



**AGENDA
TOWN OF JUPITER
HISTORIC RESOURCE BOARD REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026
6:00 PM**

NOTE: Those who wish to speak before the Board must submit a green comment card to the secretary. Each comment is limited to three minutes. Speakers are asked to approach the podium when called. Please state name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

Call To Order

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Debi Murray	Town Attorney, Thomas J. Baird
Vice Chairperson Brad Mayo	Asst. Director of Planning, Natural
Board Member Christine Pinello	Resources, Historic Resources, and CRA
Board Member Josh Liller	and Staff Liaison, Stephanie Thoburn
Board Member Christina Carr	Seinor Planner and Staff Liaison,
Board Member Sara Misselhorn (1st Alt)	Thatcher Hart
Board Member Christopher Yerkes (2nd Alt)	Secretary, Rodrekia Brown

If you would like to speak before the Board, please submit a green comment card to the secretary.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Non-agenda topic citizen comments will be noted by staff for follow-up, as appropriate. The Board will not discuss these items at this meeting. Each comment is limited to three (3) minutes.

MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2025 Regular Historic Resources Board Meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

Order of Business:

The normal order of business for hearings of agenda items is as follows:

- Declaration of ex-parte communications
- Swearing-in of witnesses
- Applicant presentation
- Staff presentation
- Intervenor (if any) presentation
- Commission questions of Applicant, Intervenor and Staff
- Public to be heard – Three-minute limit per speaker
- Rebuttal or closing arguments for quasi-judicial items
- Motion on floor - Discussion only on the motion
- Call for the vote

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Aicher House** — Request for a Local Historic Designation for a *circa 1913* single-family house located at 1133 North Alternate A1A (**PZ 26-5351**).

3. **Florida East Coast Canal**— State Historic Marker.

STAFF UPDATES

4. US-1 Bridge- Two State Historic Markers installed

5. Jupiter U Tour at Sawfish Bay Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Historic Resources Board Meeting is scheduled for **Weekday, May 18, 2026**.

Reminder: Communications regarding Town public business are considered public records under the Florida Records Law and may be subject to public disclosure.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that if any interested person desires to appeal any decisions made by the Historic Resource Board with respect to any matter considered at these hearings, such interested person may need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, including the testimony and evidence presented at this hearing.

**TOWN OF JUPITER HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES
August 18, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Murray called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Debi Murray; Board Members Christine Pinello, Josh Liller, Christina Carr, and Christopher Yerkes; Asst. Director of Planning and Zoning, Stephanie Thoburn; Senior Planner, Thatcher Hart; and Secretary, Rodrekia Brown and Vernisa Ayers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Approval of Minutes and Agenda** - Board Member Christine Pinello moved to approve the May 19, 2025 minutes as presented; The motion was seconded by Board Member Christopher Yerkes and passed unanimously (5-0 vote) Board Member Josh Liller moved to approve the agenda as presented the motion was seconded by Board Member Christine Pinello and passed unanimously (5-0 vote).

Sara Misselhorn arrives at 6:05 p.m.

Swearing In:

Secretary Rodrekia Brown conducted the swearing-in of all witnesses for the quasi- judicial items on the agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. OLD BUSINESS:

2. CONTINUED

Beyel – Certificate to Dig application on a .51 +/- acre property for a future residential development on an archaeological site, known as the Scheurich midden (8PB9261), that extends north onto the subject property from the Kempe project, and the Celestial Railroad (8PB233), located at the southwest corner of N A1A and Saturn Street. (PZ#24-6139) (Continued)

Ex Parte Disclosures: Board Member Josh Liller stopped by the site.

Applicant presentation: Andrew Owens, the applicant archaeologist for the Beyel project, presented the findings of the archaeological assessment. Mr. Owens discussed the Archaeological assessment that was conducted by Dr. Baer in 2021 that discovered no historically significant cultural materials were observed on site. He further discussed the archaeological management plan that was developed to guide the proposed development, and the sites greater geographical importance in the context of the area. Mr. Owens also mentioned that new data from the

assessment will be submitted to the state to update the Florida Master Site File for the known archaeological site.

Staff presentation: Thatcher Hart, Senior Planner, discussed the application for the CTD on the subject property which was previously presented to the Board at the May 19, 2025 meeting. The Board voted to continue the item to the next Historic Resources Board meeting due to concerns with information of the Scheurich midden and the desire for further discussion with absent board members. The application was then scheduled for the June 16, 2025 meeting, however, the meeting was canceled due to scheduling issues.

Mr. Hart stated that prior to the meeting, town staff asked the applicant to provide additional information to address the concerns of the board. He noted that both the applicant and Town's archaeologist were present to help clarify any discrepancies, address boundary-related concerns, and answer questions. Mr. Hart stated that a number of archaeological assessments have occurred on the property over the years, with the most recent assessment occurring in 2021. The Town's archaeologist recommended that intensive archaeological monitoring be conducted during the construction of the project. This approach will ensure that if any artifacts or findings do emerge, they can be handled in accordance with proper archaeological procedures.

Town archaeologist Joe Mankowski added that both prehistoric and historic deposits were found on the site; however, they were not deemed significant.

Board Members asked questions of the Applicant and Staff:

Board Member Pinello asked how findings are determined significant? Mr. Mankowski stated that a finding is found significant if it is found intact within the same layer it was prehistorically or historically. He referenced Bob Baers' assessment, which noted that many of the intact deposits found were no longer in their original context and had been redeposited.

Board Member Pinello asked the attending Native American community members for their perspective on what is considered significant. However, Town Attorney Lashley interjected, stating that members of the public will need to wait to make comment until the public comment portion of the meeting.

Board Member Josh Liller asked why the majority of the shovel tests were conducted on the eastern portion of the site and not near the shoreline. Mr. Owens stated that while he was not sure of the exact methodology of Dr. Baer, the focus was most likely on undisturbed areas and the eastern portion of the site has likely been highly disturbed due to the seawall construction. The owner Tammy Beyel added that the reason was because the concrete on the site and how compact the rock was on that portion of the site. Mr. Owens mentioned that the area was probably made of "riprap".

Board Member Pinello inquired about what comprises "riprap". Mr. Owens stated that it is rocks made of limestone and coquina rock to stabilize the shoreline. Board Member Pinello clarified that the "riprap" would have removed anything that was there before. Mr. Owens agreed with her assessment adding that the site has been developed multiple times before.

Board Member Liller asked if the oak tree mentioned in the 1997 report was still on the property. Mr. Owens was unsure but does not believe so. Mr. Liller went on to ask Mr. Owens if he had reviewed the report for the Kempe property to the south of the subject property. Mr. Owens stated that he did read the report. Mr. Liller stated that he felt it was important to mention that in the report that orange fiber tempered pottery was found during the Kempe assessment. Mrs. Thoburn also mentioned that staff provided that information to the applicant after the last meeting that was in May to provide the applicant with the archaeological context of the site.

Mrs. Thoburn addressed the concerns expressed by Board Member Pinello reiterating that the shovel tests that were conducted on the subject property did not result in findings as significant as those in the Kempe report or on the Town's Inlet Village Marina property to the north. In addition, Mrs. Thoburn stated that when Dr. Baer conducted the excavation there was a house and a garage on the property that prevented any shovel tests from being conducted within their footprints.

In addition, Mrs. Thoburn mentioned that the Town purchased the property to the north after significant destruction occurred and worked through a notice of Violation with Palm Beach County before it was annexed into the Town and before the Town purchased it. The previous owner was responsible for significant excavations prior to the Town installing the seawall.

Chair Murray did not have any questions but wanted to express her concern over the number of errors of fact within the archaeological report that will become part of the legal record. Ms. Murray also stated that the report should contain more local information about the historic Town of Jupiter rather than a narrative regarding South Florida, and that it would be helpful to have the history of ownership of the land since it has been part of the Florida Land Trust.

Mrs. Beyel stated that she has information on the previous owners of the property. Board Member Pinello asked if that information was in the report to which Chair Murray stated it was not.

Public Comment:

Mr. Stuart of the Miccosukee Tribe expressed his appreciation for the boards respect for the indigenous nations. He mentioned concerns about the current process of determining what is considered "significant." He emphasized that decisions regarding significance should not be made by individuals who may not fully understand or appreciate its cultural or historical value. He stated that the physical relocation of an item or site does not diminish its significance and made it clear that

he does not support any proposed excavation or dig. Mr. Stuart also highlighted the importance of asking the right questions when assessing significance, as what may seem insignificant to one person could hold deep cultural importance for another. Mr. Stuart strongly recommended that the tribes be consulted directly to determine what is culturally and historically significant from their perspective.

Ms. Namath emphasized the importance of preserving local and world history. She referenced past efforts to stop development at Suni Sands and expressed concern that the subject application would be treated any differently. She urged denial of the Certificate to Dig to respect the local and indigenous history of the area.

Mr. Williams identified himself as a descendant of the Taino Tribal nation of the Caribbean, emphasizing that despite common misconceptions, the tribe still exists with over six million members, making it one of the largest native American bodies in the northern hemisphere. Mr. Williams discussed the importance of the Jupiter inlet to his tribe and the interconnectedness of the Caribbean islands.

Mr. Williams requested permission to submit an email to formally express his concerns for the record. The town attorney, confirmed he may submit written comments, but clarified that the Board would still proceed with a vote today.

Deliberation by the Board:

Board Member Liller acknowledged the complexity of the site, noting it spans multiple adjacent properties and is not well understood. He stated that much of the area has been disturbed by past use, including moderate habitation. He emphasized that archaeologists will be involved throughout the process underlying the importance of archaeological monitoring.

Board Member Pinello expressed appreciation for Jupiter's historical significance and unique character. She expressed concern over the application stating concerns that there was not enough consideration of the impacts of the development and that she did not support the application.

Board Member Misselhorn appreciated the additional information that was provided by the applicant and stated that she was more comfortable with the application based on the information provided by the Town's archaeologist.

Board Member Carr expressed concern over the information that was not considered within the report. She further expressed concerns with digging on a site without a better understanding of the greater context of the site. However, she felt comforted that the archaeological monitoring will ensure that if anything is discovered it will be handled with care.

Board Member Yerkes commented on the intensity of the property's use and emphasized the importance of monitoring throughout construction.

Chair Murray stated that the project could move forward with intense monitoring, noting that if anything significant is found, it should be protected and interpreted properly.

Board Member Pinello asked the board how they believe the project can be best protected moving forward. Chair Murray responded that having an archaeologist on-site throughout the project would be the most effective approach. She further went on to state that from the research, the site was a kitchen area.

Board Member Misselhorn inquired about where the items found on the property were located and stated that previously the applicant did not know where they were located. She further stated that they should have a better idea of where they were. Ms. Beyel stated that she received the findings from Bob Baer, the archaeologist which included a broken bottle and a couple pieces of pottery that was found on the property, offering to provide it to the Town.

Motion: Board Member Liller made a motion to accept the Certificate to Dig subject to correcting the grammar and accuracy of the report provided by the Board, and include the Kempe Report in the subject report. The motion was seconded by Board Member Misselhorn. Motion passed 4-1, with Board Member Pinello dissenting.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

Officer Elections:

Board Member Misselhorn nominated Debi Murray to serve as Chair and was confirmed by a vote of (5-0). Chair Murray nominated Brad Mayo for Vice Chair, with the nomination seconded by Board Member Pinello that was approved unanimously by a vote of (5-0).

Staff presentation –Center Street: Stephanie Thoburn presented a PowerPoint to the Board on the strategic priority of the Town Council for “Areas of Local Importance”. She discussed the two main projects for Center Street. The first was the Palm Beach County roadway expansion and the second project are zoning code changes that look at the historic nature of the area. She stated that this was an informational item for the Board and that the workshop for these items will occur on September 10, 2025. Staff was also looking for any input from the Board on the Zoning Text Amendment related to the historic character, appearance, building height, parking, and desired uses. Mrs. Thoburn continued to discuss the types of improvements that Palm Beach County was including with the roadway expansion and the topics.

Mrs. Thoburn emphasized that the reason for the presentation was to look for input on the modifications that were being discussed as a part of the Center Street/North Alternate A1A Redevelopment Overlay Area that is currently voluntary and incentive based. She stated that in order to maintain the historic character of the area, the Town Council was exploring making the overlay a requirement.

Board Comments:

Board Member Pinello inquired what property owners have been contacted in the area. Mrs. Thoburn stated that the businesses that were located on Center Street were contacted and sent postcards to the public. In addition, Mrs. Thoburn stated that the events were being advertised on social media and on the Town website. Board Member Pinello also commented that some of the older property owners won't be reached by the social media advertisements.

Board Member Liller supported methods other than social media for outreach and noted that social media can sometimes be unreliable in reaching your target audience. He also referenced recent road changes in Palm City made to slow traffic and encourage small-scale, community-friendly shopping and mentioned it may be a good place to get ideas. He also inquired about the zoning overlay area along Historic Alternate A1A, which has not been officially designated but has potential. He questioned how such a change in zoning designation might affect existing buildings. Staff clarified that there are no plans to change the zoning classification. Board Member Liller responded that if the project moves forward, there should be clear communication about the zoning overlay and nothing in the changes should encourage owners to destroy historic homes.

Staff Update

Centennial Updates: Town staff provided an update to the Board on recent centennial activities. Two bus tours were held on August 8, 2025, with 38 residents participating. Additional tours are planned for the fall. As part of the tour, the historic train depot was also opened to the public.

Aicher House Deck Update:

The Aicher House deck is expected to be completed in September following some delays. Once finalized, the Town plans to host an event to celebrate the opening. The historic train depot will also be open to the public during the event.

Board Member Liller inquired whether any significant artifacts had been discovered. Mr. Mankowski stated that the monitoring has not be finalized yet but those findings will be included within the report finding.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 20, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: Board Member Christopher Yerkes made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Sara Misselhorn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0 vote). Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Rodrekia Brown, Secretary

Debi Murray, Chair

**Aicher House Local Historic Designation Application
PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICE**



DATE: April 13, 2026
TO: Historic Resources Board Members
FROM: Stephanie A. Thoburn, Assistant Director of *SAT*
Planning, Natural Resources, Historic Resources
and CRA
SUBJECT: **Aicher House** – Request for a Local Historic Designation
for a *circa 1913* single-family house located at 1133 North
Alternate A1A (**PZ 26-5351**).

Res. #21-25
PZ 22-5351
T. Hart

Historic Resources Board: 04/20/25 (Quasi-Judicial)
Historic Resources Board: 05/18/26 (Quasi-Judicial)
Town Council: 6/16/2026 (Quasi-Judicial)

Project Information

Project Name: Aicher House Local Historic Designation
Owner/Applicant: Town of Jupiter
Site plan Location: 1133 N Alternate A1A (Attachment C)
Future Land use designation: Recreation
Zoning: PI Public Institutional
Existing uses: Town Park
Proposed uses: Town Park
Request: Town-initiated Local Historic Designation application for the
Aicher House at 1133 N Alternate A1A.

Background

The Aicher House was originally located at 144 Florida Avenue where Harry Francis Aicher (b. 1898-d. 1970) built the house in 1913 as a family residence and later for he and his wife, Alma Mary Aicher (a.k.a. Mary Blount Holden; b.1900-d. 1976). The house served as a single-family home from 1913-2017 when the house was going to be demolished and replaced by the owner on the site. Rather than demolish the structure, the owner donated the Aicher House to the Town of Jupiter which was then relocated to its current location within Sawfish Bay Park on April 7, 2018. The structure is significant for: its important historical associations with the Town's influential local pioneer families, the Wood Frame Vernacular architectural style and its substantially original construction of Miami-Dade pine composition.

The Aicher House building represents a Wood Frame Vernacular architectural style constructed of local South Florida materials such as Dade County Pine wood which is no longer available. The majority of the house's original construction material elements are still intact and include the wooden frame, exterior wood siding, wooden floors, windows/glass panes, and the interior wall running front to back. A major alteration of the house occurred in the 1950s when the exterior front facing porch was added and a modern metal roof was replaced. In addition, the rear wall of the structure was replaced to restore the house to its original historic condition. Currently, the structure is in good condition.

Analysis

The process for the Local Historic Designation application consists of the following:

- 1st Historic Resources Board meeting – The Board conducts a public hearing to review, evaluate, provide comment and receive public comments on the application. The intent is to discuss the significance of the structure and whether it merits a local historic designation;
- 2nd Historic Resources Board meeting – The application is brought before the Board to review any changes or respond to previous comments on the local historic designation. The Board votes at the second public hearing and makes a recommendation to approve or deny to the Town Council regarding the request for the Local Historic Designation application;
- Town Council public hearing – The Town Council will consider the application and the Board recommendation and may at the conclusion of the hearing, adopt a resolution approving, approving with conditions, or denying the local historic designation.

Analysis and history of the Aicher House is provided in Attachment A- Historic Designation Report as it relates to the proposed local historic designation:

- *Architectural Significance (page 8 of Attachment A)*
- *Historic and Cultural Significance (pages 6-7 of Attachment A)*
- *Statement of Significance – (Page 11 of Attachment A)*

Local Historic Designation Criteria Analysis: Based on Section 27-2438(b) of the Town Code (Attachment B), to qualify as a designated historic site, the proposed property must meet one or more of the nine listed criteria in the Code. Staff and the Town's historic and archeological consultant reviewed the application and finds that **four (4) areas** of historic significance. (Attachment A):

1. Is associated in a significant way with the life or activities of a major person important in Jupiter, Palm Beach County, Florida or national history; (*page 3 of Attachment A*).
Staff Comment: The Historic Designation report states that the Aicher/Holden Family owned the structure until 1983 and were a prominent Jupiter pioneer. This includes, Harry Francis Aicher, a Town of Jupiter Pioneer, and Alma Mary Blount Holden, an active member of the community in the Red Cross, and local Bridge Club. As a member of the Red Cross, Alma and other members would knit, sew, and mend for servicemen. Harry Aicher was the son of Ferdinand Constantine Aicher and Ella May Carlin, the third child of Charles and Mary Carlin.
2. Is associated with a historic event with significant effect upon Jupiter, Palm Beach, the Town, County, State or nation; (*pages 3 of Attachment A*)
Staff Comment: The Aicher House does not meet this criterion as it is not associated with a historic event, with significant effect upon Jupiter, Palm Beach, the Town, County, State or nation.
3. Is associated in a significant way with a major historic event whether cultural, economic, military or political; (*pages 3 Attachment A*)
Staff Comment: The Aicher House does not meet this criterion as it is not associated in a significant way with a major historic event whether cultural, economic, military or political.
4. Exemplifies the historic, political, cultural or economic trends of the community history; (*pages 3 of Attachment A*)
Staff Comment: The Aicher House does not meet this criterion as it does not exemplify the historic, political, cultural or economic trends of the community history.
5. Is associated in a significant way with a past or continuing institution which has contributed to the life of the Town; (*pages 3 of Attachment A*)

Staff Comment: The Aicher House does not meet this criterion as it is not associated in a significant way with a past or continuing institution which has contributed to the life of the Town.

6. Portrays the environment in an era of history characterized by one or more distinctive architectural styles; *(page 8 of Attachment A)*

Staff Comment: The Historic Designation report states that the building represents a Wood Frame Vernacular architectural style. The Aicher House exemplifies the simplicity and commonality of the design that was practical and function for the climate in South Florida. The Aicher House is a significant and rare example of the locally surviving Cracker style home within the Town of Jupiter and shows the characteristics of the simple life in the early Jupiter community.

7. Embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style, period or method of construction; *(page 8 of Attachment A)*

Staff Comment: The Historic Designation report states that The Aicher House is indicative of a Wood Frame Vernacular architectural style constructed in 1913. In addition, the Aicher House is significant due to its historic architectural features and its original construction material and elements that remain original.

8. Is a historic or outstanding work of a prominent architect, designer, landscape architect, or builder; or *(page 8 of Attachment A)*

Staff Comment: The Aicher House does not meet this criterion as it was not designed by a prominent designer.

9. Contains elements of design, detail, material, or craftsmanship of outstanding quality or which represents, in its time, a significant innovation or adaptation to the south Florida environment. *(page 8 of Attachment A)*

Staff Comment: The Aicher House meets this criterion due to the materials and design used in its construction. The Town's historic consultant states that the Aicher House is primarily constructed of Dade County Pine and is considered a significant historic material due to its durability. Dade County Pine wood is no longer used due to its lack of availability because of deforestation of this tree in the last century. The design of the house also embodies adaptation to the south Florida environment with a front porch, larger overhangs, gable roof and raised on piers to circulate air and provide protection from rain. Much of the original construction material and elements are still intact. Currently, the house is in good condition.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the facts and findings contained herein, the Aicher House meets the requirements within Section 27-2438 of the Town Code, entitled "Historic Resource Designation Procedures", which provides the criteria that must be met for a structure to be designated as historic.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Historic Designation Report
Attachment B – Local Historic Designation
Attachment C – Location Map

* Please contact Thatcher Hart at Thatcherh@jupiter.fl.us or 561-741-2464 in order to obtain a copy of the proposed plans or any attachments.

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***1133 NORTH ALTERNATE A1A,
TOWN OF JUPITER, FLORIDA***

HISTORIC DESIGNATION REPORT

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Aicher House is a Wood Frame Vernacular architectural style building that is primarily significant for its important historical association with the Aicher and Carlin pioneering families of Jupiter; notably Harry Aicher, who built the house as a family residence in 1913, and was an important Town of Jupiter twentieth-century government official and influential local resident, known for his contributions in settlement and building efforts within the early Jupiter community, and for his government service as a Town councilor and postmaster.



The purpose of this historic designation report is to demonstrate that the Aicher House is a historically significant structure, primarily because of its associated cultural significance with the Town of Jupiter's past.

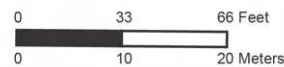
The Aicher House is located in Sawfish Bay Park, within the Cabot subdivision of the Town of Jupiter at the street address of 1133 North Alternate A1A. The house lies in Township 40 South, Range 43 East, and Section 31. The Aicher House legal description for its current location is: CABOT SUB LTS 2 THRU 8 LYG ELY OF & ADJ TO ALT A-1-A RD R/W) & 31-40-43, PT OF SW 1/4 LYG BET ALT A-1-A RD R/W & SAWFISH BAY IN OR13512P1923. The present zoning is PI—PUBLIC / INSTITUTIONAL (30-JUPITER) .

LOCATION MAP



Figure 1. 2025 aerial photograph of the Aicher House (Florida Master Site File number 8PB20752).

-  = Aicher House (8PB20752) boundaries
-  = Parcel/Sawfish Bay Park boundaries



Base map source: Palm Beach County Property Appraiser

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Aicher House was built by Jupiter pioneer, Harry Francis Aicher (b. 1898-d. 1970) in 1913 when he was 15 years old, and it was used as a residence for he and his wife, Alma Mary Aicher (a.k.a. Mary Blount Holden; b.1900-d.1976). Harry built the house for a cost of \$600, on property that was given to him by his grandmother, Mary Carlin, but originally owned by his father, Dr. Ferdinand Constantine Aicher (nicknamed “Conn”). Dr. Aicher came from Bristol, England, and was naturalized to the United States in 1882; he was an optician, and owned a general store in Jupiter, which was named F.C. Aicher & Co. He married Ella May Carlin in 1897, who was the 3rd child of Charles and Mary Carlin. The Carlins were an important Jupiter pioneer family, and Captain Charles Carlin was one of the most notable, who was a founding father of the Jupiter community. In 1871, Charles became Assistant Lighthouse Keeper, and worked for 3½ years at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, then in 1885, Charles took command of the newly organized U.S. Life Saving Station at Jupiter Inlet. He eventually built the first private residence in Jupiter, completing it by 1887, and due to necessity for lodgers to have a place to stay in Jupiter, the home was turned into a hotel called the Carlin House.

In childhood, Harry Aicher attended the Jupiter School, which was located within the current Sawfish Bay Park. Harry operated the Aicher Store in “West Jupiter” that was located on Center Street, and he also was the Town of Jupiter Councilor from 1928-1930, and postmaster in Jupiter from 1934-1953. Alma Aicher worked with Harry at the post office, and was an active member of the Red Cross, which was located within the post office building. Her and other members would knit, sew, and mend for servicemen. She also was a member of the local Bridge Club.

The Aicher House was originally located at 144 Florida Avenue in Jupiter, which was used as a residence from 1913-2017, and it remained in possession of the Aicher/Holden family until 1983. In 2017, the previous owner of the house, Dana Anderson, wanted to replace the Aicher House with a new house, but agreed to donate the building to the Town of Jupiter, which initiated a joint effort to save and relocate the house to Sawfish Bay Park that occurred on April 7, 2018. The house was positioned within the park at the previous location of an 1896 building owned by Frederick Mortimer Cabot II, who bought the property circa 1892, and would become a well-known local hotel owner and contractor. Frederick eventually donated the land and sold the building to the Board of Education, which was used as the Jupiter School from 1901-1911. Years later the school building eventually became the home of the Zieglers who built an addition on the building. Ida Ziegler’s son John became the first mayor of Jupiter in 1925 for 7 months, so the home was called the “Mayor’s house” for a time. The Ziegler’s house was demolished sometime between 1989 and 1990, and the area laid vacant until the historic Aicher House was moved to the same location.

The relocation of the Aicher House to Sawfish Bay Park added significance to the park and the house in terms of contributing to a historically important locale and landscape. The significance of this historic landscape on which the house now sits on is even further enhanced by the existence of an important subsurface prehistoric shell mound and midden feature that was constructed by the early Native American inhabitants, in about 1900 B.C., during the Late Archaic Period. Also, from a standpoint of historic interpretation and public awareness, the historic 1915 Florida East Coast Train Depot is located near to the house, which collectively represents early life in West Jupiter

and the importance of this area as a transportation hub of the Town with access by railroad and water.

144 FLORIDA AVENUE: PROPERTY CHAIN OF TITLE VIA DEED RECORDS

- 1920-1983: Harry Aicher and Alma Aicher Holden, and/or Aicher/Holden Family
- 1983-1993: William C. Whitson and Roberta G. Rogers-Whitson
- 1993-2007: Claudia P. Lanigan
- 2007-2016: Tradwind, LLC.
- 2016-Present: Dana M. Anderson and Carol W. Anderson



Figure 2. Circa 1910 photograph of Harry Aicher (photo credit: William Carlin White Collection).



Figure 3. Circa 1925 photograph of Harry Aicher (photo credit: William Carlin White Collection).



Figure 4. 1929 photograph of Alma Aicher [front/right] (photo credit: Cary Publications).



Figure 5. Circa 1960s photograph of Alma and Harry Aicher [left] (photo credit: Loxahatchee River Historical Society).



Figure 6. 1940 aerial photograph of the Aicher House (photo credit: Town of Jupiter).

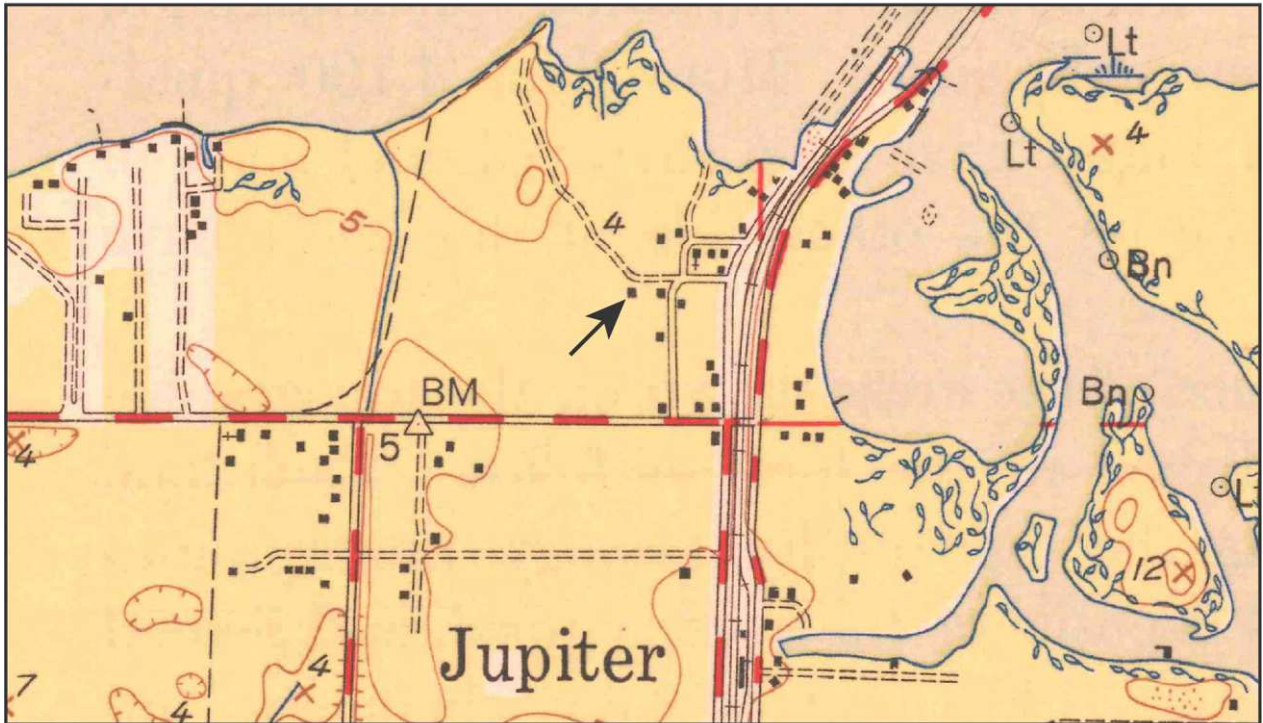


Figure 7. 1950 USGS map of the Aicher House (image credit: United States Geological Survey).



Figure 8. 1953 aerial photograph of the Aicher House (photo credit: Palm Beach County Property Appraiser).



Figure 9. 1968 aerial photograph of the Aicher House (photo credit: Palm Beach County Property Appraiser).

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Aicher House represents a Wood Frame Vernacular architectural style that was constructed of local South Florida materials, and exhibits simplicity and commonality in design for practical and functional use. Although the architecture of the Aicher House building is simplistic, it is a significant and rare example of a locally-surviving Cracker style home within the Town of Jupiter, and is characteristic of the simple life in the early Jupiter community. The house was built in 1913 by Harry Aicher, an important pioneer in Jupiter's history, who used construction material primarily composed of Dade County Pine wood, which is a dense subspecies of Slash Pine (*Pinus elliottii*) that is now considered a significant historic material element. This wood type was one of the most desirable building materials at the time in the region because of its durability (wood hardness), and its resistance to decay and insect damage. The use of Dade County Pine wood is no longer utilized, as it is now very rare and not readily available due to deforestation of this tree species in the last century.

The house also is significant for its current retention of historic architectural features, and much of its original construction material elements, which includes the wooden frame, exterior wood siding, wooden floors, windows/glass panes, and the interior wall that runs the length of the house. The only major alterations to the house were a 1950s modification of the porch, a modern replacement of the metal roof, and also a modern replacement of the structure's back wall, which was done in order to restore the house to its original historic condition, since it was previously attached to a modern building before the move. Also, at some point in the house's past, wood shake shingles were added to cover the exterior walls (siding) of the structure so that it would resemble a Craftsman style home; however, the shingles were later removed. Currently, the house is in good condition.



Figure 10. 2001 photograph of the Aicher House (photo credit: Town of Jupiter).



Figure 11. 2017 photograph of the Aicher House during its move (photo credit: Town of Jupiter).



Figure 12. Current photograph (2026) view southeast at the Aicher House.



Figure 13. Current photograph (2026) view southwest at the Aicher House.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Aicher House is a surviving historic vestige that is significant to the Town of Jupiter's twentieth century heritage and community development as well as in the areas of local town politics and government. Historically and culturally, the Aicher House is significant for its important historical association with the Aicher and Carlin pioneering families of Jupiter, specifically Harry Aicher, who built the house in 1913, and lived in the house with his wife, Alma Aicher. Harry was a notable twentieth-century Town of Jupiter government official and influential resident, known for his contributions for settlement and building efforts within the early Jupiter community, and for his local government service as a Town councilor and postmaster. The Aicher House is a rare example of a Cracker style home in Jupiter, which also contains significant early construction methods that are no longer used, in the form of material elements of Dade County Pine wood.

The Aicher House is an integral part of Jupiter's history that has contributed to the early development of the Town of Jupiter. The building is a locally-important cultural resource to the community that represents a historic landmark, and provides a physical sense of place amidst the future progress and change within the Town of Jupiter. The designation of this building will contribute to the historic stability and integrity of this cultural resource, and also it complements the historic landscape within Sawfish Bay Park, which includes the historic 1915 Florida East Coast Train Depot, all of which is important for the preservation of the Town of Jupiter's historical heritage.

Martin C. Burns, June 30, 1937.
 John W. Alles, 3d, June 30, 1937.
 Jack S. Dorsey, August 1, 1937.
 The following-named ensigns to be Lieutenants (Junior grade) in the Navy, to rank from the 29th day of May, 1937:
 Lewis L. Snider
 Raymond D. Fusselman
 John D. Bulkeley
 Nathaniel B. Davis, Jr.
 The following-named ensigns to be Lieutenants (Junior grade) in the Navy, to rank from the 31st day of May 1937:
 Jacob T. Bullen, Jr.
 Paul T. Metcalf
 Royal R. Ingersoll, 2d
 Arthur C. Smith
 William F. Cassidy
 Charles M. Henderson
 John R. Bromley
 Edgar S. Powell, Jr.
 Robert J. Ovrom
 Charles R. Stephan
 Joseph J. Staley, Jr.
 Richard C. Latham
 Earl K. Solenberger
 Donald G. Irvine
 John M. Hyde
 Wayne R. Merrill
 Surgeon James D. Rives to be a medical inspector in the Navy with the rank of commander, to rank from the 30th day of June 1936.

The following-named lieutenants (Junior grade) to be assistant paymasters in the Navy, with the rank of lieutenant (Junior grade), to rank from the date stated opposite their names:

Oakleigh W. Robinson, June 5, 1933.
 Paul W. Clarke, June 4, 1934.
 The following-named citizens of the United States to be assistant paymasters in the Navy with the rank of ensign, to rank from the 16th day of August 1937:

Daniel E. Walte.	James T. Mathews, Jr.
Milton H. Jensen.	Boyd Shafsky
Max Schlieve.	Duncan J. McNab
Lawrence V. Hallberg.	Robert A. Williams
Albert E. Pallon.	Oswald B. Porter, Jr.
Bert S. Beasley.	Phillip D. Chubb
Jerry H. Taylor, Jr.	Ernest S. Tharpe
David D. Long, Jr.	Lathrop B. Clapham, Jr.
Marion D. Sims, Jr.	George L. Bennett
Fortus D. Boyce	James J. Bunner
John B. Kackley	Albert B. Howden

Electrician Charlie Deaton to be a chief electrician in the Navy, to rank with but after ensign, from the 16th day of October 1936.

Radio Electrician August B. Cook to be a chief radio electrician in the Navy, to rank with but after ensign, from the 5th day of March 1937.

The following-named lieutenant commanders to be commanders in the Navy, to rank from the 30th day of June 1937:

Gale A. Poindexter
 Leonard F. Wessel
 The following-named lieutenants to be lieutenant commanders in the Navy, to rank from the date stated opposite their names:

Charles W. Gray, March 1, 1937.
 Wilber G. Jones, July 1, 1937.
 Marion E. Murphy, July 1, 1937.

The following-named lieutenants (Junior grade) to be lieutenants in the Navy, to rank from the date stated opposite their names:

Paul Foley, Jr., June 3, 1937.
 Edward C. Folger, Jr., June 3, 1937.
 David T. Ferrier, June 3, 1937.
 Harvey D. Akin, June 3, 1937.

Donald T. Eller, June 30, 1937.
 Edward J. Burke, June 30, 1937.
 Lot Ensey, June 30, 1937.
 Peter R. Lackner, June 30, 1937.
 William S. Estabrook, Jr., July 1, 1937.
 Bernhart A. Fuetsch, July 26, 1937.
 Christian L. Engelman, August 1, 1937.
 The following-named ensigns to be Lieutenants (Junior grade) in the Navy, to rank from the date stated opposite their names:
 Phillip W. Winston, May 29, 1937.
 Paul Van Leunen, Jr., May 31, 1937.
 Keith E. Taylor, May 31, 1937.
 Sidney L. Erwin, May 31, 1937.
 Clyde G. Caldwell, May 31, 1937.
 Lawrence H. Birthisel, Jr., May 31, 1937.

POSTMASTERS
ALABAMA
 Mae F. Seymour to be postmaster at Goshen, Ala. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 Martha Dale True to be postmaster at Newbern, Ala. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 George B. Butler to be postmaster at New Hope, Ala. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 Moses B. Rushion to be postmaster at Ramer, Ala. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.

ARIZONA
 Barbara H. Goodman to be postmaster at Ganado, Ariz. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 Lucy L. Horan to be postmaster at Inspiration, Ariz. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 James E. Harris to be postmaster at Mayer, Ariz. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 Anna M. Hall to be postmaster at San Simon, Ariz. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.

ARKANSAS
 Hal P. Johnson to be postmaster at Hatfield, Ark. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 Mary N. Old to be postmaster at Huntington, Ark. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 Ella K. Calhoun to be postmaster at Mineral Springs, Ark. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 James L. Wilson to be postmaster at Moro, Ark. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 Rucker C. Carmical to be postmaster at Rison, Ark. in place of E. R. Maddox, deceased.
 Stephan M. Helm to be postmaster at Scranton, Ark. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 Robert H. Willis to be postmaster at Watson, Ark. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.

CALIFORNIA
 Emilio C. Ortega to be postmaster at Ventura, Calif., in place of J. E. Rains, deceased.

FLORIDA
 Luther I. Callaway to be postmaster at Chiefland, Fla. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 Harry P. Aicher to be postmaster at Jupiter, Fla. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.

Minnie Blanch Payne to be postmaster at Longwood, Fla. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 Thomas J. West to be postmaster at Riviera, Fla. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.
 Orrell W. Prevatt to be postmaster at Seville, Fla. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.

HAWAII
 Kaku Sakai to be postmaster at Hawi, Hawaii, in place of Antone Silva. Incumbent's commission expired June 1, 1936.

IDAHO
 John H. Clay to be postmaster at Riggs, Idaho. Office became Presidential July 1, 1937.

Figure 14. Harry Aicher's postmaster selection in the 1937 Congressional Record.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

1. SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)	ORDER NUMBER
1037	Harry Francis Aicher	10452
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)	Jupiter Palm Beach Florida	
(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)		
3. MAILING ADDRESS	Jupiter, Florida	
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS	PLACE OF BIRTH
	43	Minneapolis
	DATE OF BIRTH	STATE
	August 8, 1894	Minnesota
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS	Mrs. Alma Aicher, Jupiter, Florida	
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS	Postoffice Department—Federal Government	
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS	Jupiter Postoffice (Postmaster) Jupiter Palm Beach, Florida	
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
SIGNATURE		PLACE OF SIGNATURE
Harry P. Aicher		Jupiter, Florida

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1921

Figure 15. Harry Aicher's 1942 registration card.

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 Update



HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE Version 5.0 3/19

Clear Form Values

Site#8 **PB20752**
Field Date 4-6-2026
Form Date 4-6-2026
Recorder #

Shaded Fields represent the minimum acceptable level of documentation.
Consult the *Guide to Historical Structure Forms* for detailed instructions.

Site Name(s) (address if none) Aicher House Multiple Listing (DHR only) _____
Survey Project Name Aicher House Historic Designation Survey # (DHR only) _____
National Register Category (please check one) building structure district site object
Ownership: private-profit private-nonprofit private-individual private-nonspecific city county state federal Native American foreign unknown

LOCATION & MAPPING

Clear Location Values

Street Number 1133 Direction N Street Name Alternate A1A Street Type _____ Suffix Direction _____
Address: _____
Cross Streets (nearest / between) Alternate A1A and East Center Street
USGS 7.5 Map Name JUPITER USGS Date 1986 Plat or Other Map _____
City / Town (within 3 miles) Jupiter In City Limits? yes no unknown County Palm Beach
Township 40S Range 43E Section 31 1/4 section: NW SW SE NE Irregular-name: _____
Tax Parcel # 30-43-40-31-02-000-0020 Landgrant _____
Subdivision Name CABOT SUB OF GOV 4 IN Block _____ Lot _____
UTM Coordinates: Zone 16 17 Easting Northing
Other Coordinates: X: _____ Y: _____ Coordinate System & Datum _____
Name of Public Tract (e.g., park) Sawfish Bay Park

HISTORY

Clear History Values

Construction Year: 1913 approximately year listed or earlier year listed or later
Original Use Residence, private From (year): 1913 To (year): 2017
Current Use Museum/Gallery/Planetarium From (year): 2018 To (year): 2026
Other Use _____ From (year): _____ To (year): _____
Moves: yes no unknown Date: 4-7-2018 Original address 144 Florida Avenue, Jupiter FL
Alterations: yes no unknown Date: _____ Nature 1950s porch mod.; back wall replaced
Additions: yes no unknown Date: _____ Nature _____
Architect (last name first): _____ Builder (last name first): Aicher, Harry Francis
Ownership History (especially original owner, dates, profession, etc.)
• 1920-1983: Harry Aicher and Alma Aicher Holden, and/or Aicher/Holden Family

Is the Resource Affected by a Local Preservation Ordinance? yes no unknown Describe Town of Jupiter Historic Ord.

DESCRIPTION

Clear Description Values

Style Frame Vernacular Exterior Plan Rectangular Number of Stories 1
Exterior Fabric(s) 1. Wood siding 2. _____ 3. _____
Roof Type(s) 1. Gable 2. _____ 3. _____
Roof Material(s) 1. Sheet metal:5V crimp 2. _____ 3. _____
Roof secondary strucs. (dormers etc.) 1. _____ 2. _____
Windows (types, materials, etc.)
Wood double hung sash
Distinguishing Architectural Features (exterior or interior ornaments)
Exposed rafter tails, front gable vent.
Ancillary Features / Outbuildings (record outbuildings, major landscape features; use continuation sheet if needed.)

DHR USE ONLY		OFFICIAL EVALUATION		DHR USE ONLY	
NR List Date _____	SHPO – Appears to meet criteria for NR listing: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> insufficient info	Date _____	Init. _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner Objection	KEEPER – Determined eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Date _____		Date _____	
	NR Criteria for Evaluation: <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d (see <i>National Register Bulletin 15</i> , p. 2)	Clear Check Boxes			

DESCRIPTION (continued) Clear Description Values

Chimney: No. 0 Chimney Material(s): 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
 Structural System(s): 1. Wood frame 2. _____ 3. _____
 Foundation Type(s): 1. Piers 2. _____
 Foundation Material(s): 1. Concrete Block 2. _____

Note: you may use the last box in each field to type in an answer that does not appear in the list provided

Main Entrance (stylistic details)
 Single door access via porch with hip roof.

Porch Descriptions (types, locations, roof types, etc.)
 Front porch with hip roof.

Condition (overall resource condition): excellent good fair deteriorated ruinous

Narrative Description of Resource
 This building is a good example of a Florida Cracker style house, which is locally significant for the Town of Jupiter because of its association with Harry Aicher, who was an important Jupiter pioneer.

Archaeological Remains _____ Check if Archaeological Form Completed

RESEARCH METHODS (select all that apply)

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMSF record search (sites/surveys) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> library research | <input type="checkbox"/> building permits | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn maps |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FL State Archives/photo collection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> city directory | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupant/owner interview | <input type="checkbox"/> plat maps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> property appraiser / tax records | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> newspaper files | <input type="checkbox"/> neighbor interview | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Lands Survey (DEP) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cultural resource survey (CRAS) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> historic photos | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> interior inspection | <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER record search |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other methods (describe) _____ | | | |

Bibliographic References (give FMSF manuscript # if relevant, use continuation sheet if needed)
 Advanced Archaeology, Inc. Designation Report for the Aicher House, April 2026.

OPINION OF RESOURCE SIGNIFICANCE Clear Significance Values

Appears to meet the criteria for National Register listing individually? yes no insufficient information
 Appears to meet the criteria for National Register listing as part of a district? yes no insufficient information

Explanation of Evaluation (required, whether significant or not; use separate sheet if needed)
 Site 8PB20752 exhibits simplicity and commonality in design, and lacks significant national historic associations; therefore, it is not considered eligible for listing in the NRHP; however, it is locally significant for the Town of Jupiter's history.

Area(s) of Historical Significance (see *National Register Bulletin 15*, p. 8 for categories: e.g. "architecture", "ethnic heritage", "community planning & development", etc.)
 1. Local 3. _____ 5. _____
 2. Politics/government 4. _____ 6. _____

DOCUMENTATION Clear Documentation Values

Accessible Documentation Not Filed with the Site File - including field notes, analysis notes, photos, plans and other important documents

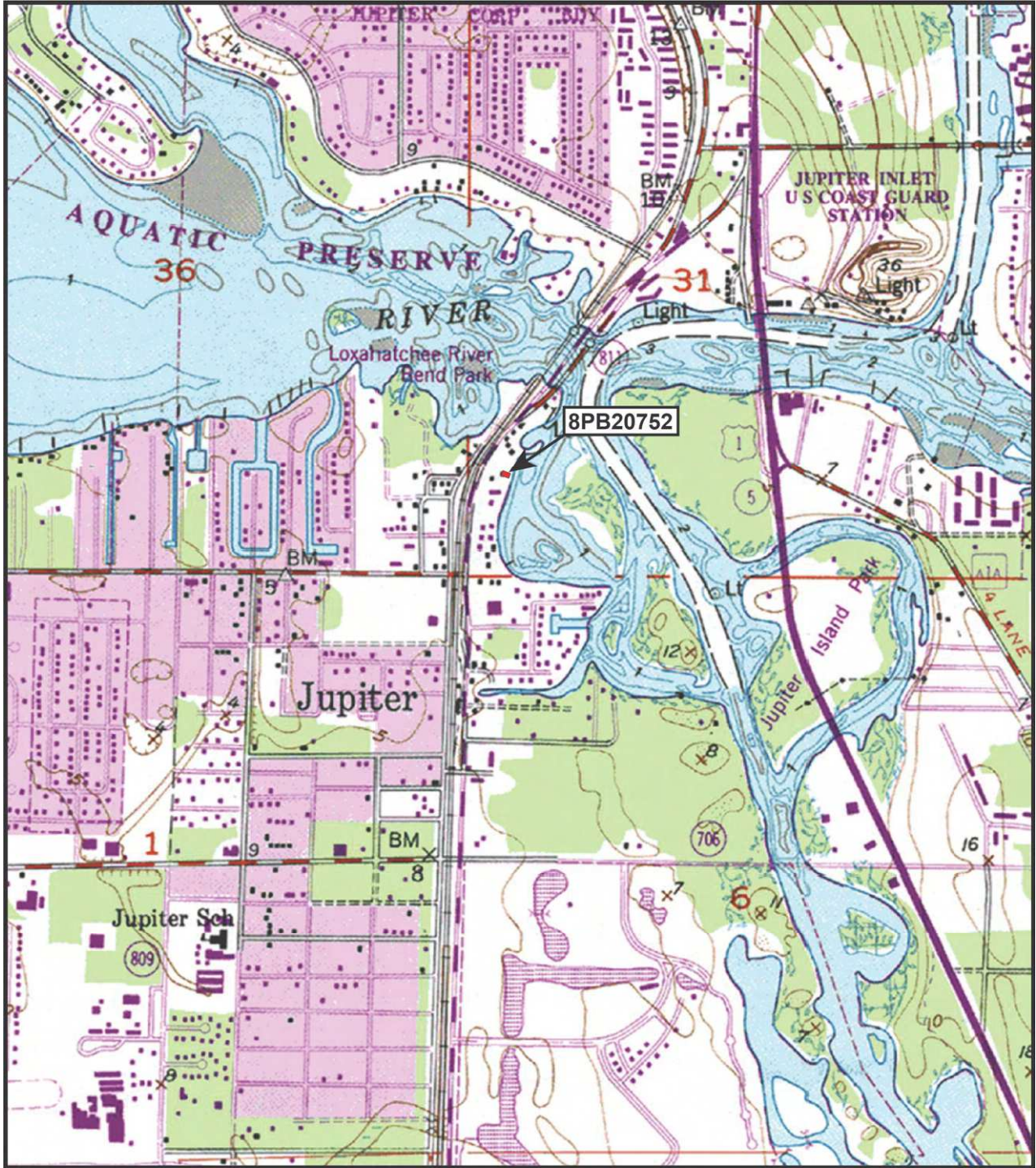
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 Document description Notes, maps, photographs File or accession #'s _____

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 Document description _____ File or accession #'s _____

RECORDER INFORMATION

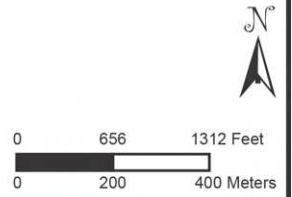
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 Recorder Contact Information contact@advancedarchaeology.com
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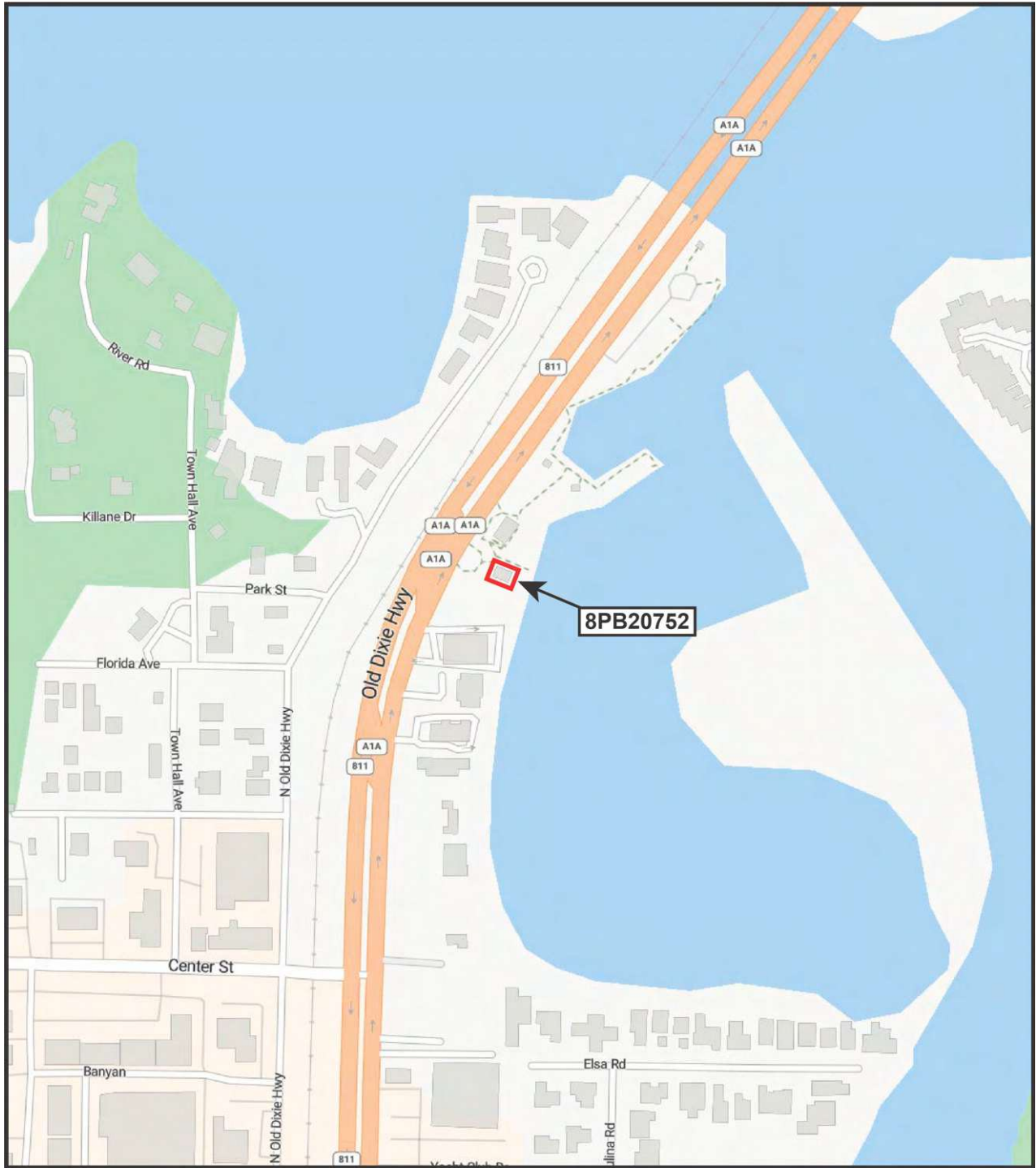
Required Attachments	<p>① USGS 7.5' MAP WITH STRUCTURE LOCATION CLEARLY INDICATED</p> <p>② LARGE SCALE STREET, PLAT OR PARCEL MAP (available from most property appraiser web sites)</p> <p>③ PHOTO OF MAIN FACADE, DIGITAL IMAGE FILE</p> <p><small>When submitting an image, it must be included in digital <u>AND</u> hard copy format (plain paper grayscale acceptable). Digital image must be at least 1600 x 1200 pixels, 24-bit color, jpeg or tiff.</small></p>
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USGS map of site 8PB20752 (Aicher House)

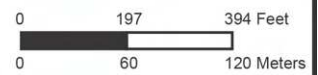
Base map source: USGS Jupiter (1986)
 Site location: Township 40 South, Range 43 East, Section 31





Street map of 8PB20752 (Aicher House)

Base map source: Bing maps





Current photograph (2026) view southeast at the Aicher House.



Current photograph (2026) view northeast at the Aicher House.

Local Historic Designation Criteria in Section 27-1675.9(2)(a) of the Town Code

(2) Criteria.



(a) To qualify as a designated historic site or historic district, properties, individual properties, structures, sites and buildings, or groups of properties, structures, sites and buildings, the proposed site or district shall meet one or more of the following criteria:

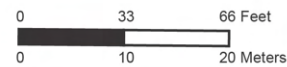
1. Is associated in a significant way with the life or activities of a major person important in Jupiter, Palm Beach County, Florida or national history;
2. Is associated with an historic event with significant effect upon Jupiter, Palm Beach, the Town, County, State or nation;
3. Is associated in a significant way with a major historic event whether cultural, economic, military or political;
4. Exemplifies the historic, political, cultural or economic trends of the community history;
5. Is associated in a significant way with a past or continuing institution which has contributed to the life of the Town;
6. Portrays the environment in an era of history characterized by one or more distinctive architectural styles;
7. Embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style, period or method of construction;
8. Is an historic or outstanding work of a prominent architect, designer, landscape architect, or builder; or
9. Contains elements of design, detail, material, or craftsmanship of outstanding quality or which represents, in its time, a significant innovation or adaptation to the south Florida environment.

LOCATION MAP



Figure 1. 2025 aerial photograph of the Aicher House (Florida Master Site File number 8PB20752).

-  = Aicher House (8PB20752) boundaries
-  = Parcel/Sawfish Bay Park boundaries



Base map source: Palm Beach County Property Appraiser

FLORIDA EAST COAST (FEC) RAILWAY CANAL

The Jupiter FEC Railway Canal, built in 1914, was the impetus in creating the commercial area along Center Street and Dixie Highway. The canal served the second Jupiter FEC Train Depot, *circa* 1915, and replaced the first smaller depot, built in 1894, that was located approximately 2,300 feet north at current day Sawfish Bay Park. To entice FEC to relocate the train station, the Jupiter Realty Company provided land for the construction of a new station, spur track and canal area. Jupiter Realty then subdivided the surrounding lands into residential and commercial lots which shifted Jupiter's transportation hub and spurred development. The construction of the canal and train depot also provided funding for the "grading and rocking of public highways" prior to the Town's incorporation in 1925. Businesses like Bower Brothers' Co. General Merchandise and Lainhart & Potter relocated to the area, and Seminoles and Miccosukee were known to trade their goods at local stores. The new canal made it possible for boats to land freight within 125 feet of the depot, supporting a thriving agricultural industry exporting pineapples, citrus, ferns, and vegetables for shipping to the north. The need for the train station and canal ceased in the mid 1960's when passenger rail ended and the FEC Train Depot was moved to Tequesta in 1966 by Betty Bush. It remained there until 2012 when Jupiter's Mayor, Karen Golonka, negotiated its return to Jupiter at Sawfish Bay Park.

Character count: 1234 (without title) 1235 max

Currently 1472 with spaces