

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS TO DETERMINE INTEREST IN CREATING LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS

DATES: October 30, 2021, for Coronado Local Historic District

November 6, 2021, for New Smyrna Beach Local History District

PURPOSE: To determine interest in creating Local Historic Districts

At both meetings, Robert Mathen, City of New Smyrna Beach Historic Preservation Officer, gave a Power Point presentation outlining the procedural steps needed to establish Local Historic Districts. You can view the presentation, maps and data referenced below contained in the following two files:

- [Coronado Historic District](#)
- [NSB Historic District](#)

These steps include the following:

- Holding neighborhood meetings
- Obtaining residents' consensus
- Getting a recommendation from the NSB Historic Preservation Commission
- Having an approval rate of 66% of all property owners in the proposed Local Historic Districts
- Drafting a City Ordinance for approval by the City Commission.

Currently, the proposed Local Historic Districts (LHD) follow the same footprint as the National Historic Districts (NHD). Using the NHDs will save time and money as new surveys will not be required. Maps of the Coronado Historic District established on February 21, 1997, and the New Smyrna Beach Historic District established on April 26, 1990.

Benefits of Local Historic Districts are the following:

- Protect the architectural features of the neighborhood
- Long term preservation of neighborhood character and charm
- Maintain consistency of building form and aesthetics
- Better protection of owner investment
- Potential for greater property value appreciation
- Neighborhood stabilization

The City has already sent several letters to all property owners in both National Historical Districts asking for a vote in favor/not in favor of creating Local Historic Districts. Both districts are close to obtaining the necessary 66% in favor of the Local Historic Districts. Once that threshold is reached, the City can continue pursuing the creation of these Local Historic Districts.

Questions were taken and answered at the end of the meeting. Mr. Mathen advised that he can be contacted at Rmathen@cityofnsb.com for further information.