

Historic NSB Preservation Commission Meeting

October 12, 2022, at 5:30 pm – Video of the meeting can be found [here](#):

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

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

APPROVAL FOR THE MINUTES for the December 8, 2021 (cancelled due to lack of quorum), April 13, 2022 and June 8, 2022 meetings were approved.

Chapter 50, Historic Preservation

Mr. Mathen gave a staff review of the process by which the proposed changes to Chapter 50 had progressed. This summary can be found [here](#).

Public Participation:

Sally Gillespie, representing the Executive Committee of the New Smyrna Beach Residents' Coalition, presented written comments and also made the following comments:

- Would like to see National added in several areas for restrictions that currently only reference local districts in case they are not approved.
- The demo by neglect ordinance is applauded, but penalties should apply.
- There is concern having a single person with demolition approval in 50-13
- Local and National Historic Districts can be created independently.
- Historic districts are an economic driver for NSB

Dr. Baretta-Herman commented:

- Historic homes outside the district could receive landmark designation
- Membership on the HPC should not go through the Historical Society
- There is more than one historic museum in NSB
- Cautioned against using unspecified 'staff' throughout the code and urged identify specifically who is the decision-maker
- the role of the HPC should be emphasized.

Ms. Bennett indicated that cemeteries should be included as archaeological resources and recommended some other changes under definitions.

Chair Mahood stated that local districts might be more effective in the future due to changes in the way National districts will operate.

Demolition by neglect was discussed. Code enforcement is now code compliance so they are not catching issues proactively, but this could be changing with additional staff.

Mr. Toth recommended review of the document by a technical editor for corrections, is pleased with fine increases, asked about process if local districts approved.

A motion was made to continue discussion on Chapter 50 by Ms. Bennett and seconded by Dr. Baretta-Herman. The motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Ferrara requested the members submit changes to her office by 10/28.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2022