

ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, November 10, 2021
(Approved Minutes)

Prior to the meeting, Cheryl Stacks, City Transportation Manager and Christina Mendoza, Principal Planner at Forward Pinellas presented DTSP Mobility Study's proposed changes to the streets downtown and the removal of the highway entrance ramps on the north and south side of downtown. Board provided thoughts and concerns that Cheryl will recap and run by Karen for accuracy and completeness. Cheryl will then submit the recap to Transportation and Forward Pinellas. It is expected by April 2022 they will have an idea of which of the options the city would like to move ahead with more in-depth feasibility studies. Implementation for any option would take several years.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM

2. **Establish Quorum:** Present were Karen Carmichael, Al May, Scott Clark, Roxanne Fixsen, Grace Steinhauser, Cameron Hill, Martha Shibley, Deborah Stewart, and John Waechter

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 8, 2021, Board Meeting were approved.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** John Waechter reported there is \$16, 411.55

6. **President's Report:** Accounted for under subject headings below

7. **Committee Assignments:**

a. **Planning & Development**

- Residential project at the northeast corner of 8th St S and 4th Ave S (plans reviewed previously at September SPDNA Board meeting) approved by the DRC. Some local residents who were opposed, reached out to SPDNA Board. Karen sent them the land regulations to review for their response to the DRC and the planning office.

b. **Social**

- Neighborhood Wellness Walk- Nov 27th- Officer Tom Qualey will attend
- Porch Party at Cordova Dec 8th 6PM - 35 have already been sold the limit is 60 - this is in lieu of the December board meeting, and all are encouraged to attend. The prices for our porch parties have increased to \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.
- MFA Mood Tour January 27th 6PM \$10 free for MFA members. This tour is part of the Picture of Health Program at the museum. On the 27th the Therapy Dogs which are part of the program will be there.
- The Santa Parade which we voted to support, and attend has been cancelled.

c. **Community Service**

- There was much discussion about the condition of Williams Park. Consensus that SPDNA would take the lead to organize a Community Conversation February 9th meeting at the Cathedral in lieu of our regular Board meeting. Goal is to include as many community members in the arts and other organizations to collaborate on ideas and build engagement in this effort.

d. **Membership**

- Scott reported 220 members, up +4 compared with last October.

8. **Community Meeting Reports:**

- a. Central Avenue Council - Karen reported as part of the discussion on Williams Park that the police deployment team for the DT area is reporting an uptick in open container and trespassing arrests. This is in response to the addition of homeless at the park. These are new faces and assumed to be from the north as the weather conditions get colder the police expect more to gather at the park. Unpermitted people and organizations are distributing food and clothing around the perimeter of the park.

- b. Edge Business District – no update
- c. Chamber of Commerce – no update
- d. CONA – no update

9. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. New Board Member Search- Kean Clifford has submitted a bio to run for the 2022 board. Karen asked the board to continue the search and stated that it would be great to have at least two more board members join us for next year.

10. **New Business:** None

11. **Adjourn:** After a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM