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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91000382

Date Listed: 4/5/91

Punta Gorda Woman's Club
Property Name

Charlotte
County

FLORIDA
State

Punta Gorda MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patricia Andrews
Signature of the Keeper

7/8/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 7

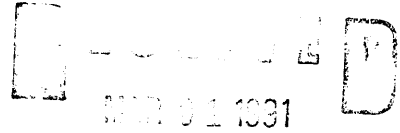
This nomination is amended to show stucco as the walls material.

The amendment was confirmed by phone with the Florida SHPO (7/3/91).

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Punta Gorda Woman's Club
other names/site number 8CH309

2. Location

street & number 118 Sullivan Street N/A not for publication
city, town Punta Gorda N/A vicinity
state Florida code FL county Charlotte code 015 zip code 33950

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private (checked), public-local, public-State, public-Federal
Category of Property: building(s) (checked), district, site, structure, object
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 0 buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total 1
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Punta Gorda Multiple Property Group

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: Suzanne P. Walker (deputy)
Date: 2/25/91
Florida Dept. of State, Bureau of Historic Preservation

In my opinion, the property meets (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
entered in the National Register. (checked)
determined eligible for the National Register.
determined not eligible for the National Register.
removed from the National Register.
other, (explain):
Signature of the Keeper: [Signature]
Date of Action: 4/5/91
Stamp: Entered in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/Meeting Hall
/Library

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/Clubhouse

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
walls Brick

roof Asphalt
other Stucco

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Please see continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Social History

Architecture

Period of Significance

1927 - 1941

Significant Dates

1927

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Please see continuation sheet.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see cover nomination.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Bureau of Historic Preservation

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

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D

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Punta Gorda BLK 6 Lots 1,4,5

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes those lots that have historically been associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Punta Gorda Woman's Club

DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

The Punta Gorda Woman's Club, located at 118 Sullivan Street in Punta Gorda, Florida, is a one story, Mission style building. Constructed in 1927, it contributes to the Punta Gorda Multiple Property Group under Associated Property Type, Buildings of Punta Gorda, 1884-1930 as an example of the subtype Institutional Architecture.

DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT

The Punta Gorda Woman's Club, built in 1927, is a one story Mission style building. Rectangular in plan, it has a brick foundation and is constructed of brick with a stucco finish. The lower portion of the side elevations is constructed of molded concrete block. (See photo 1.)

The front elevation has a gable roof fronted by a curvilinear parapet which extends above a flat roof with a plain linear parapet. A shed roof supported by triangular brackets borders the linear parapet. Both the shed roof and the gable roof are covered with asphalt shingles. The windows are 1/1 double hung sash.

The front entrance has three doorways set back in a recessed porch, which has three archways; the middle archway is supported by two small Corinthian columns. Bay windows flank the entrance. A rectangular sign with the inscription "Punta Gorda Woman's Club" hangs above the middle arch. (See photo 2.)

The interior of the building contains the original auditoria space, kitchen, and offices.

ALTERATIONS

The building has undergone no major alterations since it was constructed in 1927. A brick patio and garden were added to the northwest corner of the property in 1969.

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SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

The Punta Gorda Woman's Club is significant at the local level under Criterion A for its historical association with both the state and national woman's club movements. It is significant at the local level under Criterion C as a fine example of Mission style architecture in the City of Punta Gorda. It contributes to the Punta Gorda Multiple Property Group under Associated Historic Context: Exploration, Settlement and Early Development of Punta Gorda, 1884-1930, and Associated Property Type: Buildings of Punta Gorda, 1884-1930. This one story Mission style building is an excellent example of the subtype, Institutional Architecture.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Woman's clubs were formed in the United States in response to women's desires for intellectual stimulation and out of an awareness of and willingness to meet community needs. Until 1889, such groups were strictly local organizations. The Sorosis Club celebrated its twenty-first anniversary in 1889 by convening a meeting of women's groups from across the country. The result was the creation of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Florida's first such club for women was organized in Green Cove Springs in 1887. The goal of its members, mostly winter residents, was village improvement through the introduction of order and cleanliness, and the provision of a "social centre for intelligent intercourse of women with one another." The group was incorporated in April 1889 as "The Ladies' Improvement Association of Green Cove Springs, Florida." After solving the village's immediate health problems, the club took up other objectives, such as literary pursuits, the creation of parks, and the digging of wells.

Meanwhile, other clubs had been established in Florida and on February 21, 1895, the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs was created in Green Cove Springs. There were six charter members: the clubs in Palmetto, Green Cove Springs, Orange City, Crescent City, Fairfield, and Tarpon Springs. Clubs pursued various activities depending upon their community's needs, but many chose the establishment of libraries as a major project. In 1898, five woman's clubs in Florida had established libraries. Over the years the clubs have contributed greatly to the welfare of their communities in other ways as well, providing cultural activities,

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~~support of the war effort during the world wars, and ministering to the needs of the poor and disadvantaged and children. The Florida Federation was admitted to the General Federation of Women's Clubs on January 25, 1898, and was incorporated April 12, 1915. The Florida Federation remains an active organization with a membership of over 30,000 women and publishes the quarterly magazine, Florida Clubwoman.~~

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Punta Gorda Woman's Club was organized and federated in 1925 through the consolidation of three local clubs for women: the Fortnightly Club, the Married Ladies Club, and the Woman's Civic Association. Judge William Fenmore Cooper of Cook County, Illinois wintered in Punta Gorda and donated land for a club building. In 1927, a Mission style club house was constructed at 118 Sullivan Street. By 1929, the club had 105 members. Membership declined during the Great Depresssion, and by 1936 the club had only 50 members. Today the club has a membership of 86.

The Punta Gorda Woman's Club has undertaken numerous civic projects since it was organized in 1925. The club collected clothing for victims of the 1928 hurricane, raised funds for undernourished children in the WPA nursery, and entertained service personnel during World War II, among other projects. In addition, the club allowed other organizations to hold meetings and functions in the club building. Like many woman's clubs in Florida, the Punta Gorda Woman's Club started the community's first library. During the 1930s, books were collected and lent out to the public in a room of the club building. By 1951, the library contained over 5000 books. In the late 1950s, the club raised funds for a library building. Located on Retta Esplanade, it was operated by the Woman's Club until it was turned over to the Charlotte County Library System.

The Punta Gorda Woman's Club building is historically significant as the site of the first community library in Punta Gorda. It is also significant as the meeting place for the Punta Gorda Woman's Club, an organization which helped shape the Punta Gorda community through its many service projects.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Punta Gorda Woman's Club, built in 1927, is a one story Mission style building with a curvilinear parapet and an arched entryway on the front elevation. The Mission style is a more

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simple form of the Mediterranean Revival style. Derived more from the early Spanish missions than the romantic eclecticism of southern Europe, Mission style buildings are usually simple designs with stucco walls, flat roofs with curvilinear parapets, and arched loggias or patios. The Punta Gorda Woman's Club is architecturally significant as a fine example of Mission style architecture in an institutional building in the City of Punta Gorda..

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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Punta Gorda Woman's Club
2. Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, Florida
3. John McCarthy
4. July 1988
5. Historic Preservation Consultants, Inc.
6. Front and side elevations, camera facing north
7. Photo 1 of 2

Items 1-5 are the same for photos 1-2.

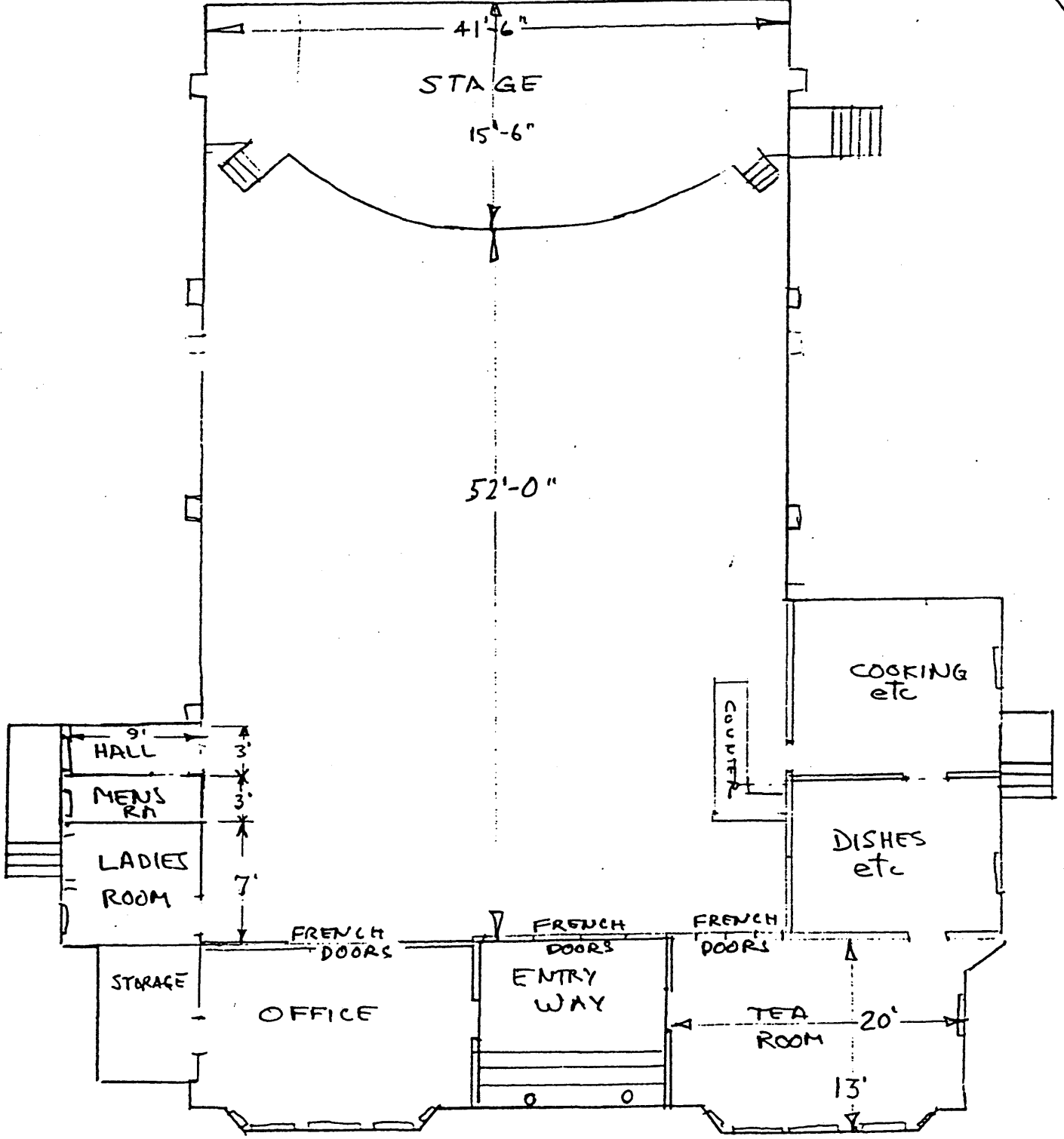
6. Front entrance, camera facing northeast
7. Photo 2 of 2

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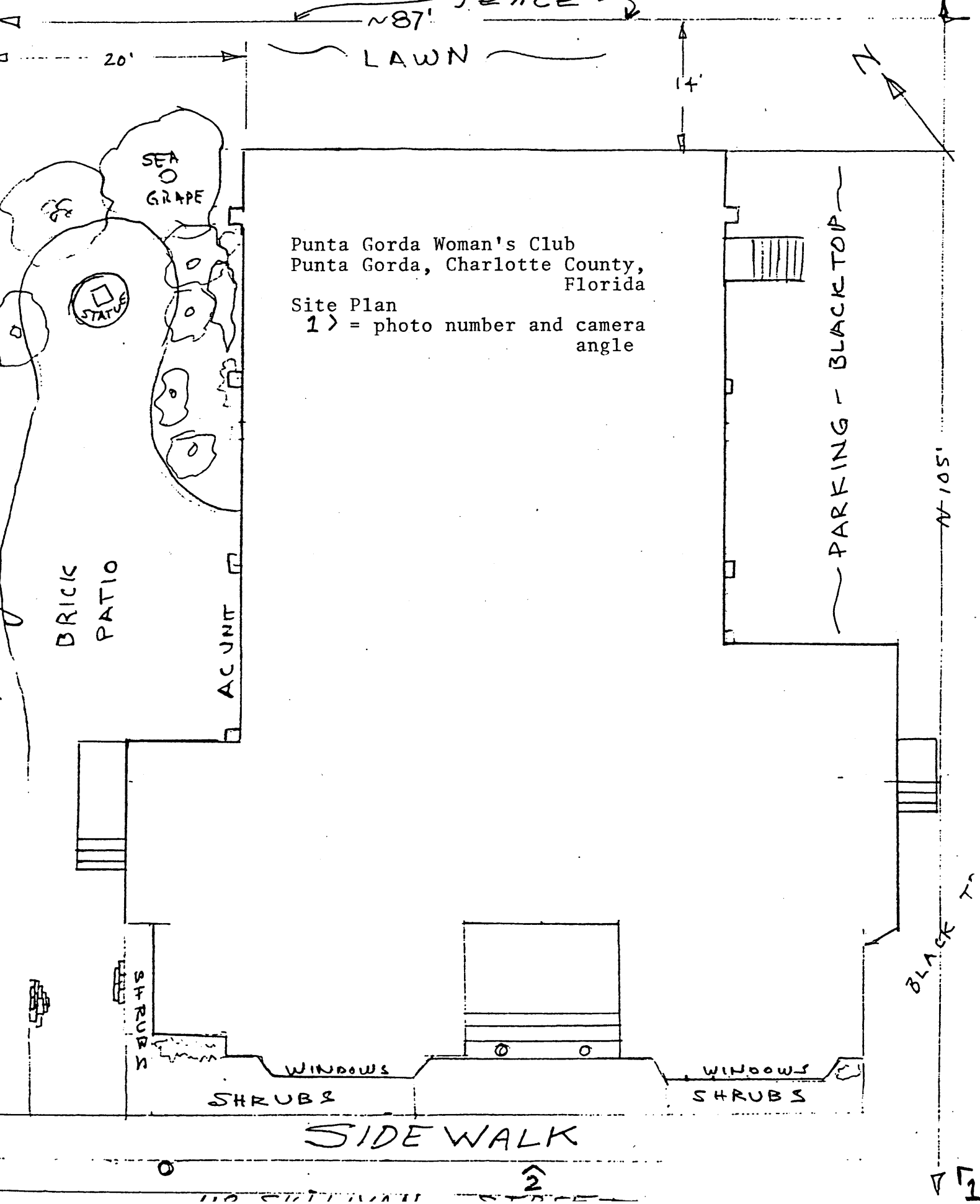
SUBJECT PUNTA GORDA WOMEN'S
CLUB FLOOR PLAN

SHEET NO. 2 OF 2
JOB NO. 3/32" = 1'-0"

Punta Gorda Woman's Club
Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, Florida
Interior Plan



118 SULLIVAN ST



Punta Gorda Woman's Club
Punta Gorda, Charlotte County,
Florida
Site Plan
1 > = photo number and camera
angle

BRICK
PATIO

SEA
GRAPE

STATUE

AC UNIT

PARKING - BLACKTOP

BLACK TOP

SHRUBS

WINDOWS

SHRUBS

WINDOWS

SHRUBS

SIDEWALK

2

N 105'

N 7