

**Downtown Neighborhood Association
General Meeting
Wednesday April 14, 2021 –@ 7:00 p.m.
Zoom
Approved Minutes**

- 1. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03.
- 2. Approval of January minutes:** After a motion and second, minutes for the January, 2021 General Meeting were approved.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Al May made the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2021.

4. Program Presentations:

Terri Balliet, Chief Operating Officer Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS), gave a presentation about their pilot program ("CALL") with the City of St. Petersburg and St. Petersburg Police Department, which diverts 911 calls for social services to the agency, rather than sending police, alone, to respond to the calls, and allowing the SPPD to focus its mission on other responsibilities. The program is in a pilot phase until September, 2021, when, JFCS hopes, will be refunded and expanded.

Brad Miller, Chief Executive Officer of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) provided progress updates on the SunRunner (formerly "BRT") project, slated to run along 1st. Ave. N and 1st. Ave S, between the pier and beach communities.

Council Member Gina Driscoll- general updates on several issues facing the city. She noted that models of the proposed projects to redevelop the Tropicana Field property, are on display at the St. Petersburg Library near Mirror Lake, and that the Council will be discussing the plans at its meeting on April 14, and the Rays would be meeting the Council on April 15. She also noted that she has asked the City to present plans for the City, itself, to take on the project of updating and upgrading the Marina, rather than turning the project over to a private company, as is currently slated. It is her belief that the project clearly has a life-span longer than five years, which is the maximum lease the City can extend without a referendum, and that, if a private company is to undertake the work, it can only be by referendum. The City Council Budget Committee will be meeting April 22 to discuss the choices. She invited persons with questions and comments contact her.

- 5. Wellness Walk:** Karen reminded the attendees that the next Wellness Walk is scheduled for Saturday, April 24.
- 6. Next General Meeting:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 Cathedral of St. Peter.
- 7. Adjourn:** After a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Phillips, Secretary