

Minutes
ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, September 8, 2020

Meeting Conducted by ZOOM

Prior to the start of the official Board meeting, representatives of the developer, White Peterman, planning a 41-story apartment complex at 4th. Ave S and 8th, St. S, shared plans, schematics, and architectural drawings of the building. At least as of this date, they maintain that they are requesting no variances for the project. Tim Cornell and Ann Pollack made the presentation.

1. **Call to order:** Karen Carmichael called the meeting to order at 7:26.
2. **Establishing Quorum:** Present were Karen Carmichael, John Waechter, Al May, Steve Phillips, Dan Harvey, Deborah Stewart, Roxanne Fixsen, and Scott Clark, and Martha Shibley were in attendance.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** After a motion and second, the agenda for the meeting was approved.
4. **Minutes of previous, August, 2021, meeting:** After a motion and second, minutes of August, 2021, meeting were approved.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** John Waechter reported that we have a balance of \$16, 471.10 on hand.
6. **President's Report:** Karen made no formal report, but later requested that the Board think about possible contributions the DNA could make to the health and future of Williams Park, which seems in disrepair and underutilized. The item will be put on a future agenda for formal discussion. One idea proposed is that the DNA "adopt" the park as its clean-up project.
7. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Planning and Development:** There were no outstanding requests, and it was noted that the Dali's development is "on hold," until agreement between the Dali, City, and Edwards Foundation (which oversees the Mahaffey) are reached.
 - b. **Social (Annual Meeting):** The next neighborhood walk will be held Saturday, September 25 at 9 AM. Deborah also reported that she will try to locate an open-air host for a Fall Porch Party.
 - c. **Community Service:** Karen noted that she has done outreach to several condos about locating barrels for donations to the Free Clinic food drive. We still need to gather contact information for a number of other condos, in addition to the @10 she currently has.
 - d. **Membership and Communications:** Scott noted that we have approximately the same number of members this month, as last (224).
8. **Community Meeting Reports:** because of the Pandemic, some groups have not been meeting.
 - a. **Central Avenue Council:** Dan Harvey noted that the Police Station project was the main topic at the CAC meeting.
 - b. **Chamber of Commerce:** Dan noted that the major committees of the Chamber were meeting September 9, the day after our Board meeting, so that we would need to wait to get a firm update on the Chamber's projects and discussion items.
 - c. **CONA:** Martha noted that CONA has scheduled a ZOOM meeting with Liz Abernathy and others from her office to discuss the St. Petersburg 2050 plan. She will send out a link to the meeting if others want to attend.
9. **Unfinished Business:** Karen noted that the change in by-laws, allowing for a Board position as "Board Member, Emeritus," would be voted on at the October, General Meeting. John volunteered to draft language, and Karen said she would send out a newsletter to members in advance of the meeting. A proposal to allow businesses to become members was put on hold.
10. **Next Meeting:** The October 13 General Meeting was discussed. Karen will see if both Mayoral candidates could attend or if both City Council nominees could attend. Roxanne agreed to do a presentation on the proposed Charter Revisions. Liz Abernathy was also proposed as a possible program speaker. Karen will follow through with the options.
11. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, after a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18.

Respectfully submitted:

Steve Phillips, Secretary