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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Homelessness Council-Appointed Subcommittee
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022 - 3:00 PM
Bell Building - 215 D Street - Second Floor Conference Room
Lewiston, ID 83501

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CITIZEN COMMENTS
- III. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 MINUTES - Action Item
- IV. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 MINUTES - Action Item
- V. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING HOMELESSNESS
 - A. PRESENTATION BY MICHELLE KING ON POTENTIAL LOCATIONS AND CRITERIA
 - B. UPDATE ON FORMER ST. STAN'S SCHOOL GYM
- VI. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

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September 30, 2022

Dear Members of the committee handling the homeless and shelter issue,

My name is Vincent Tsang I reside at 837 5th st Clarkston WA. and have a business at 2134 4th Ave North Lewiston Idaho. I have viewed the meeting from September 29th. It is very apparent that the non-profits have no funds available and seeking the City of Lewiston to take on the burden of aiding/caring for the homeless population during the cold months ahead. I disagree with that direction, in my opinion, that would be in the direction of a socialist form of government.

No private property owner or religious organization is willing to host at the moment either, so my solution is, to have a warming shelter temporarily just like the cooling shelter this summer at the community center or city library. Operated by the city with med-high barrier policies or let the non-profit organization operate and keep a close eye on how they handle it, that way they can show the neighbors they are responsible and accountable. Let them have the space that is at low rent so it covers the city's utility cost for the time they are there. Since the city is being placed in a hard spot and a rock mind as well do it on the city/council terms. If you did a cooling shelter why not do a warming shelter?

The idea of having a shelter in a gymnasium is not wise, they have high ceilings and little to no insulation, a vast open space, so the heating cost would be overburdening. At the old St. Stanislaus site, there is a dining hall behind the old church that would be ideal conditions for a warming shelter if Sister Pat or the hospital will allow it. Another idea is the old school rooms.

Lastly, the cost of the operation is estimated to be \$300 thousand plus. Is that the cost burden the city is willing to take on or contribute to annually? If these non-profit organizations are so charitable and humanitarian why would the administrators and top staff get paid a full wage? They ask for donations, so why don't they sacrifice/donate 50%-100% of their paid time so more funds are available for the continuum of care of the vulnerable homeless population? To me, it's turning into a toxic charity.

Other sites to consider:

- Community Action building on new 6th street. In their conference rooms
- Lewiston police training center in the sunset area
- Bell building Community development where you are having your meetings.
- The old city pool building(Volmer Bowl)
- The old Library building in Pioneer park
- Other city or county-owned property with buildings?
- Mobile trailer units on empty city-owned lots?
- The old LCCU bank building on Idaho street

Sincerely,
Vincent Tsang

September 22, 2022
Homelessness Subcommittee Meeting

THE HOMELESSNESS SUBCOMMITTEE met in a meeting at the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D Street. Councilor Tousley called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councilor Tousley; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Forsmann; Mayor Johnson; Laura Von Tersch; Kayla Hermann; Brianne Drury; Dawn Ortiz;

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 MINUTES - Action Item

Councilors Forsmann and Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, approval of the September 8, 2022 minutes. The motion carried 3-0.

IV. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING HOMELESSNESS

Community Development Director Von Tersch reported that at the last meeting, she was asked two questions. The first question was if there were properties within the Opportunity Zone that would be available for a homeless shelter, along with zones C-4, C-6, M-1 and M-2. An Opportunity Zone was a construct of the U.S. Treasury to encourage investment in Census Tracts that have no poverty issues. The Opportunity Zone starts at 8th Avenue North, extends to North Lewiston and then to eastern City limits. The second question was how many of the properties from the mailing inquiry were located in the Business Improvement District. The answer is 6 property owners were interested in the possibility of their property being used for a homeless shelter.

Ms. Von Tersch explained that staff requested two private parties, one representing a bank and the other representing Tri-State Hospital provide what materials they hand out to persons needing additional resources. The goal was to get a picture of what is out there and who is providing it, but no materials have been provided.

After much discussion, the Homelessness Subcommittee asked staff to review two buildings, Parish Social Hall and Saint Stan's former gymnasium and report back at the next meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston Homelessness Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

September 29, 2022
Homelessness Subcommittee Meeting

THE HOMELESSNESS SUBCOMMITTEE met in a meeting at the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D Street. Councilor Tousley called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councilor Tousley; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Forsmann; Kayla Hermann; Tanya Brocke; Melinda Rose;

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Johanna Musseid-Frank, resident of Lewiston, expressed concerns relating to drugs in the valley and the need for a shelter.

Deputy Clerk Brocke read a letter from Laura Wright concerning the rush for a homeless shelter and encouraged the subcommittee to see how UGM's shelter operates before making a decision.

Jolene Cliff, resident of Lewiston, commented the previous warming shelter, formerly located at Salvation Army, was packed with persons experiencing homelessness which showed a great need for a new warming shelter.

Michelle King, resident of Lewiston, expressed the importance of taxpayers and residents understanding what the subcommittee is discussing.

III. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING HOMELESSNESS

A. REPORT BACK ON FORMER ALL SAINTS SCHOOL GYM

Councilor Schroeder reported that she met with Sister Pat and All Saint's would allow the use of the gym. The only issue is the boiler and water have been turned off for years and the probability of starting the boiler and water back up would have to be further discussed to determine feasibility. There are several different options for heat sources, such as hanging heaters in the gym, and bringing in water, along with bringing in ADA portable bathrooms and cots.

Discussion followed regarding the differences between a warming shelter and low barrier shelter, along with costs and funding. Councilor Tousley explained the goals were to establish a warming shelter for the season and the first step is to find a location.

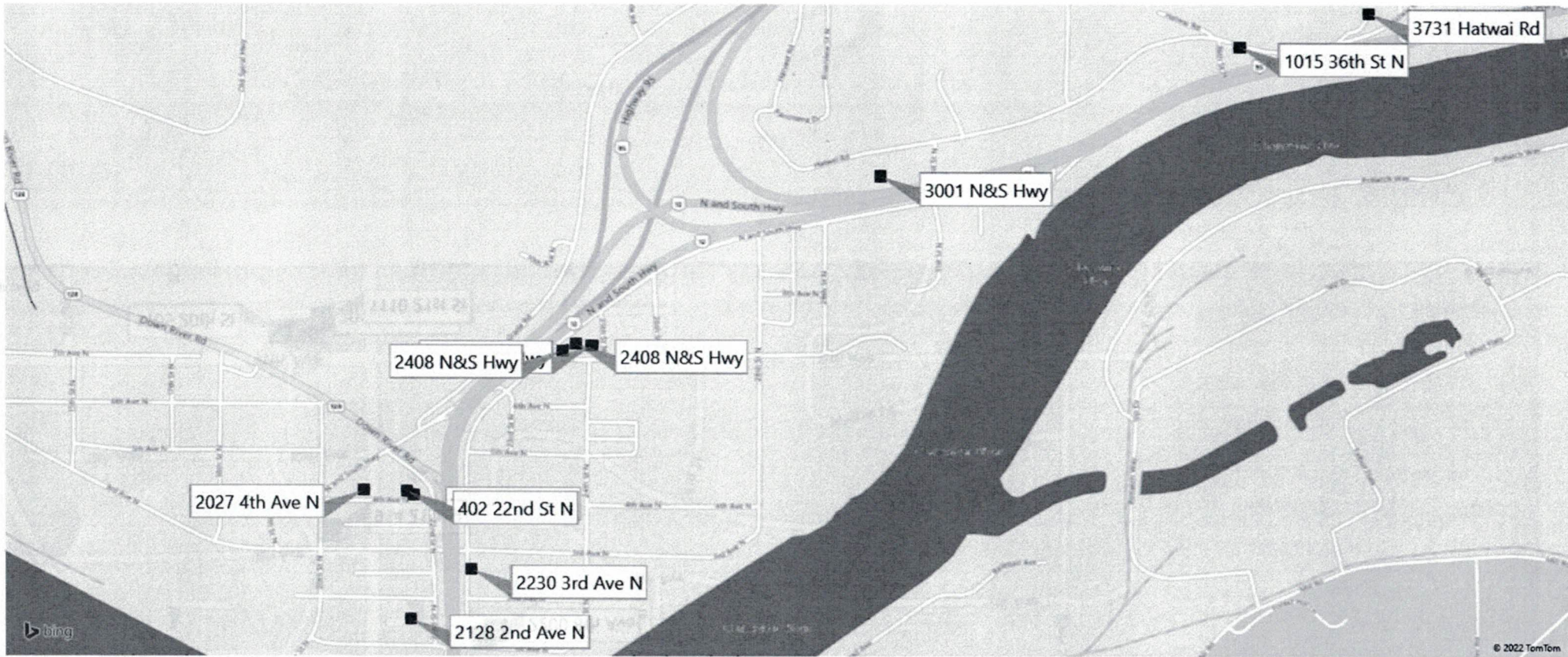
B. REPORT BACK ON FORMER SALVATION ARMY BUILDING, 1835 G

Councilor Tousley asked for the report on the Salvation Army Building. Suzanne Johnson with Twin County United Way reported that the Salvation Army indicated they were not interested in using the space for a homeless shelter, as they would be using the space for a corporate office.

After discussion, the Subcommittee scheduled the next meeting for Thursday, October 6th at 3:00 p.m. to include continued discussion on the All Saints Gym location and a presentation by Michelle King on potential locations and criteria.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston Homelessness Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.



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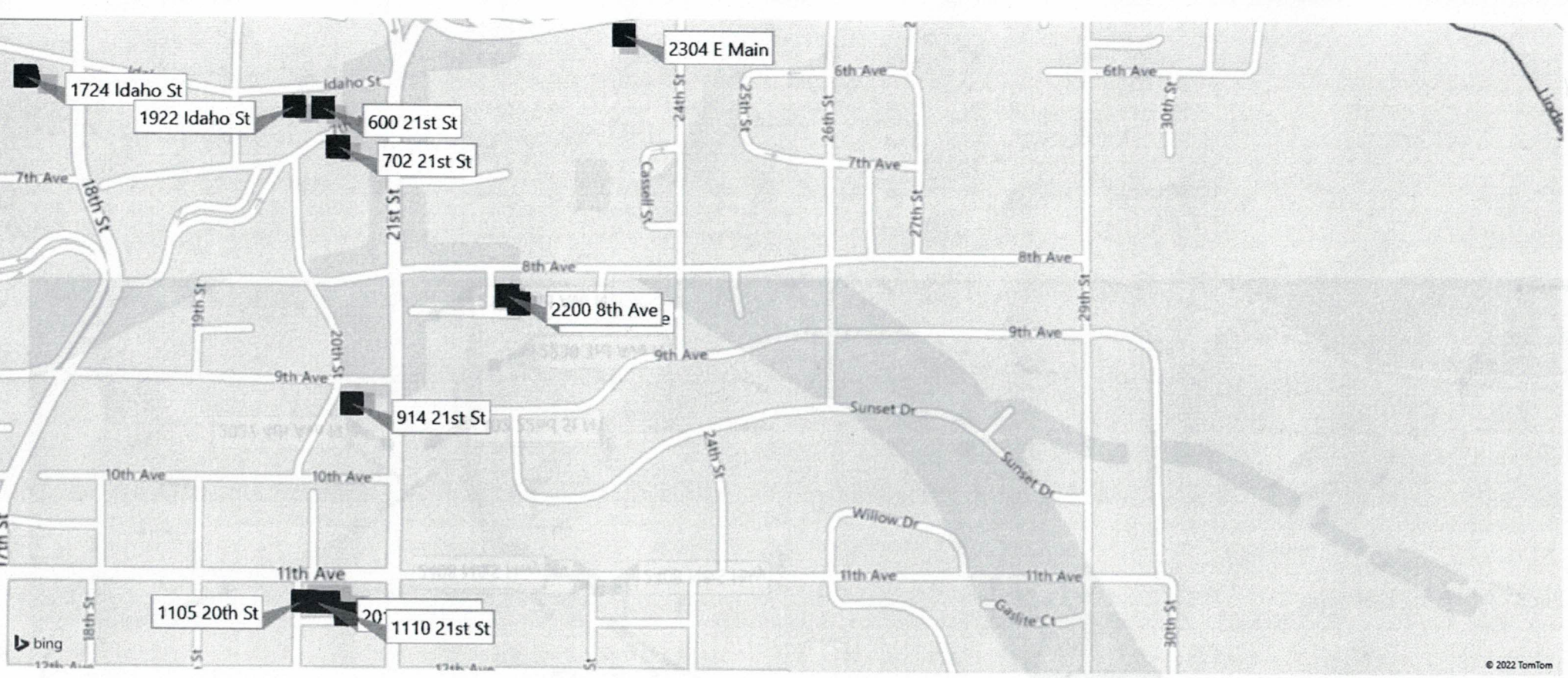
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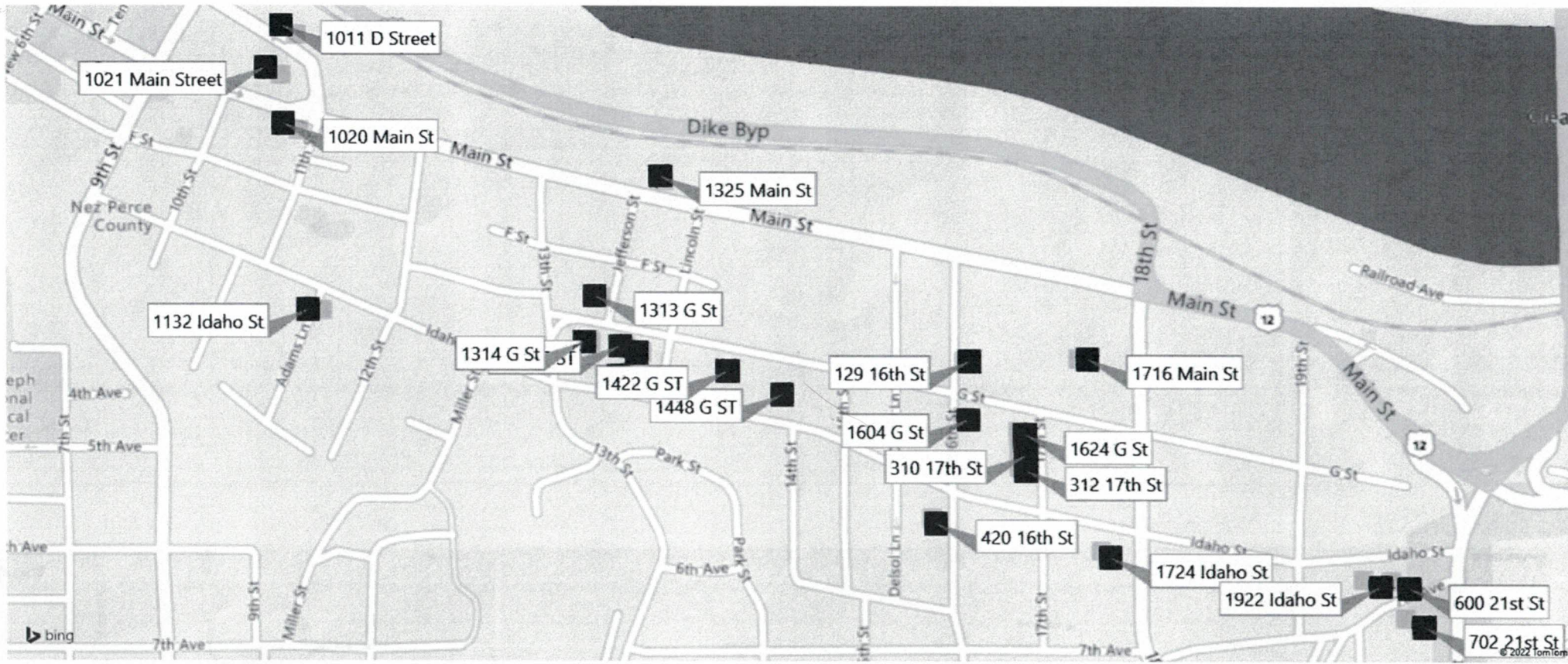
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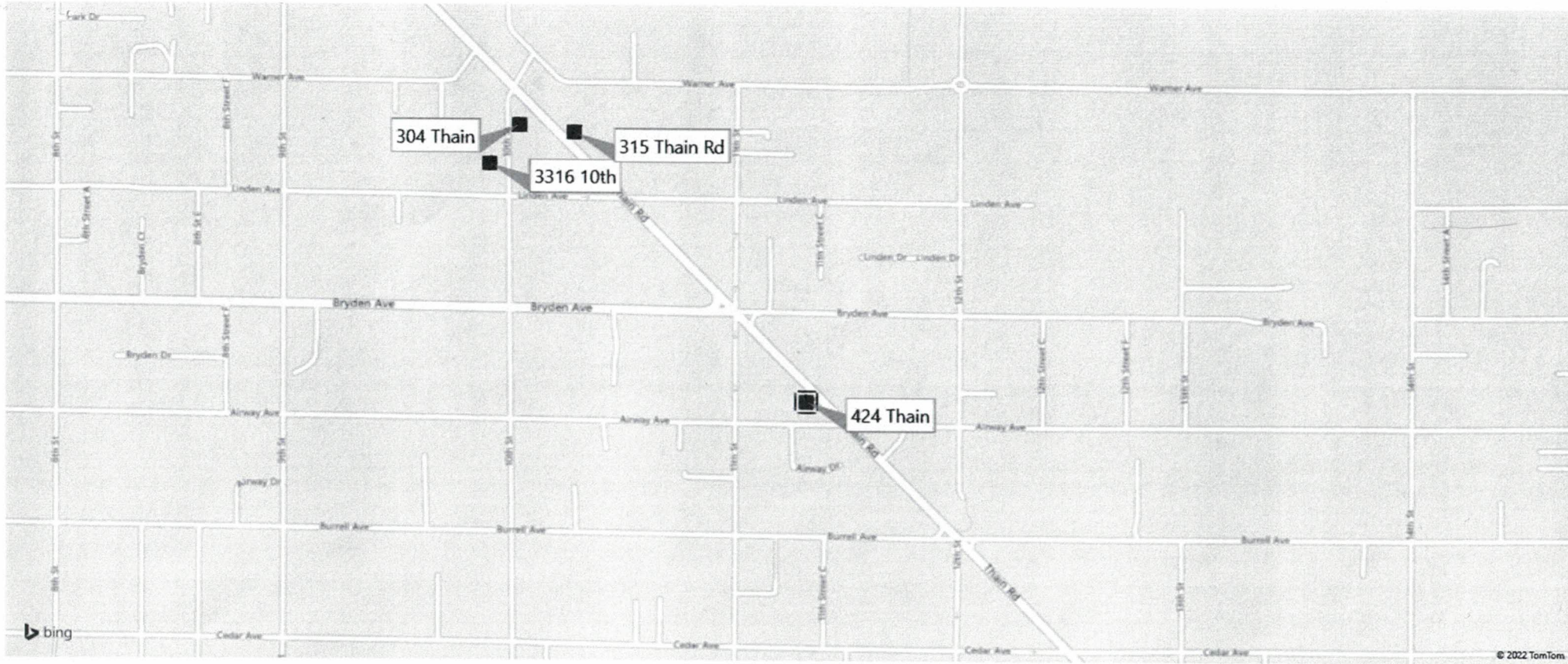
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