

**St. Petersburg Downtown Neighborhood Association**  
**Board Meeting**  
**February 8, 2023 – 7 PM**  
Sage Social Room  
Approved Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** At 7:00, Karen Carmichael called the meeting to order.
2. **Quorum:** A Quorum was present (Karen Carmichael, Scott Clark, Martha Shibley, Mark Furillo, Kean Clifford, Steve Phillips, Ana Adler, Ann Crandall)
3. **Approval of Agenda:** After a motion and second, the agenda was approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** After a motion and second, minutes of the January, 2023, Board Meeting were approved.
5. **Officers' Reports:**
  - a. **Treasurer's Report:** Karen presented John's January 31, 2023, report, which shows a balance of \$15,286.14.
  - b. **President's Report:** Karen also presented a draft Fiscal 2023 projected budget, outlining income, expected expenses, and projected end-of-year balance. She noted that \$5000 will be invested in an interest-bearing CD. After a long discussion of projected expenses, the Board, by consensus, decided to table any discussion of outside donations, etc., though there was a general consensus that we should spend-down some of our funds, preferably in a manner which would visibly demonstrate our continuing impact on the community, such has been done with the Williams Park venture, thus far.  
In addition, Karen posted the web-site of vacancies on various public boards, should any Board members be interested.
  - c. **Membership:** Scott reported that we currently have 183 members, slightly down from last year, probably due to the loss of the "automatic re-enrollment" feature of our past online system.
6. **Community Events Reports:**
  - a. Karen noted that the American Stage Porch Party was an unquestionable success.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. **Update on Williams Park project:** Karen outlined the work done thus far, what was immediately pending, and noted that we were expecting to be ready for a March 11, 2023 Williams Park Clean-up, hoping that the mural, landscaping upgrade, trash containers, etc., would be in place by that date. After a motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with the City for our continuing involvement in Williams Park. (Copy of contract, appended to these minutes.)
  - b. **Porch Parties:** Porch parties at the Cordova (October) and Florida Craft/Art Center (December) were confirmed.
  - c. **April Members Meeting.** Consensus approved of the idea of inviting City officials who could update plans for downtown transportation. Karen will reach out to them.
8. **New business:**
  - a. **Green Light Cinema:** There was a discussion about holding some kind of event at Green Light Cinema to boost its image in the community. They will be approached again to explore viable possibilities.
9. **Adjournment:** After a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phillips, Secretary