

## **New Smyrna Beach Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

**July 14, 2021, at 5:30 pm** - Audio of the meeting can be found [here](#):

**Commissioners Present:** Joanna Mahood (chair), Curtis Hodges (vice chair), Angie Barretta-Herman, Lianne Bennett, Terry Bledsoe, and Christie Abramovic. **Absent:** Suzanne Ladd **Others Present:** Assistant City Manager Brian Fields, Assistant City Attorney Chris Ryan, and Development Services Coordinator Stephanie Ferrara.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** for the meeting on May 12, 2021 - unanimous with revisions.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Dr. Rebecca Harris, Founder and Director of Smyrna Archaeological Research Institute, presented a PowerPoint, which was submitted as part of the record for the meeting. The presentation focused on the importance of involving the community in historic preservation and deciding what the governing philosophy of the city is to be with regards to future development. Also included was a brief history of the city flag and its symbolism.

### **Chapter 50 Kick Off Meeting with S&ME**

Assistant City Manager Fields introduced S&ME as the consulting company contracted by the City to assist with rewriting the Historic Preservation portion of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Dr. Barretta-Herman noted that the presentation material referenced replacement of Chapter 50 and moving it to the Land Management section of the codes, but that the Commission had neither discussed nor given support for that approach. While it was agreed that specific sections of Chapter 50 need to be updated, any updates should strengthen the scope of historic preservation, which has broad community support. Mr. Fields stated that there had been no decision to move Chapter 50.

S&ME Planning Group Leader Pat Tyjeski introduced herself and Landscape Architect Eddie Browder as the leads on the Chapter 50 project. They currently serve as Historic Preservation Officers for the cities of Titusville and Melbourne. The process was outlined to include meeting with the City Staff, the Historic Preservation Commission, and with the City Commission to review what is and isn't working with Chapter 50. Following that, work will begin on a revised draft of the chapter. Implementing the Local Historic Districts will be a necessary step in strengthening the codes with revamped guidelines. Maps of those districts should be accessible to the public.

The Commission designated Chair Mahood as the liaison to work with S&ME through the revision process.

### **Local Historic District Update**

Development Services Coordinator Ferrara presented a map of the Coronado Historic District, where the initial efforts are being focused to obtain the needed number of property owner approvals. Assistant City Manager Fields stated the next step in that process will be a public meeting, which is targeted for September.

**The Next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2021**