

# Historic Preservation Board

## Historic Orange City

The town's founders purchased nearly 5000 acres of Internal Improvement Land in 1875 for \$1.25 an acre. The Historic District, established in 1997, encompasses the original one square mile boundary of the town during the time of incorporation on August 26, 1882. The Historic District has 217 contributing structures dating back to 1876. Dominated by Frame and Masonry Vernacular, the district has fine examples of Bungalow, Classic Revival, Colonial Revival, Gothic Revival, and Mediterranean Revival genres. The collection of buildings contributes to the historic character of Orange City, giving the community a sense of place, charm and distinction.

When the city streets were first laid out, Graves Avenue was the traditional main street of town. The first business on the street was owned by David P. Graves, hence the name. Many founding families' names are still visible on street signs throughout the historic district, including Thorpe, Holly, Carpenter, and Sparkman. In 1881, W. W. West laid a narrow gauge rail from his store, at the corner of Holly and Graves, down the center of Graves Avenue and all the way to Blue Spring Landing. The rail cart was pulled by a mule. The tracks were later improved to standard gauge by the Orange City, Blue Spring, and Atlantic Railway. By 1887, the tracks extended all the way to New Smyrna and were soon acquired by the Florida East Coast Railway. The train stopped running through town in the early 1930s as the automobile increased in popularity.

The proliferation of automobiles prompted the demand for better roads. In 1926, the City celebrated the construction of the Black Bear trail. Today, this road is better known as Volusia Avenue, or US HWY 17-92. Sadly, many of the storefronts and oak trees that once lined Volusia Avenue were

demolished to make way for the new road. When the road was widened again in the 1980's, more historic structures were razed. Still, several significant historic resources remain. These include The 1876 Heritage Inn, the original Orange City Mineral Springs Water Company, The Dickinson Memorial Library, and a number of fine homes.

## **General Inquiries**

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205 E. Graves Ave.

Orange City, FL 32763

## **Historic Walking Tour**

Enjoy a self guided Historic Walking Tour of the traditional neighborhood, available for download on your mobile device.

Download the free mobile app "Clio – Your Guide to History." Once you have the app, click on "Tours" and search for "Walking Tour of Historic Orange City." You can also view the tour online here: [www.theclio.com/tour/1089](http://www.theclio.com/tour/1089).

## **Historic Preservation Board**

The Historic Preservation Board consists of five members who shall be unrelated and shall reside within the city limits of Orange City, except that one may be resident of the West Volusia area that has an interest in Orange City and historic preservation. Board Members are appointed by the City Council for a term of three years.

This volunteer advisory board oversees the historic area created in 1997 which encompasses the original one square mile boundary of the City of Orange City, as established in 1882. The Orange City Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2004. The district contains a variety of architectural styles, including Bungalow, Frame

Vernacular, Classical Revival, and Colonial Revival.

The Board recommends to the City Council historic property and landmark designations, as well as programs to stimulate public interest in historic preservation. The Board also advises property owners and local agencies concerning the proper protection, maintenance, enhancement, and preservation of cultural resources.

The Historic Preservation Board meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month beginning at 5 p.m. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will take place in the Development Services Conference Room located at 205 E. Graves Avenue, Orange City, FL 32763. For more information, please contact the Development Services Department at (386) 775-5415.

### **Historic Preservation Board Members**

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Seat #</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Donna Cobb	1	dcobb@ourorangecity.com	08/26/2022
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Thomas Eidel Sr.	3	teidel@ourorangecity.com	07/26/2021
James Nolan	4	jnolan@ourorangecity.com	07/26/2022
Daniel Mendoza	5	dmendoza@ourorangecity.com	07/26/2021

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### **Meeting Agendas and Minutes:**

<b>2021 Agendas</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
<a href="#">February 18th 2021</a>	
<a href="#">January 21st 2021</a>	<a href="#">January 21st 2021</a>
<b>2020 Agendas</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
<a href="#">December 17th 2020</a>	<a href="#">December 17th 2020</a>
<a href="#">November 19th 2020</a>	<a href="#">November 19th 2020</a>
<a href="#">October 15th 2020</a>	
<a href="#">September 17th 2020</a>	<a href="#">September 17th 2020</a>
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<a href="#">July 16th 2020</a>	<a href="#">July 16th 2020</a>
<a href="#">June 18th 2020</a>	Cancelled
<a href="#">May 21st 2020</a>	<a href="#">May 21st 2020</a>
April 2020	Cancelled
<a href="#">March 19th 2020</a>	Cancelled
<a href="#">February 20th 2020</a>	Cancelled
<a href="#">January 16th 2020</a>	<a href="#">January 16th 2020</a>
<b>2019 Agendas</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
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<b>2018 Agendas</b>	<b>Minutes</b>

<b>2021 Agendas</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
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**Historic Preservation Board Publications:**

[Code of Ordinances](#)

**Historic Resources**

**Important Links:**

*Step Back in Time*  
<http://www.ourorangecity.com/about-our-city/orange-city-town-history/>

*Blue Spring State Park*  
<https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Blue-Spring>

*West Volusia Historical Society* [www.delandhouse.org](http://www.delandhouse.org)

*History of Volusia County*  
<http://www.volusia.org/residents/history/index.shtml>

*River of Lakes Heritage Corridor*  
<http://riveroflakesheritagecorridor.org/>

*National Register of Historic Places in Volusia County*  
<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/fl/volusia/state.html>