



BOARD MINUTES MARCH 10, 2005

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Present: Tim Baker, president; Peggy Spoor, secretary; Allan Brockway, treasurer; Dick Freeburg, John Harte, Richard Lane, Tim Clemmons, Duane Roberts, Diane Drutowski and Andrew Scherman, directors.

Guests: Beth Herendeen, Asst Dir, Downtown Enterprise Facilities Dept of City of St. Petersburg; Elinor Gollay, resident of Bayfront Towers; and Marilyn Heitman, resident of Bayfront Towers.

Call to order: Tim Baker called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes from previous meeting: Andrew Scherman moved minutes be accepted as posted. Richard Freeburg seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Guests: Mahaffey Theatre Update. Beth Herendeen gave a comprehensive update on the plans to update the Mahaffey Theater. The plans are dependent on whether the County Commissioners will support the proposed extension of the Tax-Increment Financing (TIF) for downtown projects to 2029. The current TIF is set to expire in 2012. There will be a public hearing on this subject April 5, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. In a separate e-mail after the March 10 Board meeting, the DNA Board authorized our President, Tim Baker, to send a letter to the County Commissioners supporting the extension of the TIF to 2029.

Treasurer's Report: Allan Brockway presented our 2005 Budget. After some discussion, Tim Baker moved we accept the 2005 Budget as submitted. Dick Freeburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Tim Baker confirmed that a letter had gone out to Virginia Littrell requesting that the Sunshine Center auditorium be re-named after Marti Frappier.

Committee Reports

Planning

City is matching the \$100,000. Tim Clemmons will call Leisure Services Director, Lee Metzger, to ask how DNA can help to influence where the \$200K will be spent.

Transportation: Two-way traffic around Mirror Lake – there is currently research underway on whether to change the Mirror Lake traffic circle from one-way to two-way. Historically, DNA has support moving from one-way to two-way traffic.

Homeless Task Force: Diane Drutowski reported that the new One-Stop Resource and Outreach Center would open March 17, 2005. It will be located at the Salvation Army at 1400 4th St. S. The objective of the center is “to provide a resource and outreaching venue for the prevention of new homelessness and increase service availability and self-sufficiency that promotes a reduction of exiting homelessness overall within the St. Petersburg Community.” The following organizations are supporting it: The Dream Center, The Salvation Army, Suncoast Center for Community Mental Health, St. Peters Cathedral, St. Pete Free Clinic. There are many more organizations that are interested and/or ready to sign on.

Membership: we now have 124 paid DNA members. The Bayfront Towers Association has invited the DNA to address their Board on April 13 in hopes of creating resident interest in DNA membership.

Social: Peggy Spoor will call the first meeting of our Fall Courtyard Tour sometime in April.

Communications: We will have a big newsletter coming out next month in support of our April General Membership Meeting.

New Business

April Meeting: we will have our General Membership Meeting on April 14 at the Sunshine Center at 7 p.m. We are pleased that we will have three very important speakers that evening.

City Council Member, Virginia Littrell

Police Major Melanie Bevan. Commander of Police District 2

Gene Juzwiak, Code Enforcement Officer

Old Business: nothing to report



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