

**St. Petersburg Downtown Neighborhood Association
(SPDNA)
General Meeting
Cathedral of St. Peter
January 11, 2017
APPROVED**

Call to Order: Bill White, SPDNA Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Quorum Established: Meeting registration records indicated sufficient Active members present for the purpose of the election of the 2017 Board of Directors.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The October 2016 General Meeting minutes as posted on the website were approved.

Guest Speaker #1 Officer Holmes: Officer Holmes provided a short police update and remained after the meeting to address individual questions.

Event Update: Gina Driscoll, Event Chair, provided an overview of the past years' social and community service projects: Sunshine Awards (Feb), Clean Waterways Project Grant Kickoff (April), The Avenue DayStar Fund Raiser (May), Sea Salt (June), Daystar Diaper Drive (July), Reshuffle Renovation Project (Nov), Shuffleboard Social (Dec). Special thanks given to Mesh Fabrication and Pinellas Paint for their material contributions and volunteer hours to the Shuffleboard Renovation Project. The upcoming 2017 scheduled events include the following: Town Hall presented by Rick Baker on behalf of Bill Edwards and the Tampa Bay Rowdies regarding their MLS Application and possible Al Lang renovation on January 26th at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club; Clean Waterways Mirror Lake Cleanup on January 28th; and the third annual Sunshine Awards on February 21st at the Museum of History hosted by Deputy Mayor, Kanika Tomlin.

Board Election:

- 1) Outgoing Board Members: Patrick Green was recognized for his one year of service.
- 2) No floor nominations.
- 3) Introduction of new Board candidates: Joe Douglas, Steven Phillips, John Waechter.
- 4) Introduction of Board Members standing for re-election: Paul Carder, Gina Driscoll, Mark Ferrulo, Dan Harvey, Al May, John Mason, Terry Rimer, Al Scafati, & Bill White.
- 5) Election uncontested with 12 candidates for 15 seats.
- 6) Motion put forth and seconded to vote for proposed slate of 12. Candidates unanimously elected by voice vote of the Active membership.
- 7) Board Officers will be determined by the Board and the membership will be notified via e-mail.

Membership Drive Reminder: Bill White reminded members to encourage their neighbors to join the SPDNA: \$20 for Household membership, \$15 for Individual membership, \$20 for Associate membership for those living outside of the SPDNA boundaries. Those interested in serving on specific committees were encouraged to speak to any Board Member.

Guest Speaker #2: Mayor Rick Kriseman discussed and fielded questions on the following:

- 1) State of the City Address to be held on Saturday, January 14th at the Palladium at 10 a.m.
- 2) May city referendum which would allow the Mayor and City Council to negotiate with Bill Edwards the Al Lang lease extension contingent upon the Rowdies winning a MLS agreement.
- 3) Status update on sewer issues.
- 4) Status update on The Pier.
- 5) Homeless issue.

Proposed SPDNA By-Laws Amendment: The membership was notified that after taking into account feedback from the membership at the October 2016 meeting the Board has decided to withdraw the proposed

amendment to the By-Laws which would have allowed for those working, but not living within the SPDNA boundaries, to be considered Active members.

Next General Meeting Date: April 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Guest speaker to be determined.

Adjournment: Meeting was declared adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Rimer

SPDNA Board Member