

ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 14, 2019
Signature Condo, Meeting Room

Approved Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Karen Carmichael called the meeting to order at 7:01.
2. **Establish Quorum:** A quorum was present. Present were Ana Adler, Dan Harvey, Mark Ferrulo, Scott Clark, Andy Davis, John Mason, John Waechter, Steve Phillips, Karen Carmichael, Al May, Grace Steinhauser, and Martha Shibley.
3. **Approval of agenda:** After a motion and second, the agenda was approved.
4. **Approval of minutes for Prior Meeting:** After a motion and second, the minutes for the June, 2019 Board meeting were approved.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Al May presented the Treasurer's report.
6. **President's Report**
 - a. House at corner of 4th. Ave S and 3rd. St.: Karen noted that she has been in communications with Zoning, Code Compliance, and the Police Department about the abandoned houses on the property, and we will continue to monitor the situation.
 - b. Pack-and-Play for Fire Department: after a motion, second, and vote, the Board approved the expenditure of funds for a Pack-and-Play, to be donated to the SPFD for use by families in need, in order to protect children's suffocation.
 - c. Spending Authority: After a motion, second, and vote, the Board granted the Board President the ability to spend, without prior Board approval, up to \$100, for minor expenses such as "boosts" on Facebook and donations, such as the donation to the SPFD, noted above.
7. **Unfinished business:**
 - a. Approved by-laws: the by-laws will be posted to the website as soon as a final version can be signed by the Secretary. John Waechter offered to provide a .pdf version for that purpose.
 - b. Proposed city parking change on 1st. Ave S. After a motion, and second, the Board voted to write a letter of support for the proposed changes in parking. Dan Harvey abstained from the vote.
 - c. BRT, Survey and letter of support: After a lengthy discussion, a consensus of the Board agreed that the topic should be tabled, pending additional information.
8. **Standing Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Planning and Development:** John updated the Board on several upcoming projects, none of which required Board action.
 - b. **Meetings and Parties:** Karen noted that the October General Meeting would be sponsored by the Suncoast Credit Union, and would feature a presentation on Wellness, with Dr. Kaneka Tomalin as the major speaker. Discussions about the January General Meeting listed possibilities of the Mayor, information on

- c. USFSP's Conference on World Affairs, and the St. Petersburg Museum of History. More to follow
- d. **Community Service:** Clean-up of the EDGE District will be Saturday morning, August 24.
- e. **Membership:** Scott noted that we have 253 members and that the trends are favoring upward movement.
- f. **Communications and Marketing:** Karen noted that The Galley has been added to the list of merchants who will give discounts to DNA members.

9. Community Meeting Reports:

- a. John Mason updated the Board about discussions on disaster preparedness at the County level, aimed specifically at hurricanes and wide-scale flooding.
- b. Dan Harvey presented latest details on TIFF and CRA funding streams, together with significant dates in the processes.
- c. Mark Ferrulo noted that the US Soccer League had recently met, hosted by the Rays/Rowdies owners at Al Lang field, and noted that the representatives from the League were extremely impressed by the potential at the site.

10. Next Board Meeting: September 18, Signature Party Room

11. Adjourn: After motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phillips, Secretary