

Historic NSB Preservation Commission Meeting

March 12, 2025, at 5:30 pm

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

Board members present: Terry Bledsoe, Stephanie Rees, Walter Bone, and Kathleen Kaufman. **Others Present:** Senior Planner Robert Mathen and Development Services Coordinator Stephanie Ferrara.

Approval of the August 14, 2024 Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes were approved.

Public Participation: None

New Business:

VS-1-24: Conduct a public hearing to review a request, from the property owner, to designate the existing Dairy Queen pole sign located at 729 North Dixie Freeway as a vintage sign.

The staff reviewed the criteria for a vintage sign designation and found that this sign more than met the criteria, so approval was recommended. Chair Rees asked whether approval of the rooftop sign was also needed, but the owner previously received a variance to refurbish and keep that sign.

The motion to approve the application was unanimous.

Selection of the 2025 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Stephanie Thomas-Rees was approved unanimously to remain the chairperson. Commissioner Bledsoe nominated Walter Bone for vice chair, and he was unanimously elected.

Staff Comments

2023-2024 Certified Local Government Letter the Planning Department filed the 2023/2024 Certified Local Government report on November 27, 2024, with the Florida Department of Historical Resources. That report was reviewed by the State of Florida and the reviewing department issued a letter of "Good Standing".

DM-3-24/CPA-2-25: 304 Murray Street Archaeological Monitoring Report on December 11, 2025 the Historic New Smyrna Beach Preservation Commission approved the demolition of a contributing structure located at 304 Murray Street with the condition that an archaeological report from a licensed archaeologist be completed. Rebecca L. Harris, a Registered Professional Archaeologist, and founder and Executive Director of Smyrna Archaeological Research Institute, (SARI), completed the report which was provided to the commission. No prehistoric materials were found, and historical materials were recent.

The September meeting date will need to be changed due to a City Commission workshop.

Staff and Commission members will seek applicants for the 2025 Donnadine Miller award.

Next Meeting: June 11, 2025