

## BOARD MINUTES MARCH 13, 2008

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Members present: Tim Baker, Peter Belmont, Allan Brockway, Tim Clemmons, Richard Freeburg, John Harte, Mike Johnson, Marilyn Olsen, Gene Ormond, Joe Pugliano, Sydni Ann Shollenberger

Member absent: Marie Stirling

The Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA) Board of Directors held a Board meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at the home of Sydni Shollenberger, 105 Fourth Avenue NE, St. Petersburg. President Marilyn Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Sydni Shollenberger, Secretary, read the February 2008. No changes were noted and the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Allan Brockway reported on financial figures for the end of February 2008 and a proposed budget for the remainder of 2008. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Mike Johnson moved, Sydni Shollenberger seconded that the proposed budget be approved as presented and discussed.

Motion passed unanimously.

Membership Chair Gene Ormond presented a detailed membership report and a series of proposals to consider for developing membership and raising money for the association. A discussion followed on specific ideas for fundraising and membership development. It was agreed that Gene Ormond, Sydni Shollenberger, and Marie Stirling would meet and put together proposed plans for a fundraising event and ways to increase membership. DNA's present membership stands at approximately 160; it was agreed that a goal for 2008 would be to increase the number to 200.

Planning Committee chair Tim Clemmons reported on the outcome of successful negotiations on modifications to the original proposed design with the developer of a multi-story complex to be built on



MOTION: Tim Baker moved, Tim Clemmons seconded that the Board authorize president Marilyn Olsen to continue negotiating with the City on development of a new temporary parking lot ordinance for downtown.

After a short discussion, Sydni Shollenberger called the question. The motion to call the question passed. A vote on Mr. Baker's and Mr. Clemmons' motion ensued, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dick Freeburg, Downtown Improvement Committee chair, announced the date of the group's next meeting. Tree/Downtown Beautification Committee chair John Harte presented a proposal that DNA adopt a park or a street. Discussion ensued. Although no formal motion was made, it was generally agreed that the park of choice was Williams Park and that a partnership with Progress Energy, whose headquarters building faces Williams Park, would be an excellent alliance for both DNA and Progress Energy.

President Marilyn Olsen asked for suggestions regarding the July general membership meeting and there was some discussion of the April 17 general membership meeting at Sunshine Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

*Sydni Ann Shollenberger, Secretary, Downtown Neighborhood Association*

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