

**ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
(SPDNA)  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL CANDIDATES FORUM  
JULY 10, 2017  
6:30 PM – Bayfront Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom  
APPROVED MINUTES**

In lieu of its scheduled July 12, 2017, General Meeting, the SPDNA sponsored a Candidates' Forum for the slate of candidates seeking the City Council District 6 seat and Mayoral candidates.

Board Members Present: Paul Carder, Joe Douglas, Gina Driscoll, Mark Ferrulo, Dan Harvey, Al May, John Mason, Steve Phillips, Terry Rimer.

The event was moderated by Pat Wood, St. Petersburg League of Women Voters.

All eight candidates for the District 6 seat participated: Justin Bean, Robert Blackmon, Eritha Akile Canion, Gina Driscoll, Corey Givens, Jr, Jim Jackson, James Scott and Maria Scruggs.

Six of the seven current Mayoral candidates participated: Rick Baker, Emisa Barnwell, Anthony Cates III, Rick Kriseman, Theresa Lassiter, Jesse Nevel. Paul Congemi was unable to attend.

The Grand Ballroom was filled to capacity for most of the event, in excess of 250 people.

Paul Carder welcomed the audience and turned the proceedings to Ms. Wood, who conducted the questioning.

After numerous disruptions from members of the audience, which ultimately made it impossible for Mayoral candidates' responses to be heard, the event was called to an early close at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phillips  
Secretary