

Minutes
ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, May 9 - 7:00 p.m.
Party Room – Signature Condominium

Approved

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

Roll Call: Present: Ruth Ross, Karen Carmichael, Martha Shibley, Andrew Davis, Dan Harvey, John Mason, Kristy Bellingham, Jerell Vincent, Mark Ferrulo, John Waechter, Matt Weidner, Steve Phillips. Matt announced that Nina Mahmoudi had moved outside of the DNA district and has resigned from the Board.

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

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed.

Approval of Minutes: After motion and a second, minutes of the March 14, 2018, Board Meeting were approved.

Standing Committee Reports:

- 1) **Planning and Development.** No new proposals have been received, but a short discussion of the revised plans for the Bezu was held, including the fact that the project was approved based on the current Charter, which is renewed every ten years.
- 2) **Meetings:** Plans for the June 6, 2018 Porch Party at Studio 620 were announced,. A discussion of a theme for the July General Meeting took place, with the focus possibly being on land-use requirements and regulations ("From Dirt to High-Rise," as Mark suggested). Matt said that would consult with Dan Harvey to discuss speakers/panel members.
- 3) **Community Service Project:** Discussion centered on clean-up of Central Avenue, from First Block to 3rd. Street. Kristy agreed to consult the city about possible grant funding and to explore potential partners in a project for the area, including clean-up and waste receptacles. Start-up and long-term maintenance probably involve businesses in the area, which the city holds responsible for cleanliness.
- 4) **Membership:** Jerell updated the Board on recent membership gains and development of an integrated system to build a database of condos in our area, as well as a membership system which would keep track of members and send out reminders about renewals.
- 5) **Communications:** Matt noted that, with Nina's resignation, we need a liaison on this important area.

President's Report:

- 1) **Edwards Group Concerts:** Matt distributed documents summarizing the summer concert arrangements worked out between the City and the Edwards group. A discussion of the noise ordinance took place. There is some

confusion as to the state of the proposed ordinance, and the Board agreed to postpone taking a stand at this time.

- 2) **DNA Membership for Community Servants:** The Board agreed to offer memberships to fire, police, city employees on a cost-free basis.
- 3) **DNA letter of support for First Night:** After discussion, a motion, and vote, the Board agreed to write a letter of support in favor of First Night. Matt will write and circulate a draft.
- 4) **DNA Letter of Support for CRE:** After discussion, the Board agreed to work through CONA to support continuation of the CRE at the present time.
- 5) **Selection of Vice President:** Karen Carmichael was nominated to become Vice President. After motion and second, she was elected unanimously to the position.
- 6) **Movies in the Park:** Coverage for the May 10 event was determined. On a related note, Matt, Karen, and Ruth will meet with representatives of the Preserve the 'Burg to discuss future collaboration.

Community Meeting Reports:

- 1) **Central Avenue Council and EDGE District:** Dan advised the Board to watch for important developments dealing with the Independent Business Council; Art and Transit; and Rapid Transit.
- 2) **CONA:** John Mason reported that the recent CONA meeting had dealt with future development of solar energy, the noise ordinance, and the group's leadership program, which he highly recommended.
- 3) **Pier Public Art:** No new developments, but discussion of current plans and decision-making. The Board agreed not to take a public stand at this point.

Unfinished Business: There was no additional unfinished business.

New Business: There was no additional New Business.

Next Board Meeting: The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 13, at the Hermitage. Kristy will provide additional details, once room has been reserved.

Adjourn: There being no future business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phillips, Secretary.

