

Minutes
St. Petersburg Downtown Neighborhood Association
General Meeting
October 13, 2021
7:00 PM – St. Peter’s Episcopal Church

Unapproved Minutes

Prior to the start of the formal meeting, Karen Carmichael introduced two members of the SPPD who have been assigned to the Downtown “beat” of the Department. They will make a more formal presentation at the January General Meeting.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Karen Carmichael. 38 persons were in attendance with another 6 on Zoom.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** After a motion and second, minutes of the July 14, 2021 General Meeting, were approved.
3. **Treasurer’s Report:** John Waechter reported that the Association has \$16, 128.84 on deposit.
4. **President’s Report:**
 - a. Karen announced that an online poll on the question, 29 members had voted in favor, three against, establishing the position of Board Member, Emeritus, for individuals who had served longer than 10 consecutive years on the Board. These individuals would be able to attend Board Meetings, without voting status. After a motion and second, a vote was held, establishing the position and amending the Association’s by-laws to include its existence.
 - b. Karen announced that the next Saturday walk would be held on Saturday, October 23, 9 AM, meeting at the Back to Normal facility across from City Hall.
 - c. Karen also noted that she and Deborah Stewart were hoping to set up two Porch Parties, one for November, the second for December.
 - d. The Free Clinic had acknowledged DNA’s contribution of 801# of food and hygienic goods during their recent drive.
 - e. Scott Clark and Deborah Stewart will serve as this fall’s nominating committee, for elections held in January.
 - f. Karen also noted that the EDGE District will be closing Central Avenue on Halloween to all vehicle traffic.
5. **Program**
 - A. Amy Keith (of the League of Women Voters) and Roxanne Fixsen (member of the DNA Board and member of the Charter Review Commission) made a joint presentation on the seven proposals being put before voters in November as revisions to the City Charter. Questions and Answers followed the presentation.
 - B. Elizabeth Abernathy, head of the City of St. Petersburg Land Development Department, outlined the progress made thus far in producing the Vision 2050 regulations, which will govern land use in the City. Questions and answers followed.
6. **Adjournment:** Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phillips, Secretary