

**ST. PETE DNA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 18, 2016
APPROVED MINUTES**

A General Meeting of the St Pete DNA was held on May 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, which is located at 255 Beach Drive N.E. St. Petersburg, Florida 33701.

Call to order: Mr. Albert Scafati, President called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of General Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2016

Motion: To accept the January 14, 2016 General Meeting Minutes, **Seconded** All in Favor.

St Petersburg Police Department - Sgt. Michael Bush provided update on crime activity, etc. within District II – Downtown Unit. Sgt. Bush announced he accepted a position with the violence crime unit. Officer Robert Taylor will be temporary assigned to cover in his absences within the downtown unit until the sergeant position is filled.

Acknowledge Law Enforcement Appreciation Week.

DNA Community Involvement Updates – Gina Driscoll

- Recap of Sunshine Awards
- Clean Waterways – Mirror Lake , Demon Landings – these are debris booms containing litter in our downtown waterways
- Recent and upcoming Porch Parties
- Introduced our host for the evening – Susan Robertson - MFA

Guest Speaker: **Brad Miller, CEO of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority – PSTA** – Introduced by Paul Carder

Mr. Miller discussed the following:

Successful launch of the grid system bus system which took place February 14, 2016

Correcting issues with the implementation of the new system

Current plans for PSTA:

- Citywide improvements
- Countywide improvements
- Region wide improvements

Question and Answers section of the program - Mr. Miller listened, documented issues, answered concerns, promised to get answers/act on citizens' concerns to improve the transportation system in our beautiful downtown area.

Council Member – Karl Nurse:

Discussed the homeless issue involving St. Vincent DePaul

Discussed the increase of drug activity with SPICE amongst the homeless

City of St Petersburg Fire/Rescue resources are being called to the incidents

OLD BUSINESS - None

Next General Membership Meeting Date: **July 14, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. – Museum of Fine Arts**

Motion for Adjourn: Seconded – Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill White, Recording Secretary