



INFORMATION MEETING

POTENTIAL DESIGNATION OF A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT AT MIRROR LAKE

REQUEST:	<p>This is a letter of notice regarding an upcoming public information meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the potential submission of a citizen-initiated application for designation as a local historic district and listing in the St. Petersburg Register of Historic Places.</p> <p>The proposed district includes all parcels within 200 feet of Mirror Lake Park and with frontages along Mirror Lake Drive North, Burlington Avenue North, Grove Street North, 4th Avenue North, and 5th Street North, as shown on the attached map.</p>
FILE NO:	23-90300003
FILE NAME:	Mirror Lake Local Historic District
DATE:	Wednesday, January 10, 2024
TIME:	6:30 p.m.
PLACE:	Sunshine Senior Center, 330 5 th St N, St. Petersburg, FL 33701
MORE INFO:	<p>For procedural questions and to register your email address for future updates: Urban Planning & Preservation Division history@stpete.org, (727) 551-3259</p> <p>Citizen applicants: Drexey Smith Rita Sewell Diane Drutowski Kristin Allukian</p>

The City of St. Petersburg has received a citizen-initiated request to consider local historic district designation for a portion of the Mirror Lake neighborhood. The historic significance of this area was previously recognized through the 2004 listing of the Downtown St. Petersburg Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places.

Public Information Meeting. Ownership records indicate that you are an owner of property located within the subject area proposed for consideration. The meeting referenced above will be an opportunity to learn about the process and impacts of local historic district designation and have questions or concerns addressed. No votes regarding the pursuit of designation will take place at this meeting; an official application for designation can only follow a balloting process prescribed by City Code.

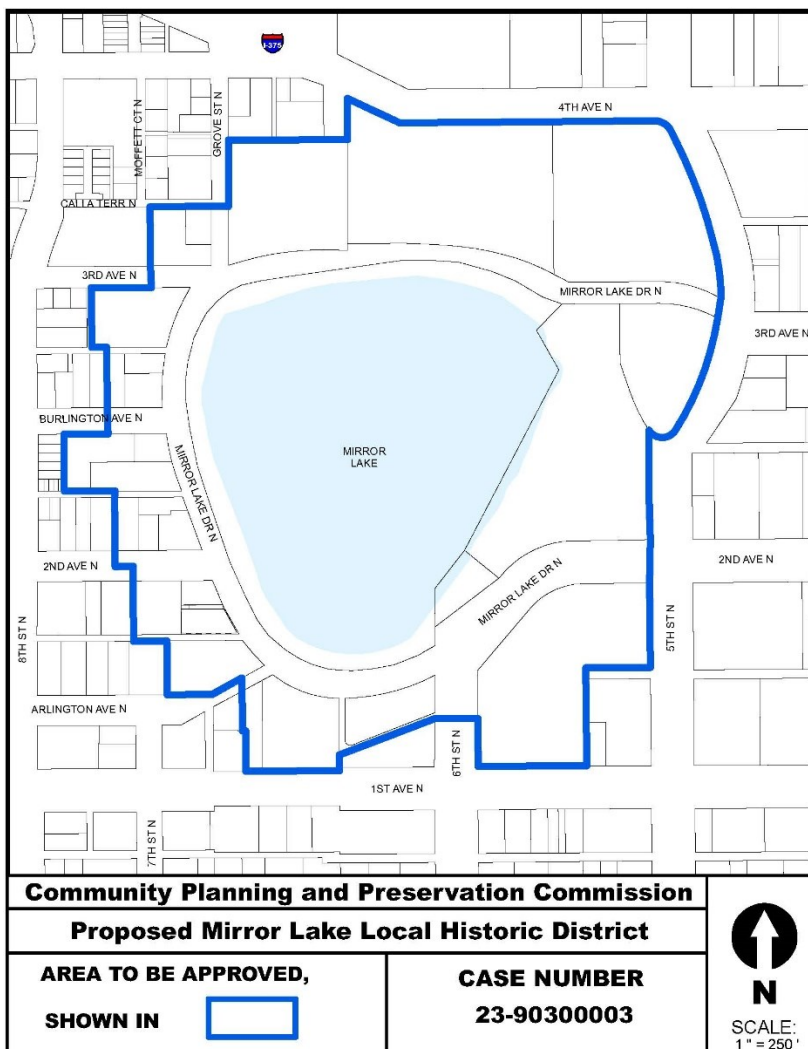
Balloting. Following the public information meeting, ballots will be issued by direct mail to all registered owners of property within the proposed designation boundary. The issuance of ballots must occur no less than 15-days and no more than 90-days after the public information meeting. The balloting period shall remain open for 60 days after the date of mailing regardless of the number of ballots received in support of the application. Votes in support of the application's initiation must be received from the registered owners representing 50% plus one of the subject tax parcels.

Application. If affirmative ballots exceed the minimum threshold required by City Code for initiating a designation application, the citizen-applicant(s) must officially file within six months of a determination by the City certifying the results of the balloting process. In addition to the ballot results, the citizen applicants are required to submit a written narrative describing the justification for the formation of the historic district based on the criteria for designation, a written description of the boundaries of the district, a list of contributing and non-contributing resources within the proposed district, and an application fee.

Public Hearings. If a sufficient number of votes supporting initiation of the application are received, two public hearings will then be held as part of the designation process:

- **CPPC Public Hearing.** One advertised public hearing will be scheduled with the CPPC. The CPPC must conduct a public hearing and determine whether the application meets one or more of the nine criteria outlined in City Code [Section 16.30.070.2.5.D.1](#), plus one or more of the seven factors of integrity, with condition, outlined in City Code [Section 16.30.070.2.5.D.2](#). The CPPC will then vote to make its recommendation to the City Council.
- **City Council Public Hearing.** One advertised public hearing will be scheduled with the City Council, following the CPPC public hearing. The City Council must conduct a public hearing, review the CPPC’s recommendation, and determine whether the application meets one (1) or more of the nine criteria outlined in City Code [Section 16.30.070.2.5.D.1](#), plus one or more of the seven factors of integrity, with condition, outlined in City Code [Section 16.30.070.2.5.D.2](#). In addition to the criteria for designation, City Council may also consider the relationship of the proposed designation to the existing and future plans for the development of the City.
 - If the CPPC recommends *for* district designation, then a simple majority vote of the City Council is required to approve the application, regardless of whether a property owner located within the district boundary is opposed to the district designation.
 - If the CPPC recommends *against* district designation, then a supermajority vote of the City Council is required to reverse the CPPC recommendation and approve the application.

The public will have an opportunity to speak at each hearing. Owners of property within and adjacent to the proposed district (within 300-feet) will be notified to the exact time and date of each hearing as it approaches. If the application is successful and the local historic district is designated, future changes to the properties within the district will be guided by *St. Petersburg’s Design Guidelines for Historic Properties*.



The City’s official webpage will be updated with information relating to this request. If you have questions/comments or would like more information but cannot attend the meeting, please visit, write, or call this office: Urban Planning and Historic Preservation, Municipal Services Center, Eighth Floor, One 4th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33701. Telephone (727) 551-3259 or email history@stpete.org.

For more information:
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