

**The St. Petersburg Downtown Neighborhood Association
General Meeting
January 13, 2021 ZOOM**

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM, by Karen Carmichael.
2. **Approval of October minutes:** After a motion and second, the minutes of the October, 2020, General Meeting were approved.
3. **2020 Financial Statement:** Al May presented an overview of Fiscal '20 finances.
4. **Thank you to departing Board Members:** Karen Carmichael thanked Andy Davis for his membership on the Board for the past several years.
5. **Election and Introduction of 2021 Board Members.** Since there were 13 candidates for the 15 Board positions, after a motion and second, the entire slate of candidates were elected to the Board. Board Members are Karen Carmichael, Scott Clark, John Waechter, Steve Phillips, Al May, Cameron Hill, Dan Harvey, Jonathan Blackwood, Roxanne Fixsen, Martha Shibley, Grace Steinhauser, Mark Ferrulo, and Deborah Stewart
6. **Spotlight Presentation:** Gina Driscoll, City Council Vice Chair, updated the Board on a number of previous and upcoming issues which will impact the Downtown Neighborhood.
 - a) She updated the progress on the Vision 2050 planning and urged participation by DNA members in the development process.
 - b) She announced the formation of the Charter Review Commission, which occurs every 10 years. Roxanne Fixsen volunteered to serve as the DNA Board's representative to the Commission.
 - c) She noted that January 15, 2021, was the deadline for developers to present proposals for the redevelopment of the Tropicana Field acreage, but also noted that, since negotiations with the Rays was still continuing, there are major issues which will modify any proposals submitted by that date.
 - d) She introduced her Legislative Aide, Bryan Casanas, and suggested that members needing assistance from her/her office could contact him for assistance whenever she is not available.
 - e) She noted that the introduction of scooters to St. Petersburg is still being evaluated to determine if additional regulations might be needed.
 - f) She thanked the DNA for donations which have been made to assist people impacted by COVID-19.
 - g) Gina also noted that she had announced her campaign to run for re-election in November, the end of her current term.
 - h) And, as always, Gina noted that she welcomes the input of DNA Board Members on any issues facing the City or City Council.
7. **Adjournment:** After a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted

Steve Phillips, Secretary