

Minutes
ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, September 18, 2019 – Signature Party Room
Approved

Call to order: President Karen Carmichael at 7:00 PM

Quorum: Present: Mark Ferrulo, Martha Shibley, Roxanne Fixsen, John Waechter, Karen Carmichael, Ada Adler, Grace Steinhauser, Scott Clark, Andrew Davis, Dan Harvey, John Mason, Steve Phillips

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

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed.

Approval of Minutes: After motion and a second, minutes of the August 14, 2018, Board Meeting were approved.

President's Report: There was no formal President's Report.

Standing Committee Reports:

- 1) **Planning and Development**. A general discussion about changes taking place in the zoning and appeals process for new developments took place. Essentially, notification periods are being extended, and no formal sign-offs will be required from Neighborhood Associations.
- 2) **Meetings and Parties:**
 - a) The October General Meeting has been rescheduled for October 21, with Dr. Tomalin as the featured speaker. Mario Farias has requested time to speak to the voter referendum concerning the lease on the Sailing Club marina. Martha Shibley volunteered to get information about what Farias's stake in the enterprise is. The Suncoast Credit Union has volunteered to host the meeting.
 - b) There will be no November Board Meeting, with the Board attending a presentation at the Palladium.
 - c) A number of options for General Meetings in the new year were suggested, including the St. Pete History Museum, World Conference speakers, and the Mayor.
 - d) After a motion and second, the Board voted to align our future clean-up days with the EDGE calendar for clean-ups (followed by other organizations, as well,) and that the next clean-up would focus on Central Avenue, operating out of City Bistro.
- 3) **Membership:** Scott reported that we currently have 242 members, and he will be preparing a list of "drop-outs" so that Board members can contact individuals to encourage re-upping their membership.
- 4) **Communications and Marketing:** Karen discussed the draft of the Summer Newsletter, which is in preparation.

Unfinished Business: As noted above, there was a general discussion on the role of the Planning and Development Committee, in light of forthcoming changes in the city's approval processes.

Community Meeting Reports:

- 1) Dan Harvey updated the Board on the “tenants’ rights” proposal, pending before the Council. He also tied together various proposals for development of the marina.
- 2) John Mason noted that Jennifer Jordan had organized a Candidates’ forum, and that the Chamber of Commerce was holding a “popcorn and politics” session on the same topic. He noted that applications for CONA’s Leadership program were open, and that CONA would be setting 2021 goals in January.

New Business: A slate of four individuals will be presented at the October General Meeting to form an election committee. Scott Clark would be responsible for outreach and collecting applications from prospective applicants. Steve Phillips will edit submitted bios before they are returned to Scott or Karen for printing or posting online. Martha Shibley will be responsible for meeting with prospective new members, to explain roles, responsibilities, etc. and Andrew Davis will be charged with locating candidates whose profiles would broaden the Board’s make-up. All members who are running for re-election need to submit revised bios in .doc form for editing, along with those of new applicants.

Next Board Meeting: There are no Board meetings scheduled for October or November, though the Board may need to caucus after the General Meeting in October and the Palladium presentation in November..

Adjourn: There being no future business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phillips, Secretary.