

**Minutes**  
**ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – EDGE Office**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Special Guest:** Prior to the start of the official meeting, Council Member Gina Driscoll gave the board an update on a number of initiatives: BRT, expansion of the Looper, plans for Central Avenue, the new park on MLK St., the Kerouac House, and interest in landmarking the 200-block of Central Ave, which has been proposed.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

**Quorum:** Present were Karen Carmichael, Steve Phillips, Roxanne Fixsen, Cameron Hill, Deborah Stewart, Grace Steinhauser, Andrew Davis, Martha Shibley, Mark Ferrulo, Scott Clark, and Dan Harvey.

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

**Approval of Prior Minutes:** Minutes from the Board Meeting on February 12 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Though not present at the meeting, Al May had e-mailed the financial report to board members.

**President's Report:** Karen did not make a formal President's Report, but noted that she would comment on items on the agenda.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning and Development:** No new items to report.

**Social:** It was decided to postpone the April 1 General Meeting until May 19, because of the Corona Virus. Karen will explore the availability of our guest speakers for that date.

**Community Service:** The Mirror Lake clean-up is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership:** Scott reported that we are ten members "up" from the same month last year and noted that we would probably not get a "bump up" this year, since there is no Tour of Homes scheduled. It was also reported that DNA had received an "honorable mention" award for communications.

**Community Meeting Reports:**

**Central Avenue Council:** Karen reported that, unless a significant sponsor were found, there would be no First Night celebration for New Years.

**Edge Business District:** Dan reported on ongoing projects, including procuring benches for the district, new trash receptacles. There is a chance that the Edge District could secure office space in the remodeling of the old Police Headquarters, and that DNA might

be able to be located there, too. He noted that a late-June Sip 'n Stroll would be coordinated with Pride, and noted that the "grease project" is still alive. Karen will seek input from Barbara about what type of support letter and what recipients should receive it.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Discussions at the last meeting centered on a proposed tax-for-transit in Pinellas County, the proposed legislative intervention concerning flashing yellow guides for crosswalks, and BRT.

**Rowdies:** The Rowdies Council has not reactivated for the season yet; Mark will represent us again this year. Karen noted that the Rowdies management had offered us space near the Mahaffey if we wished to have a Fall picnic.

**CONA:** Martha reported that we had a new Community Services Officer, and that grants were available for groups' activities. She also noted that Earth Day is scheduled for April 4.

**League of Women Voters:** Karen is being trained in how to deal with Voter Suppression on Election Day.

**New Business:**

**October General Meeting:** Karen proposed the possibility of scheduling the October General Meeting later in October (October 21), since more of the "snowbirds" will be returned to St. Petersburg by then. We will discuss further.

**Adjournment:** After a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phillips