

Minutes  
St. Petersburg Downtown Neighborhood Association  
General Meeting  
October 12, 2022  
7:00 PM – St. Peter’s Episcopal Church

Approved Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Establish a Quorum:** Quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting:** After a motion, second, and voice vote, minutes of the April and July 2022 General Meetings were approved.
4. **Treasurer’s Report:** John Waechter reported that the DNA had \$17,569.43 on hand as of September 30, 2022.
5. **President’s Report:** Karen Carmichael presented a new video, outlining the activities and achievements of the DNA during 2022, which included proposals to work with the City to upgrade Williams Park and increase its use and appreciation by the public.
6. **Communications:**  
  
Grace Steinhauser showed a short video and presentation about Brick Street Farms, a hydroponics producer of greens and other organic products. The firm is offering a 10% discount to DNA member for a short period of time, to familiarize them with their products.
7. **Express Presentations:** Karen introduced Sgt. Michael Karayianes, the new head of the downtown deployment from the SPPD during its night shift. He outlined the work of the squad and answered questions from the audience. Lieutenant Cook, of the SPFD, then outlined statistics highlighting the work of the downtown fire department unit.
8. **Spotlight presentations:** Liz Heinkel, board member of the St. Petersburg Free Clinic and the organization’s head of development then reported on its mission, which will be supported by our November food drive. Highlighted was the tremendous use of the food pantries, which now surpass the traditional medical assistance provided by the Clinic. Al May, who is chairing the food drive, then reviewed the status, thus far, in participation for the drive. And, finally, Michelle Emerson and Mary Hanrahan from the League of Women Voters, explained the various amendments and charter revisions which are on the November ballot, affecting some issues, statewide, and some pertaining to St. Petersburg, alone.
9. **Adjournment:** After motion and second, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phillips, Secretary