering the building, one will notice that the westerly two thirds of the building comprise of a large open meeting space, this space features the restored original brick fireplace on the north end, restored original Dade County Pine flooring throughout the entire building, and a drop ceiling. The walls are finished with smooth plaster on the interior. This space is set with tables and chairs when events are hosted in the club or meetings are taking place. By walking straight east once entering the building, the main kitchen entrance door becomes visible. The kitchen makes up the northeast corner of the building. The restored Dade County Pine flooring flows on through the kitchen, where the north and east walls are lined with cabinets and countertops, and a small island sits in the middle of the room. The kitchen has a second doorway that connects to a smaller meeting room which makes up the southeast corner of the building. The Dade County Pine flooring continues into this room, which has two large, DHS one over one windows with wood framing on the south wall that look out towards the library. Located on the north side of this room, next to the entrance to the kitchen, are the restroom entrances. The back entrance door, that features a ramp, is located on the east wall of this room. When continuing to walk through this space, there is an open entrance way to the west that connects directly to the large meeting space; the Dade County Pine flooring continues without interruption. The building has a very open and flowing plan, whereas each room seems to continue straight into the next without much change in materiality or design; all rooms feature the Dade County Pine flooring, drop ceiling, smooth plaster wall finishing, and similar windows at the same height.

### ALTERATIONS

The Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club has had a few significant alterations since its original construction. The original building was approximately half the size of the current building; the space was increased in 1949 to allow for larger gatherings. During this major alteration, the original main (west) façade with its arcaded porch was enclosed and turned into a storage area, and the main entrance was moved to the south addition (this also changed the address of the property). In addition, the brick fireplace was boarded up and the original double hung wood sash one-over-one windows were replaced with a jalousie style; all of these changes resulted in the building being unrecognizable when compared to its original state. This round of alterations also included the addition of the small kitchen, restrooms, and small meeting room. As these additions are not visible from the primary (west) façade, they do not decrease the integrity of the building. In 1977 the original tile roof was replaced with composition shingles. In 2007 and 2008, the club raised enough money to begin a restoration of the building with the goal of once again resembling the original clubhouse. The restoration started in 2007 when the boarded-

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up brick fireplace was uncovered and restored to its original glory, complete with a copper hood. In 2008, the roof was replaced with a replica of the original barrel tile. By 2011 the original main (west) entrance was restored to its 1917 look by re-opening the arcaded porch and installing the "WOMAN'S CLUB" signage above the entrance. With the re-opening of the original main entrance, the address of the Woman's Club was reverted back to the original. In 2013 the restoration of the original Dade County Pine flooring interior was complete. In recent years the club has been working on replacing all of the windows with the historically correct double hung windows; they have successfully replaced all of the windows on the west and north façade of the main meeting space so far. Prior to the recent restoration efforts, the building bore no resemblance to the original clubhouse. Today, the Woman's Club building appears much as it did when it was constructed in 1917, with the exception of a rear addition that is not visible from the street. The Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club therefore retains much of its historic integrity. (See Figure #4).

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Despite the changes that have taken place since its construction in 1917, the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club retains sufficient integrity to qualify for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The clubhouse is still located in its original location in the heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale, on the piece of land that was donated by Frank and Ivy Stranahan beside Stranahan Park. Therefore, it retains its integrity of location and setting. The restoration of the main (west) façade has allowed for the building to retain its integrity of feeling, since it evokes an aesthetic of a past period of time. The sounds of nature in the park also contributes to the integrity of feeling. Despite changes, the original design, materials, and workmanship are still evident throughout the building. The non-historic south and east additions are not visible from the main (west) façade, and do not compete with the original architectural features. The building plan still consists of a large open space, and the building materials are the same as the original. With all of these elements combined, the clubhouse continues to convey integrity of association.

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The Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club is significant under Criterion A in the area of Social History, Education and Entertainment/Recreation, and Criterion B in the area of Social History, Politics/Government and Education. The building is significant as a meeting place for the members of the Woman's Club, the public, and a place that sparked social, political, and educational change. Constructed in 1917, the clubhouse has been carrying out meetings and events for over 100 years. Today the building is still home to the Woman's Club and their monthly meetings, and it is also rented out as an event venue for fundraisers, weddings, etc. Prominent settler Ivy Stranahan was not only one of the original founders, but also donated the land for the clubhouse and was the organization's first president. Stranahan played an instrumental role in the progression of the city regarding educational rights, women's rights, African American rights, and Native American Rights.

The clubhouse also contributes to the **CLUBHOUSES OF FLORIDA'S WOMAN'S CLUBS** Multiple Property Submission under the historic contexts of <u>Section E: I & II.; Early Formation of Women's</u> <u>Clubs in Florida, and Florida Land Boom, 1921-1926</u>, and the F.1 Property Type: Clubhouses.

### HISTORIC CONTEXT

### History of Fort Lauderdale

Broward County was formed from portions of Dade and Palm Beach Counties in 1915. The county was named for former Florida governor Napoleon Bonaparte Broward shortly after Fort Lauderdale was incorporated in 1911.<sup>4</sup> While the Industrial Revolution impacted much of the country during the nineteenth century, it was slower to reach Florida. For years, many would-be settlers were deterred by news of the Seminole Wars. By the time the Second Seminole War started, a plan was set in motion to attract new settlers, known as the Army Occupation Act of 1838.<sup>5</sup> This Act stipulated that the government would help people settle in the area and support them for one year, but they were no longer required to protect them. This plan became a success and was the starting point of the growth of Fort Lauderdale.

The development of Fort Lauderdale as a community began in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century as a series of small farms and trading posts by the New River. In 1892 a road between what is now Palm Beach County and Miami was completed, leading to an increase in travelers through the area and the creation of an overnight stop at the ferry crossing on the New River. Frank Stranahan came to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> McGoun, Bill, and Broward County Historical Commission. *History of Broward County*. www.broward.org/History.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Silver, Mae. 2012. Too Hot to Hide: Remarkable Women of Fort Lauderdale. Ord Street Press.

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manage the ferry and acquired land on the New River where he established a trading post for locals and Seminoles.<sup>6</sup> The Stranahan Trading Post was instrumental in the development of Fort Lauderdale, with patrons including prominent government officials, Seminole families, and young settlers.

In 1895, many people in Northern Florida had their citrus farms wiped out in "The Big Freeze," prompting them to start a new life in South Florida. This also resulted in the extension of the Florida East Coast Railway, which brought even more people to the Fort Lauderdale area. A school was built in 1899 to accommodate nine students, and the school's first teacher Ivy Julia Cromartie. Cromartie ended her short-lived teaching career in 1900 after she fell in love with Frank Stranahan.<sup>7</sup> (See Figure# 7). The Stranahan's became an important part of the development of Fort Lauderdale, as Ivy Stranahan became a strong community activist and environmentalist, and Frank continued to supply the area through his trading post and land acquisitions.

With the growth of the area came an abundance of development that included the Stranahan House and the New River Inn, both of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The drainage of the Everglades continued this development boom by making way for a more urban residential area to rival the agricultural land that so many settlers were living on. Although the initial growth was slow, following World War I the county's economy was invigorated by an influx of new settlers and an emerging tourism industry.<sup>8</sup>

Throughout the development and growth of Fort Lauderdale, there were many changes taking place simultaneously within our country in regard to issues of politics, race, gender and social welfare. Progressivism was at its peak throughout the depression of 1893 and World War I, during which many Americans were not ready to accept the industrialization that was taking place. The turn of the twentieth century brought on complex elements such as political restructuring, welfare legislation, and popular protest. During this time of change, women found their voice by joining boycotts and protesting issues such as corporate arrogance and political corruption. It was during this time that women throughout the country started to form their own civic clubs and organizations.<sup>9</sup>

Originally called the Woman's Civic Improvement Association by the Board of Trade, the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club was organized by 18 members on January 11, 1911, predating the incorporation of the city by three months. (See Figure 8). Federated by the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) in 1912, the name of the club was then changed in 1913 to the Fort

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> (Gillis, 2004)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> (McGoun & Broward County Historical Commission)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Frankel, Noralee, and Nancy S. Dye. 1991. *Gender, Class, Race, and Reform in the Progressive Era*. Lexington: The University Press of Kentucky.

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Lauderdale Woman's Club (FLWC). Ashley Brizendine, a FLWC board member and close friend of Ivy Stranahan, described the name of the club in a personal interview: "Each and every individual woman... together is important to make everything unified. So, every woman has something to contribute. That's why it's not 'Women,' it's 'Woman.' So, any time that you come here you know that you always will be important."<sup>10</sup>

Ivy Stranahan, the "Mother of Fort Lauderdale," was the first president of the organization. Along with her husband Frank, the Stranahans donated a 135'x100' lot to the club in 1916 to build a clubhouse.<sup>11</sup> Designed by acclaimed architect August Geiger who has multiple projects listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the clubhouse was representative of the Mediterranean Revival style that was popular during this time and was the first architecturally designed building in Fort Lauderdale. Now having a clubhouse to conduct meetings and gatherings, the women's club was able to spark real change within the community of Fort Lauderdale.

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Criterion A - Social History, Entertainment/Recreation & Education

As detailed in the **CLUBHOUSES OF FLORIDA'S WOMAN'S CLUBS** Multiple Property Submission, the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club (FLWC) is significant under Criterion A because the clubhouse served as a social center in the community and consequently possesses significance for its association with Florida's social history. In addition, the areas of entertainment/recreation and education contribute to the building's significance because of activity that contributed to the broader pattern of the history of the local community.

Utilized as a prominent social center within the community to further progress the social welfare and lifestyle of its citizens, the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club was responsible for many "firsts" in the city during the period of 1911-1968. A 1912 fire consumed much of downtown Fort Lauderdale. In response to the devastation, the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club donated the funds to create the city's first volunteer fire department.<sup>12</sup> Other notable organizations that started with the help of the FLWC include the city's first Girl Scout Troop and the first Red Cross headquarters in Fort Lauderdale.<sup>13</sup> The founding of these organizations was key to the development of the community, and it was the FLWC that facilitated the infrastructure to begin these important institutions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Ashley Brizendine, interview by Gillian White, June 30, 2018, Unpublished Interview.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club. 2018. Our History. www.fortlauderdalewomansclub.com/history.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> (Silver, 2012)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> (Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club, 2018)

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During World War II, the FLWC took part in the government's "Buy a Bomber" competition, which encouraged the sale of war bonds by letting federations who bought a certain amount of bonds have a plane named after them. The Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club bought enough bonds to have their name on a fighter plane, which was about \$75,000.<sup>14</sup> Creating a safe and clean community was another social welfare goal of the club. The club was instrumental in placing garbage bins around the city, planting trees along popular Las Olas Boulevard, creating the first city park, and helping create an ordinance to keep livestock off the streets.<sup>15</sup>

The FLWC was instrumental in the progression of educational reform in the city of Fort Lauderdale during the early 1900s. Seeing a need for a public library, the women outfitted the clubhouse to be used at the city's first library in 1917. By 1925, the members presented a collection of 1200 books to the city to begin a public library system.<sup>16</sup> Another example of their educational efforts was the inclusion of Seminoles within the public school system. Under the leadership of Ivy Stranahan, the club sponsored the public education of a Seminole child in 1916. The women also advocated for a nine-month school year for African American children, instead of the seven-month school year that was abbreviated to allow for two months of field labor. In 1939, the FLWC helped to form the Broward Welfare Board, the first welfare board of the city, which became an integral part of the city government. The club also raised money to support local schools and sponsored the Educational Loan Fund, which loaned money to young women who wanted to attend college. After they completed school they were to repay the loan so that another young woman may use it. Today, the loan has evolved into an outright scholarship.<sup>17</sup>

During the period of significance from 1917-1968, women were not seen as equal citizens compared to men. The FLWC was a vital addition to the community during this time because it was a safe place for women to speak their minds, voice their concerns, talk about women's issues and social issues and learn invaluable skills such as quilting, sewing, first-aid, hygiene and nutrition.<sup>18</sup>

### Criterion B - Social History, Politics/Government & Education

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Ivy Stranahan played an influential role in the development and progression of the social welfare, political, and educational aspects of the community. With the support of the FLWC, Stranahan was able to tackle many important issues within the community: with the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club as her platform, she helped to bridge the gap between the white, African American, and Seminole communities and advocate on behalf of other issues. The only club president to serve three consecutive terms, from

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> (Silver, 2012)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> (Gillis, 2004)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> (Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club, 2018)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> (Silver, 2012)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Ashley Brizendine, interview by Gillian White, June 30, 2018, Unpublished Interview.

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1913-1916, Stranahan was constantly active in cultural and environmental happenings. As stated in a personal interview with Ashley Brizendine, a FLWC board member and close friend of Ivy Stranahan:

She was a pioneer in a lot of things, she was a free thinker, women really weren't allowed to come up with those things back then. It was very male dominant, and so she had to always be very careful how she presented things too, you know, because women were property... So, it was very difficult for Ivy in a lot of ways, but – but also very rich for her, because she had such the personality that she could see a problem, she could see it ahead of time, and then she could think "Ok, well how can we as women..." – and that's why the Women's Club was so important – "we as women, how can we make this difference?<sup>19</sup>

As mentioned in the Criteria A significance statement, the FLWC was instrumental in progressing the social welfare of the Fort Lauderdale community. Ivy Stranahan also played a major role in this as she fought to give equal rights to all members of the community, regardless of status or culture. Stranahan helped start and served as treasurer for Provident Hospital, the first hospital to serve the cities African American community.<sup>20</sup> In 1927, Stranahan used her affiliation with the Woman's Club to help establish a home for the elderly, known as the "Haven of Rest."<sup>21</sup>

Ivy Stranahan also made contributions to local and federal government programs. In 1915, the Florida Federation of Woman's Clubs conservation department exercised control over the Royal Palm State Park, monitored by Stranahan, which later became part of the Everglades National Park. In the same year she became chair of the Indian Affairs Committee of the Florida Federation of Woman's Clubs. (See Figure #5). From 1917-1918 Stranahan was the President of the Florida Equal Suffrage Movement, and was elected first vice-president of the Florida Suffrage Association. (See Figure #6). In 1924, Stranahan helped the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs convince the Seminoles to move to their newly designated reservation. In 1930, she testified before the U.S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee and helped found the Friends of the Florida Seminoles organization.<sup>22</sup>

Ivy Stranahan was a life-long advocate for children's education, a cause that was very close to her heart. In addition to being the city's first school teacher, Ivy Stranahan and her husband Frank donated land for an African American school in order to provide equal opportunities for education regardless of race or class. Stranahan also worked to provide educational opportunities for members of the Seminole community, as described by Ashley Brizendine:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Ashley Brizendine, interview by Gillian White, June 30, 2018, Unpublished Interview.

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You know, it was just really wonderful because she would talk about the Indian Princess and how she would smuggle the kids in a blanket across the river so Ivy could teach them, and Ivy taught her too – but she couldn't tell anybody, you know, because it was very male dominant back then and so – but then she also, um, anybody that wanted to learn – they had a trading post, her and Frank had a trading post, so sometimes Frank would be trading and then the kids would come and she would be reading to them or teaching them reading. And, 'cause a lot of the parents – they had to work in the fields there and they didn't have time to do that. So, by her teaching the kids – inadvertently they taught them. She was – anything that she saw that she could make a change... she went for it.<sup>23</sup>

Although Ivy Stranahan's accomplishments were not limited to her activities at the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club, she was able to pursue these goals with the help of her fellow women supporting her and joining in on the causes she felt passionate about. The FLWC gave Stranahan a platform and organizing base from which to advocate for the social causes she was passionate about.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Ashley Brizendine, interview by Gillian White, June 30, 2018, Unpublished Interview.

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

STRANAHANS SUB LOTS 13 TO 18 BLK 14 FT. LAUDERDALE 3-10 D LOT IN SW COR BLK D. Parcel ID: 0210230250

### **BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

All of the historic resources associated with the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club are found within the above boundaries.

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### Additional Documentation (Figures, plans, historic photos)

Figure # 1: U.S. Geological Survey, "Fort Lauderdale South Quadrangle, FL", 2015. 7.5 Minute Series.



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Figure # 2: Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club location, close up. U.S. Geological Survey, "Fort Lauderdale South Quadrangle, FL", 2015. 7.5 Minute Series.



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Figure #3: Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club, Photo Location Map.



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Figure# 4: Scan of photo of the original 1917 main (west) entrance, showing original arcaded porch. *Fort Lauderdale Historical Society*.



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Figure #5: Photo of the Florida Federation of Woman's Clubs Board of Directors. Taken in Fort Lauderdale, October, 1925. *University of Florida Digital Collections*.



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Figure #6: Newspaper clipping about the Florida Suffrage Association, mentioning Ivy Stranahan as first vice-president. "State Women to Petition Legislature". *The Pensecola Journal*, November 29, 1918. *University of Florida Digital Collections*.



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Figure #7: Photo of Ivy Stranahan, taken in 1900. University of Florida Digital Collections.



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Figure# 8: Scan of photo of the original 18 Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club members from 1911. Photo taken in 1922. Featuring Ivy Stranahan, second row, third from the left. *(Silver, 2012).* 



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Figure# 9: Google Maps 3-D view of the FLWC within Fort Lauderdale, depicting the difference in building sizes. View facing southwest. Sourced from Google Maps, 2018.



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City or Vicinity:	Fort Lauderdale	County:	Broward	State:	FL
Photographer:	Gillian White	Date Photographed:		June 30, 2018	

# Description of photograph(s) and number, including description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1. West elevation, main entrance facing South Andrews Avenue, addition from 1949 (right), camera facing east.
- 2. West elevation, main entrance facing South Andrews Avenue camera facing northeast.
- 3. South elevation, addition from 1949, second entrance facing parking lot, camera facing north.
- 4. East elevation, Stranahan Park south entrance (right), camera facing northwest.
- 5. East Elevation, back entrance, camera facing west.
- 6. East elevation, back entrance (left), north elevation (right), camera facing southwest.
- 7. North elevation, Stranahan Park (foreground), camera facing south.
- 8. North elevation seen through Stranahan Park (foreground), majority of north side of building blocked by overgrown landscaping, camera facing southeast.
- 9. Stranahan Park west entrance, camera facing northeast.
- 10. Stranahan Park sign.
- 11. Restored original fireplace, camera facing north.
- 12. Detail of restored original Dade County Pine flooring.
- 13. Interior view of meeting and event space, camera facing west.

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Lat./Long. Coordinates: 26.121774, -80.143117

UTM: 17R 585666 2889450

Datum: WGS84

### Legend

Proposed NR Boundary



Basemap Source: Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community



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## STRANAHAN PARK

DEDICATED TO FRANK STRANAHAN AND HIS WIFE IVY CROMARTIE STRANAHAN (1866-1929). AS EARLY PIONEERS OF FORT LAUDERDALE THEY OPERATED BADING POST AND WERE LIFELONG FRIENDS OF THE SEMINOLE INDIANS. TRANAHAN (1866-1929). AS EARLY PIONEERS OF FORT LAUDERDALE THEY OPERATED THE IND FOR THIS PARK IN ORDER TO PRESERVE FOREVER A PART CATED ON LAS OLAS BOULEVARD OVER THE TUNNEL







National Register of Historic Places Memo to File

# Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:	Nomination		
Property Name:	Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club		
Multiple Name:	Clubhouses of Florida's Woman's Clubs MPS		
State & County:	FLORIDA, Broward		
Date Rece 12/21/20			
Reference number:	MP100003404		
Nominator:			
Reason For Review	•		
<b>X</b> Accept	ReturnReject <b>2/4/2019</b> Date		
Abstract/Summary Comments:	Meets the registration requirements of the MPS for Criterion A. Locally important in social history, entertainment, and education. Also associated with locally significant person, lvy Cromartie, who was an influential and pioneering educator active in suffrage for women and rights for the native Seminoles.		
Recommendation/ Criteria	Accept / A & B		
Reviewer Jim Ga	abbert Discipline Historian		
Telephone (202)3	54-2275 Date		
DOCUMENTATION	see attached comments ; No see attached SLR ; No		

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT Of STATE

RICK SCOTT Governor KEN DETZNER Secretary of State

August 31, 2018

Ms. Trisha Logan Historic Preservation Board Liason City of Fort Lauderdale 700 Northwest 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311

Re: Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club (BD00194), 20 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida 33301

Dear Ms. Logan:

A Florida National Register Nomination Proposals for the above referenced property has been prepared by the State Historic Preservation Office. We solicit your review and recommendation concerning eligibility in accordance with the procedures established by the National Historic Preservation Act [Title I, Section 101 (16 U.S.C. 470a) (c)(2)] which created the basis for the participation of Certified Local Governments in the Florida National Register of Historic Places nomination process.

According to the Act, before properties within the jurisdiction of the certified local government may be considered by the State to be nominated for inclusion on the National Register, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall notify the owners, the applicable chief local elected official, and the local historic preservation commission. The commission, after reasonable opportunity for public comment, shall prepare a report as to whether or not such properties meets the eligibility criteria. Within sixty days of the notice from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the chief local elected official shall transmit the report of the commission and his recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Officer. If no such report and recommendation are received within sixty days, the State shall proceed with the nomination process.

If either the preservation agency or the chief local elected official supports the nomination of the properties, the proposals will be scheduled for consideration by the Florida National Register Review Board. The nominations for the above properties are tentatively scheduled for

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consideration by the Florida National Register Review Board, meeting on November 8, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. at the R.A. Gray Building, Tallahassee, Florida.

If both the commission and the chief local elected official recommend that a property not be nominated to the National Register, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall take no further action, unless within thirty days of the receipt of such recommendation by the State Historic Preservation Officer an appeal is filed with the State. Any party may file an appeal with the State Historic Preservation Officer. If the State Historic Preservation Officer, after hearing the appeal, determines that the property is eligible, he shall proceed with the nomination process. The State Historic Preservation Officer shall include any reports and recommendations from any party along with the nomination submitted to the Keeper of the Register.

We look forward to your recommendation and comments regarding these properties. If we can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at ruben.acosta@dos.myflorida.com or 850-245-6364.

Sincerely,

Ruben A. Acosta Survey and Registration Supervisor Bureau of Historic Preservation

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Enclosure





### HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING

City Commission Chambers City Hall 100 N Andrews Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 Monday, November 5, 2018 5:00 P.M.

### AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES / DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- III. PUBLIC SIGN-IN / SWEARING-IN/DISCLOSURES
- IV. AGENDA ITEMS: 1. CAS

CASE:	H18014
REQUEST:	Historic Landmark Designation Rescission of the Mary Cutler House
OWNER NAME:	M. Elaine Wilson
APPLICANT:	M. Elaine Wilson
ADDRESS:	1500 NE 4th Place
GENERAL LOCATION:	At the Southeast corner of the intersection of NE $4^{\text{th}}$ Place and NE $15^{\text{th}}$ Avenue
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	LAS OLAS PARK CORR PLAT 6-12 B LOT 1,2 BLK 7

COMMISSION DISTRICT: 2

**Motion** to recommend denial of the request for rescission of historic landmark designation under case number H18014 for the Mary Cutler House located at 1500 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Place, based on a finding the request is not consistent with the criteria as outlined in the Unified Land Development Regulations, Section 47-24.7.B.6. Passed 9-0.

2.	CASE:	H18017
	REQUEST:	Historic Landmark Designation of the Bender Residence
	OWNER NAME:	Thunderbird LLC, Tom and Holly Forney
	APPLICANT:	Thunderbird LLC, Tom and Holly Forney
	ADDRESS:	1100 SW 6 <sup>th</sup> Street
	GENERAL LOCATION:	At the southwest corner of SW 6 <sup>th</sup> Street and SW 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
	LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	A PORTION OF LOTS 2 AND 3, BLOCK 21, AMENDED PLAT OF RIVERSIDE ADDITION TO FORT LAUDERDALE, ACCORDING THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF

### BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

#### MORE FULLY DESCRIBED WITHIN THE STAFF MEMORANDUM.

#### COMMISSION DISTRICT 4

**Motion** to recommend approval with the following condition of the request for historic landmark designation to the City Commission under case number H18017 for the Bender Residence located at 1100 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, based on a finding the request is consistent with the criteria for designation, specifically criterion (c) and (e), as outlined in the Unified Land Development Regulations, Section 47-24.7.B.6

1. Additional structures shall not be constructed directly in front of the main two-story residence that would obscure the view of the front elevation from SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Passed 9-0.

3.	CASE:	H18018
	REQUEST:	Certificate of Appropriateness for Minor Alterations • Replace existing windows and doors throughout with new impact windows and doors on a single-family residence.
	OWNER NAME:	Luisa Santos
	APPLICANT:	John C. Stephens, BNT Services Inc
	ADDRESS:	1212 SW 4 <sup>th</sup> Street
	GENERAL LOCATION:	Approximately 200 feet west of the SW 4 <sup>th</sup> Street and SW 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection, on the south side of the street.
	LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	WAVERLY PLACE 2-19 D LOT 11, 12, 13 BLK 104
	COMMISSION DISTRICT:	2

**Motion** to approve with the following conditions the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness under case number H118018 located at 1212 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street for minor alterations to replace existing windows and doors throughout with new impact windows and doors on a single-family residence, based on a finding the request is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation and complies with the Historic Design Guidelines.

- 1. All glass shall be clear with an option of low-e.
- 2. Opening "K" shall be (2) casement windows.
- 3. Opening "L" shall be French door with full lite.

4. The application is subject to approval by Building, Zoning, and all ULDR requirements. Passed 9-0.

4.	CASE:	H18020
	REQUEST:	Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition <ul> <li>Partial demolition of existing structure.</li> </ul>
		<ul><li>Certificate of Appropriateness for Major Alterations</li><li>Addition to front of structure and back porch addition.</li></ul>
	OWNER NAME:	Alexander Nardi
	APPLICANT:	Wayne Ferrell, Architect
	ADDRESS:	232 SW 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
	GENERAL LOCATION:	Approximately 110'-0" north of the intersection of SW 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and West Las Olas Boulevard, on the east side of the street.

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE NORTH 37.50 FEET OF LOTS 11-14 OF LOTS 11-14, BLOCK 111 WAVERLY PLACE

### COMMISSION DISTRICT: 2

**Motion** to approve with the following condition the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness under case number H18020 for the demolition of a portion of the existing structure at 232 SW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue based on a finding the request is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation and complies with the Historic Design Guidelines, as outlined in the staff memorandum.

1. This application is subject to the approval by Building, Zoning, and all other ULDR requirements. Passed 9-0.

**Motion** to approve with the following conditions the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness under case number H18020 for an addition to the front of the structure and back porch addition at 232 SW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue based on a finding the request is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation and complies with the Historic Design Guidelines, as outlined in the staff memorandum.

1. All glass shall be clear with the option of low-e coating.

2. Applicant shall specify the use of 3-tab asphalt shingle or dimensional shingles.

3. This application is subject to the approval by Building, Zoning, and all other ULDR requirements. Passed 9-0.

CASE:	H18021
REQUEST:	<ul><li>Certificate of Appropriateness for New Construction &gt;2000 SF</li><li>New construction of a two-story duplex.</li></ul>
OWNER NAME:	N.J. Thompson
APPLICANT:	SH Brandt & Associates
ADDRESS:	927 SW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Court
GENERAL LOCATION:	Approximately 70 feet east of the SW 2 Court and SW 10 Avenue intersection (north side).
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	WAVERLY PLACE 2-19 D LOT 13, 14 & E 5 OF LOT 15 & 5 ½ VAC ALLEY
COMMISSION DISTRICT:	2

**Motion** to approve with the following conditions the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness under case number H18021 located at 927 SW 2 Court for the new construction of a two-story duplex based on a finding the request is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation and complies with the Historic Design Guidelines, as outlined in the staff memorandum.

1. All glass shall be clear with the option of a low-e coating.

2. This application is subject to the approval by Building, Zoning, and all ULDR requirements. Passed 8-1.

6.	CASE:	H18022
	REQUEST:	<ul><li>Certificate of Appropriateness for Minor Alteration</li><li>Placement of a shed in the rear of the structure</li></ul>
	OWNER NAME:	Dawn McCann
	APPLICANT:	Stacey Joseph

5.

ADDRESS:	1205 W. Las Olas Blvd
GENERAL LOCATION:	Approximately 80 feet west of the corner of SW 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and West Las Olas Boulevard on the north side of the street.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	WAVERLY PLACE 2-19 D LOT 3,4, & S1/2 OF VAC ALLEY ABUTTING SAID LOTS BLK 110

### COMMISSION DISTRICT: 2

Motion to approve with the following condition the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness under case number H18022 located at 1205 W. Las Olas Boulevard for a new shed in the rear yard based on a finding the request is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation and complies with the Historic Design Guidelines, as outlined in the staff memorandum. 1. This application is subject to the approval by Building, Zoning, and all ULDR requirements. Passed 9-0.

7.	CASE:	H18024
	REQUEST:	<ul> <li>Certificate of Appropriateness for Minor Alteration</li> <li>Installation of two (2) ½" MDO Sign Boards</li> </ul>
	OWNER NAME:	P&L Leasing LLC
	APPLICANT:	Denise Williams
	ADDRESS:	711 SW 2nd Street
	GENERAL LOCATION:	Approximately 125'-0" west of the intersection of SW 7th Avenue and SW 2nd Street, on the north side of SW 2nd Street.
	LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	TOWN OF FT LAUDERDALE B-40 D W 78 OF S 135 OF LOT 10 & E 21 OF LOT 9 OF S 135 BLK 20
	COMMISSION DISTRICT:	2

**Motion** to approve with the following condition the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) under case number H18024 located at 711 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for the installation of two (2) ½" MDO signs based on a finding the request complies with the Historic Design Guidelines.

1. This application is subject to the approval by Building, Zoning, and all ULDR requirements. Passed 9-0.

8.	CASE:	H18023
	REQUEST:	Review and Comment as a Certified Local Government (CLG) for the National Register Nomination of the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club
	OWNER NAME:	Fort Lauderdale Women's Club
	APPLICANT:	Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources
	ADDRESS:	20 S. Andrews Avenue
	GENERAL LOCATION:	Approximately 150'-0" south of the southeast corner of East Broward Boulevard and South Andrews Avenue
	LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	STRANAHANS SUB LOTS 13 TO 18 BLK 14 FT LAUDERDALE 3-10 D LOT IN SW COR BLK D 100 BY 135 E & W, LESS PT DESC IN OR 8304/556 FOR RD R/W

### COMMISSION DISTRICT: 4

Motion to state that the Board supports the addition of the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club in the National Register. Passed 9-0.

### V. COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION

### VI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

### 9. 2019 Meeting Schedule Discussion and Adoption: September to be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

PLEASE NOTE THAT TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD IS PROHIBITED BY SUNSHINE LAW. PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO ANY BOARD MEMBER. ALL DISCUSSIONS ON ITEMS RELATIVE TO THE AGENDA SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS.

Two or more City Commissioners and/or Advisory Board members may be present at this meeting. If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Unless otherwise stated, these items are quasi-judicial. Board members shall disclose any communication or site visits they have had pursuant to Section 47-1.13 of the ULDR. All persons speaking on a quasi-judicial matter will be sworn in and will be subject to cross-examination.



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December 13, 2018

Dr. Julie Ernstein, Deputy Keeper and Chief, National Register of Historic Places Mail Stop 7228 1849 C St, NW Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Ernstein:

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct copy of the nomination for the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club (FMSF#: 8BD00194) in Broward County, to the National Register of Historic Places. The related materials (digital images, maps, and site plan) are included.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 245-6364 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Ruben A. Acosta

Ruben A. Acosta Supervisor, Survey & Registration Bureau of Historic Preservation

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Enclosures

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