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Members present: Tim Baker, Peter Belmont, Allan Brockway, Tim Clemmons, John Harte, Marilyn Olsen, Joe Pugliano, Sydni Ann Shollenberger

Members absent: Dick Freeburg, Walter Hall, Mike Johnson, Marie Stirling

The Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA) Board of Directors met in the conference room at Tastings in downtown St. Petersburg, on Tuesday, June 19 2007. Tim Baker called the meeting to order at 7::06 p.m.

Minutes of the May 2007 meeting were approved as written.

Allan Brockway presented the treasurer's report, Number of paid members is 135; balance in the bank is approximately \$2,100.

Tim Clemmons reported on a revised development proposal received by the City today for the Westin project on the west corner of 1st Street and 5th Avenue North. The new proposal is expected to go back to the EDC for reconsideration.

Tim Baker, Tim Clemmons, and Peter Belmont discussed the proposed Tropicana block project, approved by the EDC with a FAR of 10.1. The decision to approve was based on an assistant city attorney's interpretation of a section of the City's comprehensive plan which allows for a "multiplier effect" of 2.5 and, in effect, according to Baker and Belmont, would obviate the bonus system in effect for downtown zoning in St. Petersburg and the bonus system proposed for inclusion in the LDR revisions now awaiting final approval by City Council.

Baker and Belmont have filed with City Council the request for an appeal of the EDC decision on the Tropicana project. It was noted that the outcome of this appeal would have significant impact on projects awaiting EDC hearing or rehearing, particularly the Westin proposal which was turned down with a FAR of 9.6.

Tim Baker reported on his meetings with members of City Council to present graphic evidence of diminishing waterfront parkland and to persuade Council to support a zoning of Al Lang Field as a waterfront park.

Peter Belmont reported on progress of the LDR revisions. Planning officials had not given City attorneys sufficient opportunity to review the proposed LDR changes. Instead of scheduled for an approval vote in July, the date has now slipped to September. Until the new LDRs are in effect, developers will continue to operate under the 25-year-old zoning ordinances.

A motion to place certain restrictions on panhandling was offered by Joe Pugliano and seconded by Sydni Shollenberger. After discussion, board members decided that the matter would best be discussed with City officials and the subject was referred to the board's City Team for the agenda of its next meeting with the City.

Mr. Pugliano withdrew his motion.

TREE COMMITTEE: John Harte reported on replacement trees in front of the Museum of Fine Arts and on progress in replacing trees elsewhere downtown.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:340 p.m.

Treasurer's reports and approved minutes are posted on the DNA website in the Archives section.

Respectfully submitted.

Sydni Ann Shollenberger, APR

Secretary

Downtown Neighborhood Association



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