

Minutes
ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, June 13, 2018- 7:00 p.m.
Hermitage Apartments
Approved Minutes

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

Roll Call: Present: Steve Phillips, Martha Shibley, Karen Carmichael, Matt Weidner, John Waechter, Kristy Bellingham, Andy Davis, Al May, Mark Ferrulo, Dan Harvey

Quorum: A quorum was established.

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 May 9, 2018, Board Meeting were approved.

Standing Committee Reports:

- 1) **Planning and Development.** Only one notification had been received, and the Board felt no need to act. A general discussion of planning and development took place, particularly centered on the lack of public notification of projects.
- 2) **Meetings:** Karen passed out a draft calendar for the remainder of the year, including both porch parties and general meetings. Matt reiterated that he would take the lead in setting the program for the July General Meeting, relying on some input and suggestions from Dan Harvey. After discussion and a motion, the Board approved renting a table at Shopalooza in November for \$75. On a separate note, after discussion and a motion, the Board agreed to expend up to \$1000 for a July porch party, place to be determined, with a number of ideas floated as to how this event might be used to boost membership.
- 3) **Community Service Project:** Kristy noted that her increased responsibilities at work were preventing her from taking the lead in Community Service. Karen noted that she, Ruth, and Martha had been in communication and agreed to take joint responsibility for exploring projects, particularly ones which could draw down a \$500 City grant, which is available to neighborhood associations.
- 4) **Membership:** A general discussion on ideas to increase membership was held. Matt noted that he would contact Jerrell to find out the current status of the membership and would work with Andy on potential ideas. After discussion and motion, the Board authorized the expenditure up to \$200 on membership cards or items which could be used to boost membership.
- 5) **Communications:** Nina's departure from the Board left a vacancy here, and Andy noted that he might be able to locate potential replacements. It was noted that the Board has the power to appoint replacements for vacant seats on the Board, which might serve as an enticement for someone to become involved.

President's Report:

- 1) **Preserve the 'Burg:** Matt noted that he had met with representatives of the Preserve the 'Burg to discuss potential collaboration. No specific projects were discussed, but the consensus was that discussions should be ongoing and open to partnering on issues that were mutual beneficial.
- 2) **July Members' Meeting:** As noted above, there was consensus that the subject of the July General Meeting should revolve around planning, development, and opportunities for the public to be notified about and participate in the process. Matt agreed to arrange for appropriate public officials to make presentations.

Community Meeting Reports:

- 1) **Central Avenue Council and EDGE District:** Dan presented both historical and legislative information about what parameters surround the development of properties. There was general consensus that we need to know more about the process and, perhaps, share that information with our members.
- 2) **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 General Meeting will take the place of the July Meeting (Wednesday, July 11), and the next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 8, location TBA.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phillips, Secretary.

