

City of North Port Historic and Cultural Advisory Board

1. Findings of Fact

- a. The City of North Port has many cultural sites that predate European settlement of the area.
- b. There are, within the city's borders, remnants of early settler culture that reflects the late 19th and early 20th century development of the region.
- c. The City of North Port was incorporated as North Port Charlotte in 1959.
- d. The first developments from the General Development Corporation have already begun to mature and have surpassed the 50-year mark when historical resources are evaluated for their significance
- e. The City of North Port is seeing exponential growth that has the potential to impact historic and cultural resources in the city.
- f. The City Commission wishes to preserve historic and cultural resources through documentation and recognition of significant sites.
- g. The City Commission also wishes to educate residents on the history of North Port in order to make them more informed and engaged citizens.

2. Purpose

- a. This policy shall establish the means by which historic and cultural resources will be identified and recognized.

3. Historic and Cultural Resources

- a. Historic resources consist of buildings, structures, ruins, landmarks, landscapes, and objects residing within the boundaries of the City of North Port.
- b. Cultural resources or those resources that are predominately archaeological and have yielded or has the potential to yield significant information about the historic and ancient history of the region, state, or nation
- c. Historic and cultural resources may be identified by the following means:
 - i. Review of any historic resource survey work completed by the City of North Port
 - ii. Review of any historic resource survey work completed by another government agency
 - iii. Identified by a group or individual
- d. In order to be considered a historically or culturally significant resource, a resource must meet one of the following criteria:
 - i. Is individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places

- ii. Has been deemed eligible for placement in the National Register of Historic Places by the State of Florida
- iii. Is a contributing structure to a National Historic District
- iv. Is representative of a historic period in North Port with a high degree of integrity
- v. Is the last remaining example of a historic period in North Port history
- vi. Connected to a historic individual or event in North Port history
- vii. Has the potential to yield significant information on the historic and ancient past of the region, state, or nation

e. Evaluating Significance

- i. Any reports or findings from historic resource survey work completed in North Port shall be provided to the Historic and Cultural Advisory Board
- ii. The City of North Port shall at least annually obtain the records of North Port listings in the Florida Master Site Files from the State of Florida for the Historic and Cultural Advisory Board
- iii. The board shall review said reports to identify any potential historic resources that may meet the criteria set forth in 4.d.
 - 1. A majority of the board may select historic and cultural resources for evaluation to meet the criteria
 - 2. The board may assign a member to research the significance of a resource and report their findings at a select future board meeting
- iv. Groups or individuals that identify a potential resource must complete a resource evaluation form and submit it to the Historic and Cultural Advisory Board
 - 1. The Historic and Cultural Advisory Board shall take up the proposal at a future board meeting and decide whether to pursue the proposal
 - 2. A board member may be assigned to evaluate the significance of the resource and report findings at a select future board meeting

4. Designating Resources

- a. Once a resource has been identified, the board may elect to assign a board member to vet the resource and report their findings as outlined.
- b. The board shall then vote to recommend the resource to the city commission for inclusion in the city's historic and cultural resources inventory
 - i. The recommendation shall include the criteria for significance
 - ii. The recommendation shall include the findings for significance
- c. Upon approval by the city commission, the resource shall be added to the Historic and Cultural Resources Inventory

5. Historic and Cultural Resources Inventory

- a. The City of North Port shall keep an inventory of those resources designated historically or culturally significant
- b. Historic and Cultural Resources Inventory may be identified with the placement of a marker, provided such identification does not jeopardize the resource or violate any laws
- c. Resources in the inventory may be eligible for any benefits provided by the city commission
- d. Any undertaking by the City of North Port that may affect a resource in the Historic and Cultural Resources Inventory shall be reviewed by the Historic and Cultural Advisory Board. The board shall make recommendations to mitigate any adverse affect on resources in the inventory.