

**ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
(SPDNA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2017
MINUTES APPROVED 2/8/2017**

A meeting of the newly elected SPDNA Board of Directors was held on January 11, 2017 immediately following the 2017 Annual General Membership Meeting at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 140 4th Street North. The primary purpose of the meeting was the election of 2017 Officers.

Call to Order: Mr. William White, SPDNA Secretary, presiding due to the absence of President, Albert Scafati, called the meeting to order at 8:23 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members present – William White - Secretary, Mark Ferrulo - Vice President, Al May - Treasurer, Paul Carder, Gina Driscoll, Dan Harvey, Terry Rimer, and newly elected Board members, Joe Douglas, Steve Phillips, and John Waechter.

Quorum Present.

Motion: William White made a motion to vote to elect the following slate of SPDNA officers for 2017: Gina Driscoll – President, Mark Ferrulo – Vice President, William White – Secretary, and Al May – Treasurer. Motion was seconded by Paul Carder. Vote was unanimous in favor.

New Business:

- 2017 Planning workshop was scheduled for 1/17/2017 at the Hampton Inn in downtown St. Petersburg at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to determine committee chairs, event chairs, and coverage of key initiatives/issues affecting the city in 2017. Board members and general members interested in serving will be invited to attend.
- It has been observed that there is no Citizens Advisory Committee for the intown CRA as there is for other CRAs within the city. The purpose of this committee would be to provide input on the TIF spending. Gina Driscoll will be drafting a letter to Karl Nurse and contacting the rest of City Council with this request.
- SPDNA has been approached by The Edwards Group as to whether or not we will take a position on the Rowdies MLS application/expansion before the May referendum. If passed, the referendum would give the Mayor and City Council the authority to negotiate with The Edwards Group on the use of this city owned land. Before making a determination of our position, Gina Driscoll has arranged for the SPDNA to host a town hall meeting on Thursday, January 26th, at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. This town hall will be open to SPDNA members and the general public to provide information and provide a forum to ask questions. Rick Baker will speak/present on behalf of The Edwards Group.

Next Board Meeting Date: February 8, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Paul Carder and seconded by Al May to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by Terry Rimer
SPDNA Board Member