1. CALL TO ORDER
   
   A. Roll Call

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. NEW BUSINESS
   
   4.A Overview of Code Enforcement activities in the Historic Westside and other neighborhoods throughout the City.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   
   5.A 3rd Discussion on Sustainability Issues.

6. BOARD COMMENTS
Pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.0105, if an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency or commission of the City of New Smyrna Beach with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a record of the proceedings will be required and the individual will need to ensure that a verbatim transcript of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Such person must provide a method for recording the proceedings.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s office in person or by mail at 210 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168, (386) 410-2630, prior to the meeting.
Background:
The Neighborhood Council held a meeting on September 28, 2020. The meeting minutes are attached for review and approval.

Fiscal Analysis:
N/A

Strategic Plan Item:
No

Staff Report Created By: Tammy Dickerson - Administrative Specialist III

Attachments:
Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes - 9-28-20.pdf
I. ROLL CALL

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Randy Herman.

Present: Randy Herman, Shy Morris, Deborah Bell, Elizabeth Bell, Connie Meadows, Linda Palmer, Robert Johnson and Jonas Roddenberry.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Consider the approval of the August 24, 2020 Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion:
Member Morris moved to adopt the August 24, 2020 minutes. Member Meadows seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider the approval of the June 22, 2020 Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion:
Member Palmer moved to adopt the June 22, 2020 minutes, as amended. Member Bell seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously, with Member Roddenberry abstaining.

III. NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Action.
IV. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Herman stated that FDOT would be conducting a meeting on the I-95 / Pioneer Exchange on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 5:30pm at the Brannon Center.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2ND Discussion on Sustainability Committees.

Suzanne Scheiber, Founder of Dream Green Volusia, addressed the Council. She discussed their thoughts on the City creating a Sustainability Board. She discussed their achievements with Dream Green Volusia. She stated that the Council should establish policies and programs to enhance the quality of life in New Smyrna Beach by making recommendations and working with the City Commission. She suggested making a move to zero waste, reviewing the City’s trash and recycling contract, devising an eco-tourism plan, devising a commercial composting plan for food scraps, working with the County in establishing cleaner beaches, making recommendations to the City Commission for environmental art and community art projects, reviewing the environmental portions of the Comprehensive Plan, educating the public on the fertilizer ban, working with Home Depot for native plant sales, creating a Mayor’s Environmental Challenge, working with parks and recreation on proactive trash reduction methods, reviewing the City for areas needing trees, coastal area protection and restoration and adopting a drain program.

Member Johnson asked Ms. Scheiber if she thought that this could be accomplished effectively by the Neighborhood Council or if there should there be consideration for an additional committee.

Ms. Scheiber stated that she was not aware of the Neighborhood Council’s responsibilities, but she thought it would take years to accomplish the aforementioned items.

Chair Herman asked what groups were found in the past to be most responsive to their concerns.

Ms. Scheiber stated that she has been before beautification, environmental and quality of life boards.
Becca Chaffee, Volunteer for Dream Green Volusia, addressed the Council. She stated that she would be interested in being part of a Sustainability Committee. She stated that the best way for a Sustainability Committee to assist the City was to be an advocate and action agent for moving the City towards zero waste. She provided some examples of how this could be accomplished.

Member Elizabeth Bell asked if the recycle companies were still having difficulty selling some recyclables.

Ms. Chaffee stated that she was aware that there was difficulty getting rid of plastics. She stated that it was better to use reusables since the recycling system was very ineffective right now.

Annie Roddenberry, Regional Biologist for Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), addressed the Council. She stated that she was excited to hear the City talk about sustainability. She stated that she looked at sustainability as coastal resilience; specifically, oyster reefs, mangroves shore lines and living shore lines which was the idea of using green nature based infrastructure instead of grey or cement based infrastructure. She discussed a few projects that were occurring in Volusia County.

Chair Herman liked the idea of a living shore line and asked if they worked with individual homeowners on this.

Ms. Roddenberry stated that they had teamed up with a number non-profits and they had created a website called Floridalivingshorelines.com, which was geared towards private homeowners.

Member Johnson asked if anyone had explored possible initiatives in New Smyrna Beach in the past.

Ms. Roddenberry stated that she does not have anything specifically in New Smyrna Beach, but that the Marine Discovery Center’s restored marsh was an excellent example of a collaborative partnership.

Member Roddenberry asked if the state could provide funding for an individual homeowner or if they would they need to seek resources for themselves on the website.

Ms. Roddenberry stated that as a state agency, they could not work on private properties and that was the reason they worked with municipalities.
Member Deborah Bell asked where the vulnerable shorelines were located in the City.

Ms. Roddenberry stated that the maps had not been produced yet.

Member Roddenberry asked what the City could do to make it more attractive for the FWC to work in our City.

Ms. Roddenberry stated that the City could reach out to the FWC when they had projects and that they could possibly obtain a grant for shorelines.

Debbie Meahls, Executive Director Southeast Advertising Authority, addressed the Council. She stated that they do destination marketing and that four years ago, they started a sustainable tourism initiative working with One Planet Living. She stated that they had four plans. She stated that to have a sustainable plan, there needed to be overlays. She commented about trying to protect the assets.

Member Roddenberry asked Ms. Meahls if any of the speaker’s suggestions that were shared would fit in to the frame work.

Ms. Meahls stated that there was not much that would not fit in to that platform.

Chad Truxall, Executive Director Marine Discovery Center (MDC), addressed the Council. He stated that there was a lot of overlap with some of the groups and that it was a good thing. He stated that the MDC was participating in zero waste, adding that recycling was not the answer. He shared that refuse, reduce and reuse was what the focus should be.

Discussion ensued regarding a Sustainability Committee.

**Motion:**
Member Palmer moved to support a Sustainability Committee separate from the Neighborhood Council. Member Roddenberry seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Historic Westside Neighborhood Plan Update**
Jake Baker, City Planner, addressed the Council. He discussed the goals that had not been met on the plan.
Chair Herman asked if the next meeting could be at the Babe James Center and suggested a community meeting regarding the plan.

Mr. Baker stated that might be possible.

Discussion ensued regarding the disrepair of some Westside homes and if there was assistance for the homeowners.

Mr. Baker stated that he would try to get Irma Terry, Community Resource Coordinator, to speak with the Council on possible solutions for these homeowners.

Discussion ensued regarding the date of the community meeting and inviting Code Enforcement and CRA to their next meeting.

VI. COMMENTS OR STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council thanked everyone for their presentations and staff reports.

VII. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY THE STAFF

Phil Veski, Assistant to the City Manager and Public Information Officer, thanked the Neighborhood Council for their input. He demonstrated how to view information on the City’s website.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, Chair Herman adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.
Background:
The issue of nuisance structures, properties, and Code Enforcement in the Historic Westside Neighborhood Plan was discussed at the September 28th Neighborhood Council meeting.

It was suggested a Code Enforcement supervisor attend the October Neighborhood Council meeting to help explain what is being done to facilitate code enforcement issues being resolved, and potential opportunities for assistance, whether from a financial or legal perspective.

Barbara Bobelak, the Code Enforcement Supervisor, will be on hand to discuss these issues facing the Historic Westside community, and Code Enforcement issues across the City in general.

Findings:
N/A

Fiscal Analysis:
N/A

Strategic Plan Item:
No

Staff Report Created By: Jake Baker - Planner I
Background:
During their last two meetings, members of the Neighborhood Council heard presentations and entertained discussion on whether to establish a new advisory board focused on sustainability issues for the City of New Smyrna Beach. This culminated in a vote unanimously recommending the City Commission do so, to be considered during their Dec. 10 strategic planning session.

On Sept. 29, Chair Randy Herman sent the message below to staff:

*I was wondering if we could send a thank you note to the speakers last night and have some sort of follow up to their concerns about leadership for sustainability in NSB.*

*It seems to me that Deb Miel has been knee deep in the issue with some palpable successes with her One Planet project. Also Susan Scribner has really fine tuned her group's mission and obviously Chad and Annie are both tackling local and regional concerns with the waterways. I think the NC definitely is interested in ways the NC can assist on the local/zone/neighborhood level but they do not want to be the body to lead the charge.*

*I think some sort of steering committee could be formed with Deb, Susan, Chad, Annie and maybe a few folks from Turnbull Creek and one or two from NC to make the links locally. Overlap and recreating the wheel are definite concerns so that a steering committee might be the way to go forward. Please feel free to share this with Brian as I would love his feedback on how he would see how best to 'sustain' the sustainable focus in NSB.*

On Oct. 11, Chair Randy Herman sent the message below to staff:

*I had long talks with our sustainability speakers last week and will write to you and Brian*
about their interesting and cogent suggestions for moving forward. They all agreed that NC was not the best venue but hoped NC would remain in the 'mix' as they do not want this to slip away. I think we need to have sustainability on the October agenda to further debate how NC can assist in working with our neighborhoods and the various experts who are already underway.

**Findings:**
Per the Chair's request, members may continue "further debate how NC can assist in working with our neighborhoods and the various experts who are already underway" as desired.

**Fiscal Analysis:**
Not applicable.

**Strategic Plan Item:**
No

Staff Report Created By: Phillip Veski - Public Information Officer / Assistant To City Manager