

Historic NSB Preservation Commission (HNSBPC) Meeting June 8, 2022

Video of the meeting can be found [here](#).

Board members present: Joanna Mahood (chair), Christie Abramovic, Dr. Angeline Barretta-Herman, Terry Bledsoe, Stephanie Thomas-Rees, and Douglas Toth.

Others Present: Senior Planner Robert Mathen, Assistant City Attorney Shey McCurdy, and Development Services Coordinator Stephanie Ferrara.

THE MINUTES for the March 9, 2021 meeting were approved.

Public Participation:

- James Bass, 1106 Palmetto Street, asked whether he could comment on an agenda item when it came up. Chair Mahood indicated yes.
- Terrence and Virginia Stephens of the Seahorse Inn, 423 Flagler Ave, presented a power-point of the history and work at that property.

Jessie Stevenson Kovalenko Memorial Gymnasium. On May 10, 2022 the City Commission voted, 5-0, to designate the Jessie Stevenson Kovalenko Memorial Gymnasium as a local landmark. The City Commission discussed the possibility of creating a plaque for each of the local landmarks. The HNSBPC is being asked if they would support plaques at the local landmarks. Several members spoke in favor of the plaques. Resident James Bass asked whether there could be a mural put on the gym. Staff indicated that a Certificate of Appropriateness from the HPC would be required for any exterior changes.

2022 Donnadine Miller Preservation Awards. Three properties have been nominated for the residential category of the awards:

- 118 Faulkner Street
- 216 Florida Avenue
- 1000 S. Riverside Drive

The Board members voted individually by secret ballot. Each property was rated for historic significance (possible 30 points), community significance (20 points), and charm (10 points). The winning property was 216 Florida Avenue.

Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit. City Senior Planner Robert Mathen presented information regarding Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit programs that are available to property owners.

PTE-1-22: 217 Mary Avenue. A public hearing was held for a property tax exemption application. Commission member Douglas Toth indicated he was the applicant and would be abstaining from voting. He then presented a recap of the state of the property when he bought it and the extensive work that has been completed. The property was built circa 1905 and was listed on the National Register in 1990. It was in extreme disrepair when Mr. Toth purchased it in 2020. He has made extensive repairs to the structure and restored the exterior consistent with the era. Staff review indicated that the property meets the criteria for the tax credit and recommended approval. Chair Mahood asked for public comments and there were none. The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the tax credit.

Staff Comments.

- Chapter 50 Rewrite: staff has received the draft back from the City Attorney's office. The draft will be sent to the consultant. Once back from the consultants, they will schedule a special meeting for public input and HPC approval.
- Old Fort – going out to bid for contractors and an archaeologist.
- Local Historic Districts – currently waiting for Chapter 50 approval.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2022