

Minutes
ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, February 12, 2020 – EDGE Office
Approved Minutes

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Quorum: Present were Karen Carmichael, Mark Ferrulo, Steve Phillips, Al May, Martha Stibley, Grace Seinhauser, Cameron Hill, Scott Clark, Roxanne Fixsen, Andrew Davis, and Dan Harvey.

Approval of Agenda: After a motion and second, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Prior Minutes: Minutes from Board Meetings held in September, November, and January were approved.

Collection of Conflict of Interest Pledges: Documents were collected from all in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Al May presented the Treasurer's report (attached).

President's Report:

Karen noted that our contribution to First Night had been acknowledged.

Karen noted that we had received notification about several developments, and we agreed to table discussion of a process to use in responding to such notices.

We have acceptances from Gina Driscoll, Daryl Rouson, and Ben Diamond for the April General Meeting program, and are waiting to hear from Ben Diamond. We discussed the possibility of devoting the July General Meeting to Vision 2050. A March 5 Porch Party has been scheduled for The Galley.

Karen has also been working with the Rays to secure a block of seats for the Opening Afternoon game. She will pay for the tickets personally, then be reimbursed by the Treasurer for the expense. Tickets will be sold to members.

Committee Reports:

There was general agreement that we would retain the same committee structure as last year: Planning and Development; Social; Community Service; Membership and Communications.

There was consensus that we did not need to participate in the Wake and Walk program being offered by some associations, and that we would schedule only one clean-up day this year. Scott reported that this year's year-end membership was 30 members above the previous year, with 237 current paid-up members.

Community Meeting Reports:

Central Avenue Council: Karen will continue to represent us. There was general consensus that we had no problem with a car-free day being planned. Karen will serve as voting member, with Dan Harvey as alternate.

Edge Business District: Dan reviewed a preliminary plan for mat-cleaning for restaurants, which would assist with sewage and cleanliness problems. It was agreed that Karen would submit a letter of support to Sharon Wright for the project. Dan also noted that another Sip 'n Stroll was being scheduled, and that an RFQ is in the works for a new work of art at the Circle at 11th. St, and Central Avenue.

Chamber of Commerce: Recent discussions have focused on transportation and the proposal to return I 175 to a ground-level boulevard.

Rowdies Council: Mark noted that the council was pretty dormant "out of season," but would reconvene soon. Karen noted that she had been approached by the Rowdies about participating in a Sunshine City Night program on April 11.

CONA: Karen has been attending meetings. Martha Shibley will be voting member, Al May, an alternate.

League of Women Voters: Karen noted that she would like to explore a closer relationship with the League.

New Business:

Calendar of meetings:

March 11, Board Meeting, with Gina Driscoll as guest

April 1, General Meeting, with local representatives

May 13, Board Meeting

June 10, Board Meeting

July 8, General Meeting, perhaps focused on Vision 2050

August 12, Board Meeting

September 16, Board Meeting

October 14, General Meeting, suggested rescheduling to October 21, depending on availability of St. Peters hall

November 11, Board Meeting

December 9, Board Meeting

Adjournment: After a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

