

Historic NSB Preservation Commission Meeting

December 14, 2022, at 5:30 pm

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

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

Others Present: Senior Planner Robert Mathen, Assistant City Attorney Shey McCurdy, and Code Enforcement Officer Cindy Langdon.

APPROVAL FOR THE MINUTES for the October 12, 2022 meeting was approved.

Public Participation:

Sally Gillespie, representing the Executive Committee of the New Smyrna Beach Residents' Coalition, thanked Bob Mathen for meeting with her to review the changes to Chapter 50. The Coalition is pleased to see the added references to the National Historic Districts, which carry benefits to homeowners without the potential insurance coverage concerns local districts might bring.

CA-2-22: 314 North Duss Street, Mary S Harrell Black Heritage Museum

Representatives of the Mary S Harrell Black Heritage Museum are seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a building on the property. Staff recommends approval of the request. Grant money has been received, however prices have gone up so additional funds will need to be secured. The Commissioners voted 7-0 to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Chapter 50, Historic Preservation

Mr. Mathen recapped the extensive process by which the chapter had been revised to the current draft and indicated that the final comments from Board Members were minor in nature and could be incorporated prior to presenting it to the City Commission.

Public Participation on Chapter 50, Historic Preservation

The Executive Committee of the New Smyrna Beach Residents' Coalition commented.

- Two positive changes are reducing required approval by districts from 60% to 50%+1 and adding a 22-month building delay penalty to the *Demolition by Neglect* regulation.
- They suggest
 - o increasing the penalty fees
 - o requiring replacement structures within historic districts be built to the same FAR, height and footprint for *Demolition by Neglect*
 - o *requiring more than one person* approve demolition of historic structures
 - o changing the "Commission" to a "Board".

Commissioners asked for clarification on the impact of changing from a Commission to a Board. Staff indicated the primary reason was to differentiate from the City Commission to reduce some confusion. Responsibility and authority would remain the same. The number of meetings, also referred to as public hearings, was discussed. A minimum of four meetings would be held, with the ability to add additional meetings as needed. The term meeting is preferred.

Commissioner Toth expressed concern with the wording "any style in the district" under allowed styles, and asked staff to review this wording.

Commissioners voted 7-0 to send the proposed Chapter 50 updated with revisions to the City Commission for final approval.

Approval of the Historic Preservation Commission 2023 Regular Meeting Schedule

- Regular Meeting Dates for 2023: March 8, June 14, September 13 and December 13
- Tentative (as needed) Meeting Dates for 2023: January 11, February 8, April 12, May 10, July 12, August 9, October 11, November 8

Selection of the 2023 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

- Joanna Mahood was elected Chairperson and Stephanie Thomas-Rees was elected Vice Chairperson, both unanimously

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2022