

ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, November 9, 2022
Sage – Club Room
Approved Minutes

1. **Call to Order** : The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Karen Carmichael.
2. **Establish Quorum**: Present were Karen Carmichael, Scott Clark, Grace Steinhauser, Martha Shibley, Deborah Stewart, Kean Clifford, Al May, and Steve Phillips
3. **Approval of agenda**: After a motion and second, the agenda was approved.
4. **Approval of minutes**: After a motion and second, the minutes for the September, 2022, Board Meeting were approved.
5. **Officers' Reports:**
 - a) **Treasurer's Report**: Al May reported that we have a balance of \$17,224.93, effective October 31, 2022, on deposit.
 - b) **Membership**: Scott reported that we have 208 members at this point
 - c) **President's Report**: Karen displayed and discussed the "members' volunteer" form, which will be used to enhance involvement of members.
6. **Community Events Reports:**
 - a. **Social**!: Deborah reported that we have a porch party scheduled December 6 at Florida Crafts; a return to American Stage, January 31.
 - b. **Yoga Classes**: Consensus was that we should continue the Williams Park yoga classes, on a once-a-month basis, at the start of 2023, to be paid for by the grant from the city.
 - c. **Free Clinic Food Drive**: Al May updated the Board on progress towards the November Free Clinic Food Drive, to be started November 21, 2022.
 - d. **EDGE**: Karen noted that the EDGE at Halloween on Central Ave was a success, and that the EDGE District is seeking a new Executive Director.
9. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Williams Park**: Karen updated latest developments on the Williams Park project, with consensus approving the types of refuse containers, tables, and chairs, to be purchased. She also showed sketches of the mural which will back the fountain area and noted that the artist would donate her services, with the DNA purchasing her materials. After a motion and second, it was approved that the Board allocate a maximum of \$5000 to the overall project, matching the City's contribution. Consensus also achieved on "adopting" the park for 2023, scheduling four clean-ups over the year.
 - b. **Addition to DNA Webpages**: Scott demonstrated a new feature he had designed for the DNA website, which will detail the history of the park, as well as the implementation of the projects we have approved.
 - d. **Williams Park Clean-up** Karen will work with KPB to come up with a date for another Williams Park clean-up for November.
 - e. **CONA Update**: Martha, who is our delegate to CONA, updated the Board on the first evaluation of the CALL program, which aims to divert non-criminal and non-violent 911 calls to appropriate social service personnel and agencies, also to reduce the number of 911 calls. The statistics look quite promising, with several thousand positive cases dealt with since the inception of the program.
10. **New Business:**
 - a. **Chamber of Commerce**: After a motion and second, it was approved that the DNA would not renew its membership in the Chamber of Commerce for 2023. Currently, we are the only neighborhood association which is a member.

- b. **President's Report:** After discussion, it was agreed by consensus that the video Karen had done, outlining the 2022 activities, would take the place of a written, formal President's Report for the year.
- c. **Nominating Committee:** Board Members were asked to reach out to potential candidates who would be willing to serve on the Board, and Karen noted that candidates would also be asked to indicate their volunteering interests for the year as part of the application to serve on the Board.

12. **Adjourn:** After a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02.

The next meeting of the Association will be Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at the Cathedral.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phillips, Secretary