

Minutes
ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
Party Room – Signature Condominium

Approved Minutes

Call to order: President Matt Weidner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Present: Matt Weidner, Martha Shibley, Ruth Ross, Mark Ferrulo, Karen Carmichael, John Mason, Jerrell Puyot, Kristy Bellingham, Steve Phillips, Dan Harvey, Andrew Davis, Nina Mahmoudi, Joe Douglas.

Quorum: Quorum established.

Agenda Approval: After motion and second, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes: After motion and second, minutes of the November, 2017 Board Meeting were approved. After motion and second, minutes of the January, 2018 Board Organization Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Treasurer's Report had been circulated by e-mail and it was briefly discussed.

Standing Committee Reports:

- 1) **Planning and Development:** Steve Phillips briefly described the role of the committee and noted that the only significant issue (which had already been generally discussed) involved the Bezu Condominium proposal. He also requested that, if any Board Members receive notices of Variance Hearings, they forward them to either Matt or Steve, since the City does not routinely send notices of them to the DNA.
- 2) **Communications:** Nina Mahmoudi briefly outlined what she had learned about the communications systems and that she is in touch with former Board Members to make for a smooth transition. She also requested that Board Members view the DNA website and make recommendations for any changes they might have.
- 3) **Membership:** Joe Douglas outlined his recent efforts to expand membership and noted that, while precise figures were not available, membership has increased.

After considerable discussion and after a motion and second, it was decided that the Standing Committees would be revised, to the following, and Board Members indicated their interests:

Planning and Development: Steve Phillips, John Waechter, Andrew Davis

Membership: Joe Douglas, Jerrell Puyot

Communications/Marketing: Nina Mahmoudi, Mark Ferrulo, Kristy Bellingham, Andrew Davis

Events: Karen Carmichael, Martha Shibley, Ruth Ross, Jerrell Puyot

Community Service: Ruth Ross, Kristy Bellingham, Dan Harvey

President's Report

- 1) Matt noted that he would like to set goals and metrics for the various committees and for membership.
- 2) Matt also noted that he would like to support the "First Block" initiative and also explore establishing a coalition of affiliated groups.
- 3) We briefly discussed the possibility of monthly social events (other than Board Meetings and Porch Parties) and that he may be reaching out to the Board with an invitation for such an event.

Community Meeting Reports

- 1) Mark Ferrulo described DDNA's relationship with the Central Avenue Council and noted that we needed to formally designate a voting member and alternate, since we are voting member of the group.
- 2) There was a brief discussion of CONA. John Mason briefly described the role of the Council of Neighborhood Associations and that DNA is an active member of CONA. The monthly CONA meetings highlight city and civic issues and functions. The February meeting features the Statstpate function and the Museum of History.
- 3) Dan Harvey noted that the Edge district had contracted for new entrance signs for the area, to be installed soon. He also noted the success of the "Sip and Stroll," which Edge intends to expand.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Matt noted that he would be drafting and circulating a draft of a formal statement regarding plan for the merger of USF-St. Pete

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, location to be set.

Adjournment

Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.