

TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20, 1985

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cinco Bayou Town Council was called to order by Mayor Usrey at 5:00 P.M.

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Usrey requested the Clerk call the roll.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Usrey
Councilwoman Balsley
Councilman Davis
Councilman Gage
Councilman Laginess
Councilman Perry

Absent: Attorney Gontarek

Also Present: Josie Jackson Helen Kendrick
Jim Kendrick III Mike Plaster
Sadie Robblee Jo Ann Plaster
Aaron Talley Clerk Borchik
Russell Kendrick Secretary Knox

MINUTES - Councilwoman Balsley moved to accept the minutes of April 8 and April 15, 1985 Town Council Meetings as written, seconded by Councilman Gage. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Councilman Davis moved to accept the financial report for April, 1985, seconded by Councilman Laginess. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Laguna Street/Fence Agreement - Mr. Talley presented a preliminary sketch of the planned construction on Eglin Parkway and Yacht Club Drive and stated construction would begin around the first of June. A discussion followed concerning the paving of the driveway and the maintenance responsibility. Mr. Talley agreed to pay for the paving of the road, moving the boundary fence and be responsible for the continuing maintenance of the road.

2. Laguna Park Entrance and Yacht Club Drive - Mayor Usrey advised the Council that the new entrance to Laguna Park should be completed as soon as possible as Mr. Talley expects to begin construction within 3 weeks. Following a discussion concerning the widening of Yacht Club Drive and the drainage pipe under Yacht Club Drive, Mayor Usrey advised the Council that he considered a joint meeting

with the Department of Transportation, County Commissioner Peebles and the City of Fort Walton Beach to discuss the projects associated with Yacht Club Drive. Councilman Perry made a motion to have the meeting with the Department of Transportation, Commissioner Peebles and the City of Fort Walton Beach as soon as possible, seconded by Councilwoman Balsley. In the discussion that followed, Mr. Perry's motion was lost and a new motion was made by Councilman Laginess that the Town establish the new park entrance to include lowering the manhole, grading, filling, placing shell, and erecting a new gate, seconded by Councilman Gage. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The Clerk was asked to contact the Department of Transportation, Commissioner Peebles and the City of Fort Walton Beach to set up a meeting concerning all proposals affecting Yacht Club Drive.

3. Glenwood Park Lot Line - Mr. Kendrick was present to discuss the encroachment into Glenwood Park and the proposed exchange of property. After recognizing the Town's proposal, Mr. Kendrick presented an alternate proposal for the Council's consideration. This proposal resolved the encroachment problem but did not result in a straightened lot line along the park. The proposal did allow for proposed additional construction and a driveway on Mr. Kendrick's property. Councilman Davis made a motion to accept Mr. Kendrick's proposal to adjust the lot lines according to his drawings, defined as follows: Begin at the NW corner of Lot 1, Block 24, proceed south approximately 112 feet to a point 6' east of the NW corner of Lot 3, Block 24, then south 78 feet to the SW corner of Lot 3, Block 24, seconded by Councilwoman Balsley. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The Attorney will be asked to prepare the necessary property deeds to reflect this exchange of property.

4. Parking Ordinance - This item was not discussed.

5. Building Permit - W. Dodge - Councilman Laginess made a motion to approve issuing a building permit to Mr. Dodge for the construction of his house at 58 Yacht Club Drive, with the condition that the storage shed along the east side of the property be removed, seconded by Councilwoman Balsley. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Budget Revision - Councilwoman Balsley made a motion to approve the FYE 85 Budget Revision, seconded by Councilman Gage. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC REQUESTS WILL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Committees

1. Streets & Sidewalks - Councilman Davis, Chairman - No report

2. Parks - Councilman Gage, Chairman - No report
3. Finance & Budget - Councilwoman Balsley, Chairman - No report
4. Waterfront - Boat Dock - Councilman Perry, Chairman - No report
5. Civil Defense - Councilman Perry, Chairman
No report
6. Neighborhood Watch - Councilman Laginess, Chairman. As requested in last week's meeting, the Clerk contacted Mr. Hood, AMSEC to request a presentation for the Town's Neighborhood Watch Program. Mr. Hook suggested a special session for Block Captains be presented before any general presentation.

Special Committees

1. Bicycle Path - Councilwoman Balsley, Chairman
No report
2. Building Codes - Councilman Laginess, Chairman
No report
3. Comprehensive Plan - Councilman Perry, Chairman
No report

ATTORNEY'S REPORT. None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter - Fort Walton Beach Board of Realtors - May 16, 1985
The Fort Walton Beach Board of Realtors has initiated a program for area Realtors to become more familiar with local elected municipal governments. The elected members will be invited to a luncheon where one member will give a brief overview on their municipality and their plans for the future.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. The Clerk advised the Council that Environmental Waste Systems has requested a 10% rate increase from the County, a possible clue to a future request to the Town!
2. The Clerk advised the Council that letters would be sent to two businesses in Town that have portable signs advising them that in accordance with the sign ordinance, they will have to remove their portable signs by July 1, 1985. According to the ordinance, each can request a variance.

At this time, there was a discussion as to whether or not the Attorney should be paid if he does not provide a replacement for the Council meetings. The Clerk was directed to remind Mr. Gontarek of the requirement to provide a replacement if he cannot attend a Council meeting.

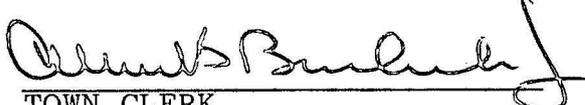
MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Usrey advised the Council that he and the Clerk had attended the Panhandle League of Cities meeting in Panama City on May 16, and that the proposed State Comprehensive Plan was discussed. The importance of including long range capital improvement plans into local Comprehensive Plans was also discussed along with the need for impact fees in certain area developments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.


MAYOR

Attest:


TOWN CLERK

NOTE: A mechanical recording has been made of the foregoing proceedings of which these minutes are a part and is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

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Northwest Florida Veterans Committee, Inc.

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

EDITION NUMBER 4

MAY 1985

PERIOD COVERED: FEB - APR 85

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST FLORIDA VETERANS COMMITTEE, INC., PROGRESS REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 1985 - 1986:

HOME PHONE

CHAIRMAN: Charles Puckett

678-4700

VICE CHAIRMAN: Bessie Arnold

537-4061

LEGISLATIVE OFFICER: Charles Comer

678-1594

TREASURER: Robert Burnes

243-0124

PUBLICITY: Earl Strobush

678-3902

CHAPLAIN: Hollis Money

682-3224

SECRETARY: Robert Greenwood

678-2276

PRESENT OBJECTIVE: To obtain a Veterans Administration Hospital in Northwest Florida by the year 1990.

PURPOSE: The sole purpose of this committee is to work with the VA, Veterans Organizations, Government Officials at all levels, and any other interested people or organizations to protect and increase veterans benefits.

As of 31 December 1984, this committee is legally registered with the State of Florida as a non-profit organization under Charter Number NO6874.

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R.M.A.P.R.: The purpose of this committee is to organize all veterans in Northwest Florida and to act as a voice thereof. We do not represent any one veteran organization and never will. Our present board has members belonging to all veteran organizations and our goal is to continue this practice in the future.

VA HOSPITAL IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATUS TO DATE:

As we reported in our last newsletter, a delegation from Mobile, Alabama was putting a big push on to have the VA purchase a vacated private hospital in Mobile (Providence Hospital) and convert it into a VA hospital. We also reported that if this happens, it will just about eliminate the chances of getting a VA hospital in Northwest Florida.

In March a Congressional Hearing, chaired by Congressman Shelby, was held in Mobile to determine if this purchase was in the best interests of the VA and cost effective. Hearing of this hearing, this committee and many other Florida veterans traveled to Mobile to attend. We were told by Chairman Shelby in a news conference held prior to the hearing that Providence Hospital would be bought and converted to a VA hospital and if us Florida veterans did not like it, we could go home. Throughout the hearing we were completely ignored and when the 10th District Medical Representative testified that the hospital is vitally needed in Northwest Florida and not in Mobile, Chairman Shelby stated that the studies and figures presented by the 10th Medical District were totally wrong and that they were not worth the paper they were written on. Incidentally, the 10th Medical District is responsible for deciding where new VA hospitals are needed the most in this region.

At the conclusion of this hearing, the Florida delegation decided that we must start an all out letter writing campaign immediately to try and stop the purchase of this hospital. This was done and it payed big dividends as another Congressional Hearing was scheduled for May 3rd at 7:30 AM at Okaloosa-Walton Junior College so that Northwest Florida veterans could present their reasons why the hospital should be built in the Panhandle. This hearing was scheduled for the Panhandle due to the hundreds of letters written by concerned veterans and the pressure put on by Congressman Hutto's office and the committee thanks all who got involved in this issue. The final decision on the hospital will be made shortly after this hearing. This should convince you doubting thomas's that your letters can and do make a difference. Keep writing them!

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO VETERAN IN THE HAND:

The Chairman of this committee is a Certified Service Officer and can answer your questions regarding your benefits in most cases. Our Legislative Officer is also a member of the Eglin Hospital Advisory Board which meets with the Hospital Commander and Staff monthly. If you desire to have something brought to the attention of the Hospital Commander, you should call Mr. Comer and discuss it with him.

The hospital has requested that we assist them on getting the word out on the following subjects:

HIS and DEERS PROGRAMS: These are two separate programs and you should be enrolled in both to make it easier to receive medical care at military hospitals throughout the world. HIS is designed to make it easier to get an appointment at the Eglin Hospital and to eliminate the long waiting period for prescriptions. DEERS is designed to aid you in getting medical treatment no matter where you may be as long as you are in a military hospital. This program allows a doctor to have access to your medical records immediately by use of a computer so that he can administer the proper treatment. Think about it! This program could very easily save your life! Incidentally, both programs are beginning to show their worth as the long lines at the pharmacy have practically disappeared. Be patient a little longer.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: Why do you and your spouse need one? Do you know that you cannot check out each others medical records without a power of attorney? This can be very frustrating in the case of an invalid or an emergency. It can all be avoided by taking just a few minutes to visit our fine legal office on Eglin, or the Patient Affairs Office at the Eglin Hospital.

On the same subject, the hospital is offering LIVING WILLS. This will guarantee that if it comes to maintaining your life by use of life support equipment and you do not desire this, providing you have a Living Will on file at the hospital, it will not be done. Think of the grief and heartache you could prevent your family from going through in the case of a terminal illness and you are incoherent! Again, contact Patient Affairs at the hospital for this important document.

COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS:

Since the VA Hospital issue will be resolved in the near future, this committee is getting ready shift it's emphasis to obtaining a Veterans Domiciliary in Northwest Florida. Again, we stress

the importance of not indicating a specific location at this time. The only way a Homeciliary can be built in your county is for your County Commissioners to request it. Along with the request, they must guarantee that they will furnish 20 acres of land to build it on. Get your County Commissioners moving on this immediately as it means big bucks for the county that gets it and for the entire Panhandle. Once again, it is going to take letters and post cards from us veterans to make this a reality.

Congressman Hutto has submitted a bill, HR 577, proposing to eliminate the Social Security Offset to the Survivor Benefit Plan. This is a very important bill and we should all support it and follow it's progress. This is a very unjust practice and needs to be eliminated. You active duty personnel nearing retirement should take special interest in this bill as the decision to enroll in SBI or not will soon have to be made by you. Remember, once you elect to take it, you cannot reverse your decision.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: This committee meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 hours. Any organization desiring to host this committee can contact any board member and make their desires known. We travel throughout the Panhandle area. Meetings for the next three months will be as follows:

- May 23rd - DAV Chapter 72, Ft Walton Beach, FL.
- Jun 27th - DAV Chapter 57, Crestview, FL.
- Jul 25th - Al Gray Chapter 23 DAV, Pensacola, FL.

VA BENEFITS AND RIGHTS: This committee is very upset on the lack of interest being shown by veterans in the Panhandle regarding the proposed budget cuts in Washington. One of the biggest cuts is going to be in the veterans programs and no one of us, regardless of our status, is going to be spared. We ask that you all get involved to preserve our benefits and rights. Remember, once it is cut, it will never be restored. Attend our meetings as often as possible and we will keep you posted on what is happening and what we need to do.

IMPORTANT INFO: Earl Haddaway, Congressman Hutto's Administrative Aid, is at the Shelton Courthouse on Thursday and Friday of each week. He can be reached by calling 651-3111. This is your chance to let one of your representatives know what is on your mind.

On the same subject, this committee has had extensive contact with all the Florida Representatives in Washington either by letter or by telephone, and they are all backing us one hundred percent in our fight to get a VA Hospital in the Panhandle. We should show our appreciation by sending a post card thanking them for their support.

ADDRESSES YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Congressman Carl Hutto
Room 203, Federal Building
P.O. Box 187
Panama City, FL 32401

Senator Paula Hawkins
P.O. Box 2000
Winter Park, FL 32710

Senator Chiles, Lanton
U.S. Courthouse Bldg, Rm 24
110 S. Park Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Chairman
FL Commission on VA Affairs
Suite 350, Lewis State Bank Bldg
Tallahassee, FL 32301

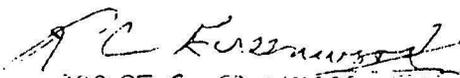
Honorable Harry N. Walters
Administrator of Veteran Affairs
810 Vermont Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

Hugh Vickerstaff
Director, District 10
Veterans Administration
Dept of Medicine & Surgery
700 South 19th Street
Birmingham, AL 35233

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Chairman


The most important way to get a message across in a Democracy is to REGISTER TO VOTE! If you are not registered to vote, you really do not have the right to criticize.

Garbage-collection fees may increase

By TOM CONNER
Daily News News Editor

Okaloosa County commissioners appear poised to grant a 10 percent across-the-board fee increase to private garbage-collection firms.

A committee of three commissioners and five county employees met Thursday to discuss the franchises regulating the firms and the charges the companies are allowed to impose.

"The haulers have requested a 10 percent rate increase," said Commissioner Sam Brunson. "We researched it found they had not had a fee increase since 1978, and I'm sure the cost of living has gone up more than 10 percent since then."

"This is long, long overdue," said Commissioner Joe Mosier. "The cost of equipment alone has doubled in that time. Everybody was in agreement on the increase. This will come up for discussion Tuesday when the board meets. We want to hear what the other commissioners have to say."

The committee also discussed requiring residents in densely populated areas to subscribe to a business that hauls away garbage.

"I doubt we'll take any action on this Tuesday, but we'll discuss mandatory garbage pickup," Mosier said. "We know it would be hard to enforce a law mandating garbage pickup, but would we be better off hav-

ing the law and not enforcing it or not having it at all?

"The thing is," he said, "if we have the law and we find somebody breaking the litter laws, we have some mechanism of enforcement."

Commissioners view mandatory garbage pickup as a means of controlling litter. Private haulers properly dispose of garbage at landfills, but citizens sometimes dump their garbage in wooded areas, they say.

The committee also discussed imposing a "user's fee" for landfills. "What we're looking for is some way to pay for the operation of the landfills instead of using ad valorem taxes," Mosier said.

Tipping fees — charges imposed each time someone dumps garbage at a landfill — are viewed dimly out of fear that collecting the fees will eat up the revenue they generate.

"With tipping fees we'd have to have scales at the landfill and have somebody there to collect the money," Brunson said. "We talked about working with (Property Appraiser) Howard Hilburn to assess the fee. We're looking for a way where a person who owns a house would pay his share for the landfill and someone who owns an 11-unit apartment complex would pay his share, too."

Currently, the county imposes no charge for using its landfills.

QUINCY BAYCO GRANTED AN 85¢ INCREASE IN MARCH 84

FWB considers updating year-old sign law

By BRUCE ROLFSEN
Daily News Staff Writer

Fort Walton Beach city councilmen set out Thursday to polish their year-old sign ordinance.

The ordinance already has been revised once, but the councilmen and city officials who enforce it have continued to find sections where the law is not practical to enforce or is too restrictive.

None of the four councilmen at Thursday's meeting — Gloria Battle, John Franklin, Larry Patrick and J.C. "Buck" Smith — favored dumping a 1989 deadline for taking down signs that don't meet the law's standards.

"I just don't think we can do it," Battle said of extending or dropping the deadline. Franklin warned that if the city were taken to court

over the sign law, the court might rule against the city if the deadline was extended because it would be unfair to businesses that already had met the law's standards.

The deadline question also brought up the problem of what to do with signs that were erected according to the sign ordinance rules but will no longer meet the rules once the law is revised.

The councilmen agreed it would not be fair to penalize sign owners who had followed the letter of the law.

The councilmen are considering giving those sign owners 15 years to take down the signs, reasoning that in 15 years the signs will be worn out and have to come down anyway.

The council did decide tentative-

ly to relax parts of the sign law that prevent businesses from changing or removing signs unless the owner brings all his signs into line with the law.

That problem surfaced when Frank Bailey, owner of Bailey Motors, wanted to change two signs in front of his auto dealership to reflect that his partner had left and Datsun had changed its brand name to Nissan.

The city council rejected Bailey's request because, to change just one sign, he would have had to remove all signs not conforming to the law's specifications. Bailey was not ready to undertake such a project.

In general principle, committee members also agreed:

○ They would consider a new

method of measuring the size of signs made of up of individual letters. City staff members requested the change because it was difficult to calculate the surface area of many sign letters.

○ Warning signs should be allowed on fences. The law now prevents signs such as those warning of barking dogs or high electrical voltage from being posted on fences.

○ To look into requiring all new electrical signs to be made in firms approved by Underwrite Laboratory, a private firm that sets standards for many manufactured goods.

○ Service stations should be allowed to have signs in front of each service bay designating what kind of repair work is done in the bay.

WE HAVE THE SAME PROBLEMS/CONFLICTS

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The Political Affairs and Legislative Committees of the Fort Walton Beach Board of REALTORS have as a goal for this year to become more knowledgeable and personally involved with our local elected city governments. In order to do this we have made plans to feature each city government in our monthly newsletter and invite each city separately to be our honored guests at our monthly membership luncheons.

We have assigned a Board member to sponsor each participating city government. That sponsor will be your host at the luncheon. We will give one representative, chosen by your council, an opportunity to speak to the membership and give a brief overview of the goals and objectives of your city for the coming year. We hope to mutually benefit each other with a better understanding of our respective roles in the community.

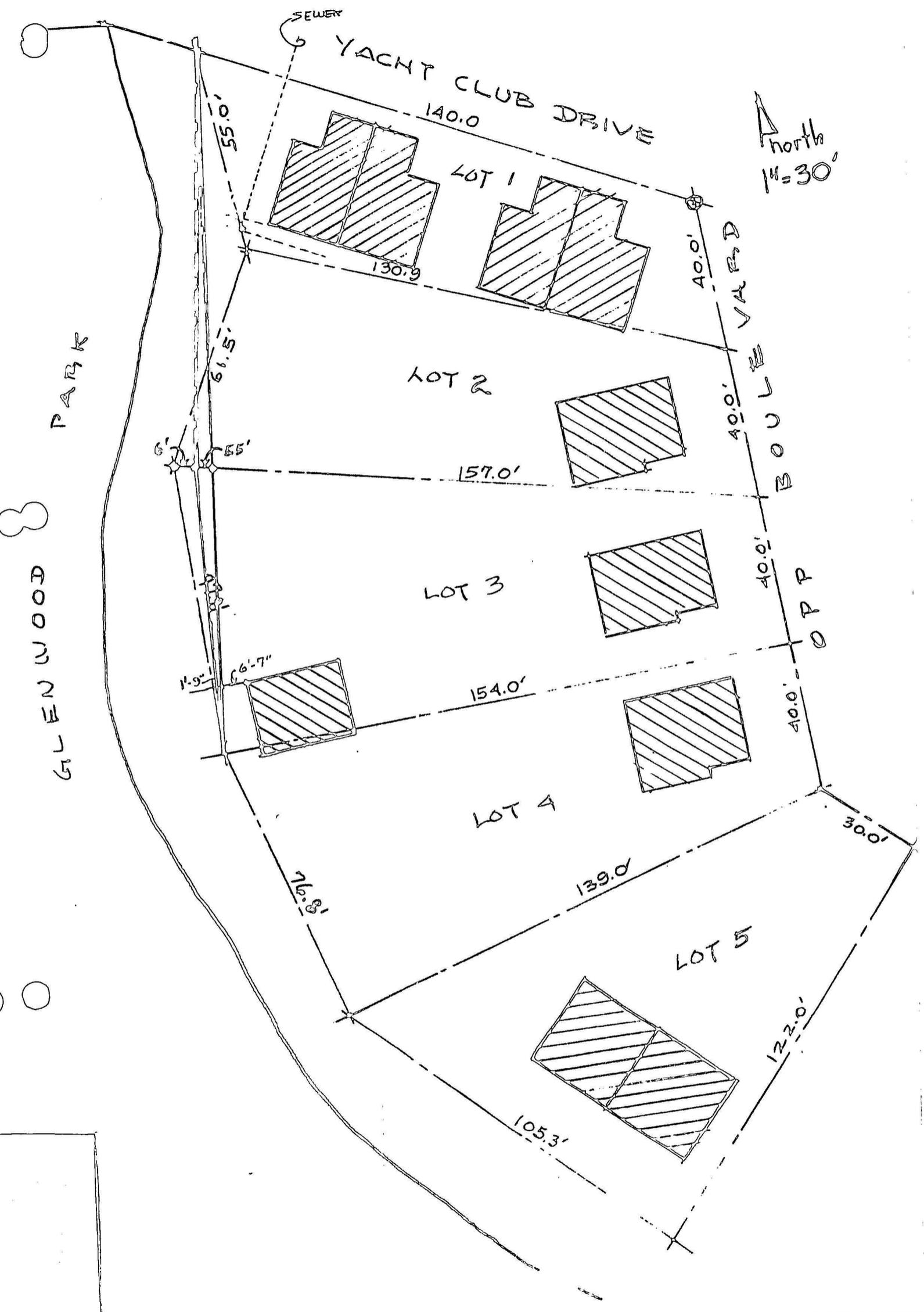
Individual invitations will be mailed in advance to afford you adequate time to schedule this event. We look forward to your visit and working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Jeanne M. Phillips
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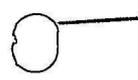
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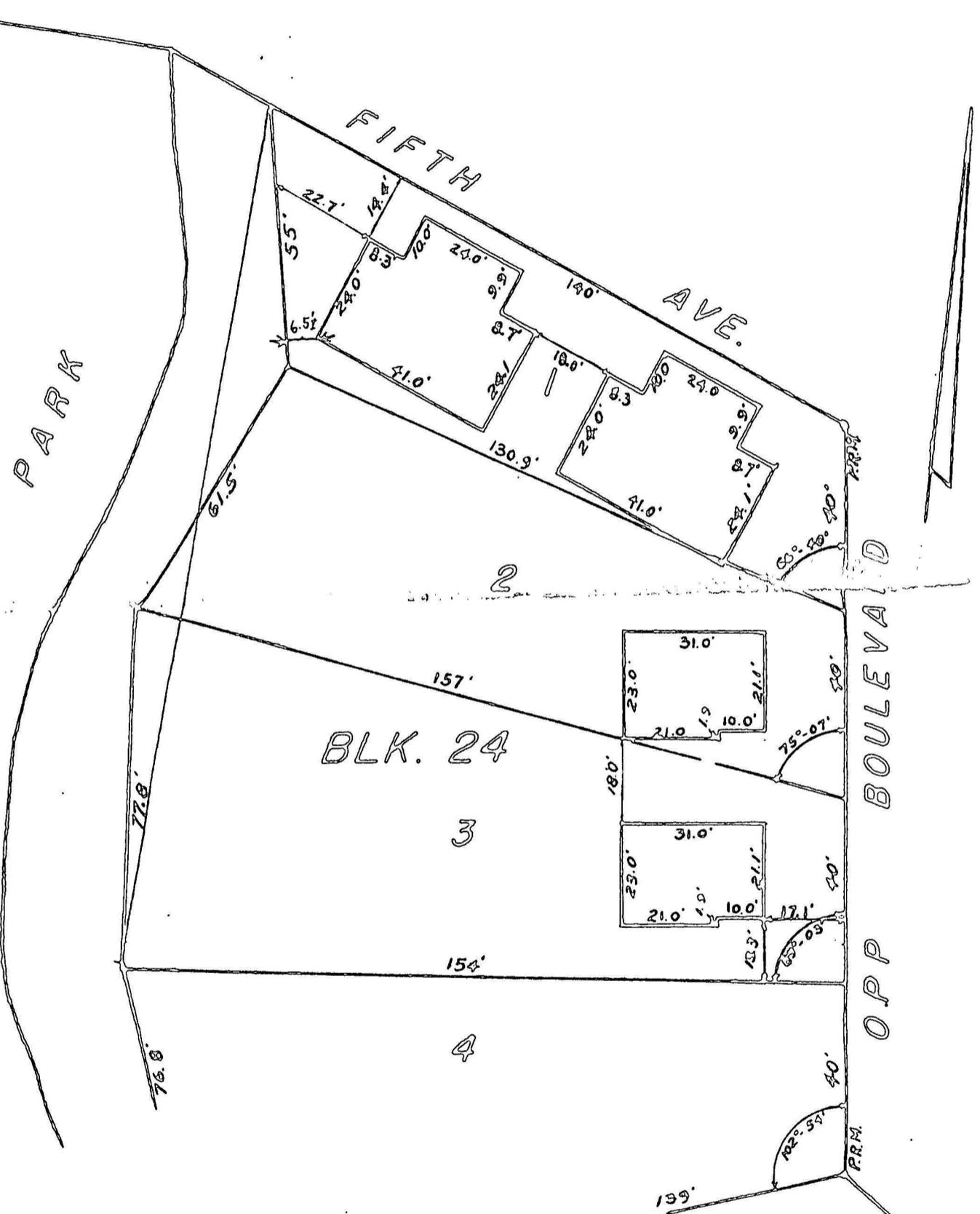
BOULEVARD

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SKETCH

Showing dimensions of four (4) dwelling houses and their location on Lots 1-2-3 in Block 24 of Cinco Bayou Subdivision according to a Plat of said Subdivision now on file in the Public records of Okaloosa County, Florida.



Surveyors Certificate

I heroby certify that I located and measured the buildings on the above lots.

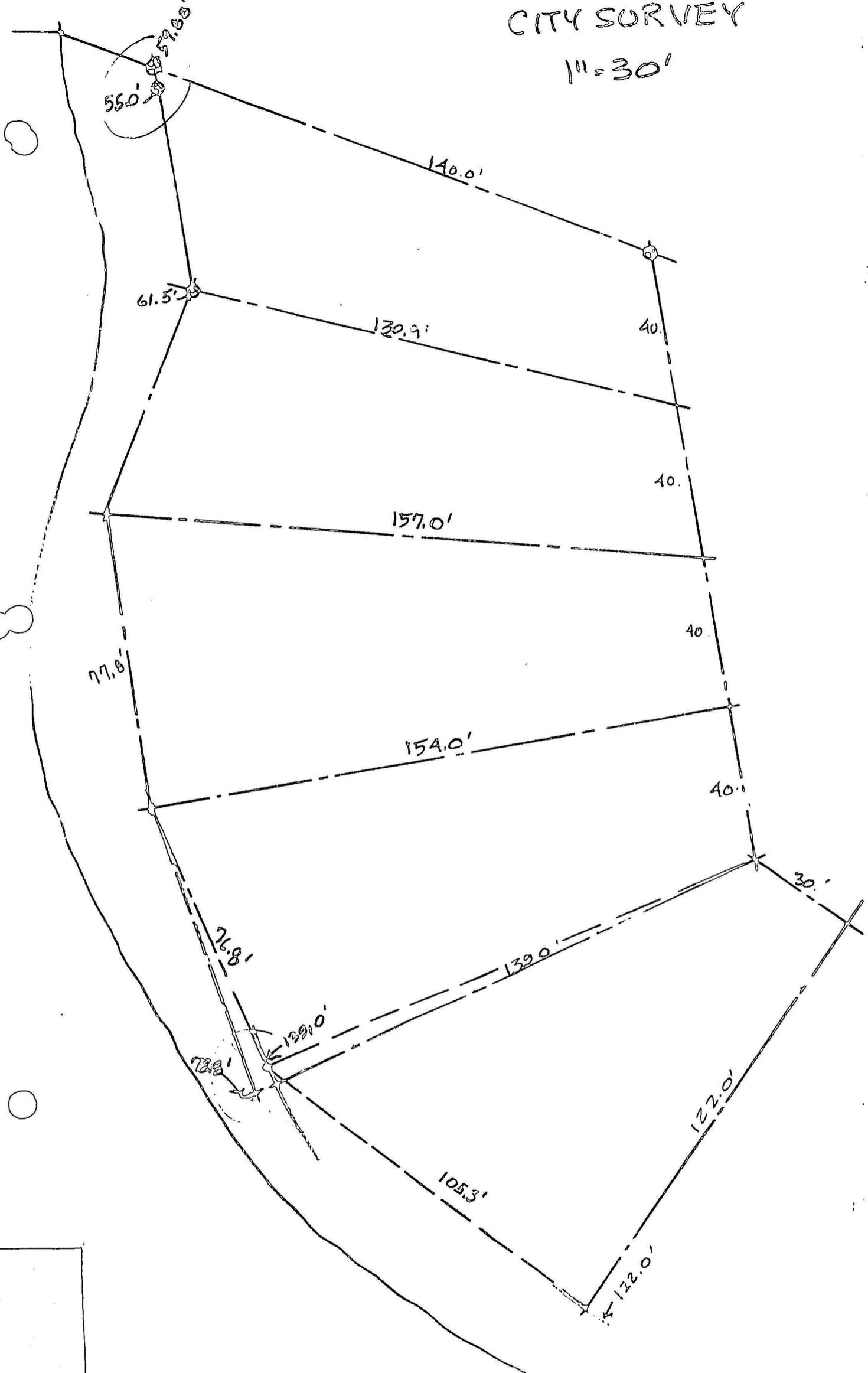
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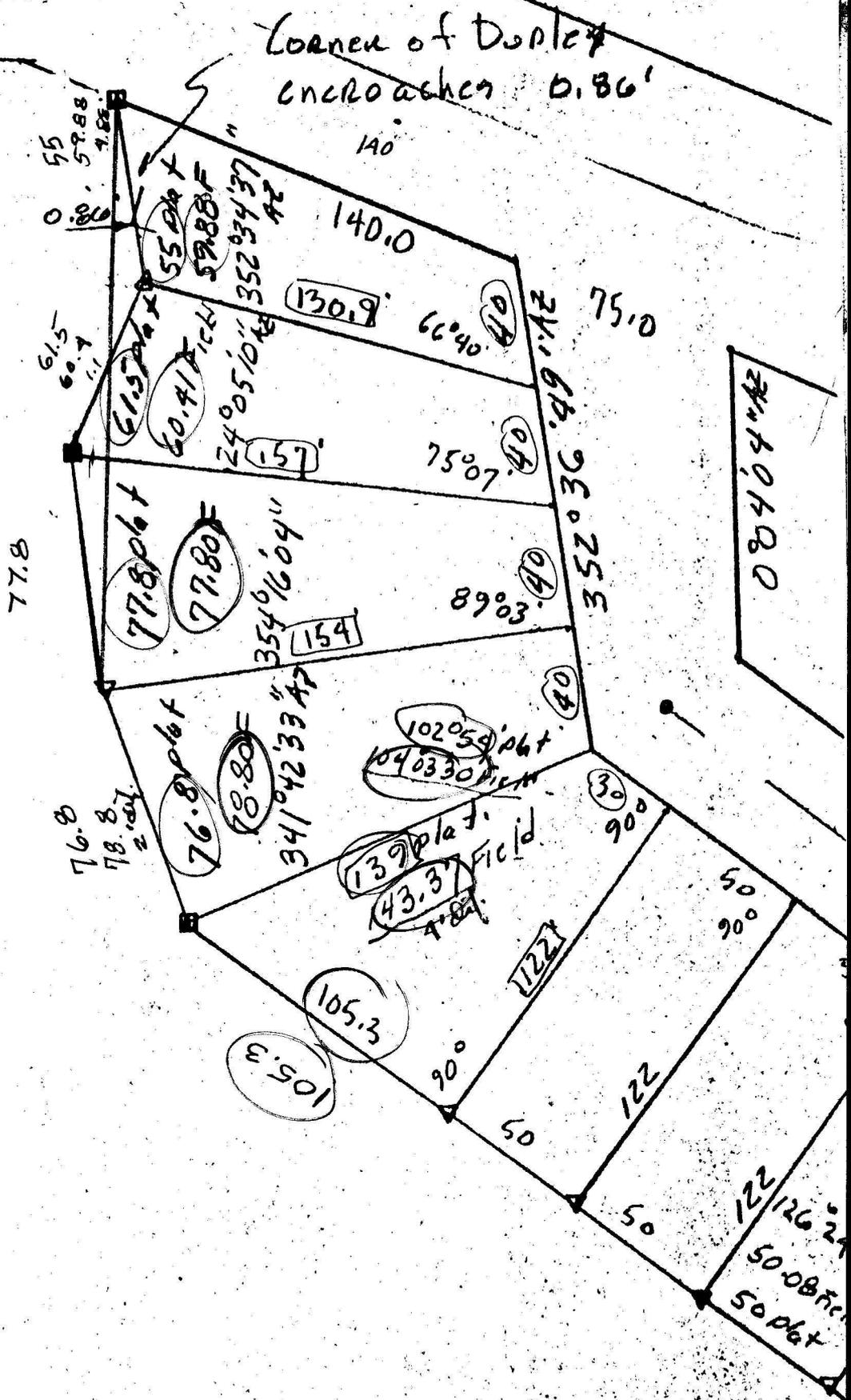
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Glenwood Park