

**ST.PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
(SPDNA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2017
APPROVED**

A meeting of the SPDNA Board of Directors was held on February 8th, 2017 at the Hampton Inn.

Call to Order: Gina Driscoll, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Gina Driscoll, President; Mark Ferrulo, Vice-President; Paul Carder; Joe Douglas; Dan Harvey; Al Scafati; John Wachter. Guests were Council Member Karl Nurse and Social Chair Katie Churchwell.

Quorum Established.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for meetings of November 2016, January 11 & 26, 2017 upon motion made and duly seconded were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report (January financials and proposed 2017 budget) were reviewed. January statement upon motion made and duly seconded was approved; budget numbers for Tour of Homes and Marketing were identified for inclusion.

Old Business:

1. President Gina Driscoll reported that the SPDNA proposal for a Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Intown CRA was presented as new business at Council by Council Member Karl Nurse. Meetings have been set with Council Members Darden Rice and Ed Montanari to discuss the proposal. Council Member Charlie Gerdes has indicated his support.
2. Council Member Karl Nurse led a wide-ranging discussion of several issues including the CRA, the Pier/Pier Approach, and the noise ordinance.
3. Standing committee reports:
 - a. Marketing: No report
 - b. Membership: Terry Rimer was thanked for her work generating renewals.
 - c. Planning/development: The application by the Ponce de Leon for a rooftop patio was discussed.
 - d. Social events: Katie Churchwell reported on the status of the Sunshine Awards to be held February 21 at the Museum of History.
 - e. Community service: Joe Douglas reported on the successful Mirror Lake clean-up and informed the Board of a developing bike-safety event.
4. Special committee reports:
 - a. Pier, sewage, Trop site: No reports
 - b. Rowdies/Al Lang: Mark Ferrulo reported on the current status of the Rowdies application for a MLS franchise and referenced the letter sent to MLS supporting the Rowdies' application.
5. Community Meeting Reports:
 - a. Chamber of Commerce: Board was updated on Chamber activities and membership benefits for all Board members.
 - b. Central Avenue Council: Gina Driscoll reported on the latest activities including the BRT and Circulator transportation initiatives
 - c. CONA: Discussion was held about membership. President Driscoll will conduct an email vote to determine Board support for membership.
 - d. Downtown Business Association: Gina Driscoll reported on current activities including Pride Parade location.
 - e. Pier Public Art: Al Scafati reported that the committee was actively considering a variety of possibilities including a major piece (which would exceed the budget).

- f. Edge Business District: Dan Harvey reported that the District Master Plan had been approved and will guide the development of the area.
- 6. Unfinished business: Joe Douglas volunteered to Chair this year's Tour of Homes event. Gina Driscoll reported that Smith & Associates Real Estate will actively support the event.

New Business: None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, after a motion duly made and seconded and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 PM
Cathedral Church of St. Peter

Submitted by:

Paul Carder
SPDNA Board Member