

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD WORKPLAN DISCUSSION

May 15, 2018

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD OVERVIEW

Belleair's Historic Preservation Board was established in 1991 to "promote the preservation of historically-significant structures" in town. Since then, the board has worked to preserve our 28 historic structures, and has reviewed several certificates of appropriateness and applications for tax abatements. In 2014, the board was additionally recognized as Certified Local Government (CLG), which provides free training materials and allows us to apply for State funding of historic projects.

## RECENT AND CURRENT WORK BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

This has been an exciting year of growth for the Historic Preservation Board and for Belleair. A few recent accomplishments of the board include the following:

- *Received a \$50,000 grant from the State of Florida to complete our historic survey project*
- *Hired Johnson, Mirmiran, and Thompson, Inc. (JMT) to complete our historic project, and will be reviewing and revising their report and presentation of findings*
- *Issued a certificate of appropriateness and historic tax abatement to 1466 Orange Avenue*
- *Issued a certificate of appropriateness and historic tax abatement to 251 Pine Road*

## UPCOMING PROJECTS BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

The board has several projects planned for the coming year, including the points listed below:

- *Receive a final presentation of JMT's historic report at the July 24 meeting, which will include:*
  - *A minimum of 50 Florida Master Site File Forms for recommended historic properties*
  - *7 video interviews and transcripts of Belleair residents about their knowledge of the Town*
  - *An educational brochure that outlines Belleair's historic preservation program and advantages, and encourages residents of historic properties to participate in those*
  - *A map of Belleair with historic properties marked on it*
  - *A bound survey report that includes all of the above topics, along with a comprehensive history of Belleair compiled from our archives and secondary sources*
- *Encourage the residents listed in the survey report to add their homes to Belleair's historic registry via a streamlining process for properties that JMT recommends*
- *Distribute JMT's report to key stakeholders in the Town and use it to seek ways to further celebrate Belleair's history and to educate our residents on the Town's past*