

ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
General Meeting
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
Cathedral of St. Peter
Approved Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Karen Carmichael.
2. **Establish Quorum:** A quorum was present for the meeting
3. **President's Report:**
 - a. Video. Karen presented the new informational/recruitment video she had produced, which presents the broad scale of activities and projects the DNA is involved with. She paused the video to describe negotiations with the Parks Department over our contribution to the rehabilitation of Williams Park, which currently centers on the fountain and some decorative benches.
 - b. Karen then updated the meeting on the latest from the SunRunner, giving details about funding, scheduling, and features.
 - c. Next, Karen outlined the DNA's contributions to CONA's "wish list" of items being presented to the new Mayor, which the DNA has endorsed. Suggestions include reviewing the incentives currently used to promote downtown residential buildings; providing more affordable housing—increasing developers' requirements in this area; giving neighbors of impending construction earlier notification AND allowing them input into the approval process; continuing and expanding efforts with the homeless; and making adequate East/West traffic flow, given the reduction of lanes by the SunRunner.
 - d. Finally, she outlined the DNA's Goals for 2022: a) continuing engagement in rehabilitating Williams Park; b) Continued community outreach projects, such as the annual food drive; c) locating DNA members in downtown's condos, who would be willing to serve as liaisons to residents.
4. **KEYNOTE Presentation:** Coordinated by Amber Boulding, from the Office of Emergency Management, and also featuring representatives of the St. Pete Police and Fire Departments, a discussion of hurricane preparedness and the City's ability to respond to hurricanes.
5. **Adjournment:** After a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phillips, Secretary