

**St. Petersburg Downtown Neighborhood Association
General Meeting
Museum of Fine Arts
July 14, 2016
APPROVED**

Call to Order: Mr. Albert Scafati, President, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report:

Motion: A motion to approve the May General Meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report (available online on the SPDNA website) was seconded, and approved. Note that the 2016 April General Meeting was deferred to May due to last minute cancellation of scheduled speaker.

President Scafati thanked our sponsors, the Museum of Fine Arts and Benoot Realty for their continued 2016 support.

Event Update: Gina Driscoll, Event Chair reviewed or spoke of the following: Sea Salt event, Clean Waterways Project (upcoming 9/24), Daystar Diaper Drive, fall Shuffleboard event.

Police Update: Rod Taylor, Acting Sergeant, Downtown Deployment provided updates to the following: 1) progress on evolving noise ordinance, non-emergency number for noise complaints is 727-893-7780, 2) spice amendment, 3) no change to marijuana laws since there is no consensus among cities within Pinellas County, 4) homeless outreach by police department and affiliated city ordinances addressing problem.

Guest Speaker: Alan DeLisle, City Development Administrator, reviewed the following: 1) new residential units, 2) Innovation District for marine sciences, university, and life sciences, 3) James Museum (western art) approval, 4) Bikeshare approval, 5) PSTA bus transition from hub to grid, 6) 400 block of Central known as Cheese Grater Block, 7) need for more downtown office space, 8) new management agreement with the Mahaffey which moves more responsibility to the operator than the tax payers, 9) Pier District closer to finalization, but still with some outstanding issues regarding restaurants on the uplands, 10) Tropicana re-development project has vision to include stadium or not include stadium since Rays are looking in two counties, but city's goal is to keep the Rays, 11) downtown transportation and parking study, 12) need to develop a specific retail plan, 13) Arts and Crafts Museum on 4th Avenue N scheduled to start this fall, 14) regional transportation, 15) 6-month ferry pilot (BP funds) to Tampa to begin 11/1.

Next General Meeting Date: October 13th at MFA. Guest speaker TBD.

Adjourn:

Motion: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Rimer,

SPDNA Board Member