

Minutes
ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Meeting Conducted by ZOOM

1. **Call to order:** Karen Carmichael called the meeting to order at 7:03.
2. **Establishing Quorum:** Present were Scott Clark, Karen Carmichael, Steve Phillips, John Waechter, Deborah Stewart, Al May, Martha Shibley, Dan Harvey, and Mark Ferrulo.
3. **President's Report:** Karen asked for information about how the Food Drive was proceeding, and it seems to be well underway.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Planning and Development:** Steve Phillips mentioned difficulties (noise, earth tremors) coming from the new Saltaire construction, and Dan Harvey updated progress towards landmarking 900 Central Avenue, and the hotel in the EDGE District, as well as other ongoing projects. Discussion of the new rapid transit to the Beaches also took place. The decision about 900 Central has been put "on deferral," while the architect/developer consider options.
 - b. **Social (Annual Meeting):** Karen noted that the Annual Meeting would undoubtedly be held on Zoom and asked the Board to review the bios of continuing and new members. Any requests for changes/edits in bios should be sent to Steve.
 - c. **Community Service:** Karen noted that she had not heard back from the Fire Department about its annual toy drive, but will forward information as soon as she receives it.
 - d. **Membership and Communications:** Scott noted that we have 225 members, only 12 fewer than this time last year, possibly due to the "automatic renewal" practice. Karen also noted that she had been reaching out to members whose memberships had expired.
5. **Community Meeting Reports:** because of the Pandemic, some groups have not been meeting.
 - a. **Central Avenue Council:** The start-up for the scooter rental program was discussed.
 - b. **Chamber of Commerce:** Dan reported that the major recent issues discussed were third-party requests for landmarking of buildings and the future of the Tropicana Field site, with the Mayor pushing to develop a site plan before he leaves office. He also noted that discussion of driverless cars has begun.
 - c. **Rowdie:** Because of the pandemic, no championship game was held.
6. **New Business:** Martha reported that she had interviewed three potential candidates for Board membership, and that two were pursuing their candidacies and have submitted bios for the list of candidates. Karen also noted that FirstService had agreed to sponsor the DNA website for the year, and Al will bill them to obtain the funds.
7. **Next Board Meeting:** The Annual Meeting will be held on January 13, 2021, and several possible speakers were suggested—including Gina Driscoll, Rick Kriseman, and, possibly, a speaker on new and continuing developments in transportation.

8. Adjournment: There being no further business, after a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

Respectfully submitted:

Steve Phillips, Secretary