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Members present: Tim Baker, Peter Belmont, Allan Brockway, Richard Freeburg, John Harte, Mike Johnson, Marilyn Olsen, Joe Pugliano

Members absent: Tim Clemmons, Gene Ormond, Sydni Shollenberger, Marie Stirling

The Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA) Board of Directors held a Board meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2008, at Bayfront Tower, One Beach Drive SE, St. Petersburg. President Marilyn Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes from November 13, 2008 and treasurer's report had been posted on the DNA website. No changes were noted.

Allan Brockway reported 38 members have renewed for 2009. Tim Baker will prepare a renewal mailing to all other current members.

Joe Pugliano moved and John Harte seconded that the board support the concept of an urban garden as requested by George Gower. The motion passed unanimously.

Peter Belmont presented the following resolution regarding the Liberty Bayfront Hotel 4th Ave:

"The applications should be denied unless the applicant reduces the adverse impact that will occur to the neighborhood and other properties in the Downtown St. Petersburg Historic District. Among the ways that the impact could be reduced is to relocate the landmarks closer to the original site such as to 1st Street and 4th Avenue North or to purchase historic TDR's from sites within the Downtown Historic District.

"If relocation is to occur, the relocation should be at a site as close as possible to the existing site, preferably within the Downtown St. Petersburg Historic District or alternatively within the downtown area and at a site in which the surrounding buildings are compatible in terms of massing, scale and time



“As to the sites presently being evaluated, DNA recommends the site at 7th St. and 3rd Ave. South as the preferable site.

“To that extent that there are additional sites that may be considered more appropriate for relocation than the evaluated sites, the Commission should defer final action to allow for evaluation of the additional properties. DNA recommends one site for further consideration be the property owned by Mary Ann Lynch at 5th Street and 3rd Avenue South.”

Mike Johnson moved to amend with the addition of “No relocation should be permitted without proof that the proposed development is ready to go forward such as proof of full project financing and submittal of complete construction documents.” Tim Baker seconded. Passed unanimously.

Richard Freeburg moved to adopt as amended, seconded by Joe Pugliano. Passed unanimously.

Marilyn Olsen and John Harte gave an update on the Pier Visioning as presented at the City Council workshop on 12.11.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Recorded by Marilyn Olsen

President, Downtown Neighborhood Association

Respectfully submitted,

Sydni Ann Shollenberger, Secretary

Downtown Neighborhood Association



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