

**ST.PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
(SPDNA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 10, 2017
APPROVED**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at the Hampton Inn.

Call to order: President Gina Driscoll called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Roll Call: Gina Driscoll; Mark Ferrulo; Paul Carder; Joe Douglas; Al Scafati; John Waechter; Steve Phillips; John Mason; Terry Rimer; Guest:: District 6 Council Member Karl Nurse.

Quorum Established.

Meeting Minutes: Upon motion and seconding, minutes for the regular Board Meeting of March 8, 2017, and the special Board Meeting of April 3, were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was presented and discussed. Paul Carder suggested that an explanatory "footnote" be added to the routine reports, indicating that the donation of \$5000 by Smith & Associates Real Estate, while received and deposited in December, 2016, was meant to underwrite expenses for the 2017 Fiscal Year, which began on January 1, 2017. Gina noted that she would reach out to Treasurer Al May to see if that could be accommodated.

Selection of Secretary: Upon nomination and voting, Steve Phillips was elected to serve out the remainder of the term of William White, who has resigned from the Board.

President's report:

Gina Driscoll reported that the SPDNA had more than met the hours required for the Clean Waterways Project. She also noted that she has filed as a candidate for the District 6 Council seat. The Board discussed implications of her running for office while serving as SPDNA President. Gina also announced the Candidates' Forum, to be held on July 10 from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Bayfront Hilton. Paul Carder noted that he had already contacted individuals who have filed for election as Mayor or District 6 Council Member, notifying them of the date and requesting their participation.

Standing Committee Reports:

Planning and Development. Discussion of proposed 203-unit residential project across from Publix on 3rd. Street. Consensus that no action need be taken. Paul Carder suggested that the Board make inquiries about the status of the old YMCA building. Steve Phillips said that he would check on status of code violations and with city officials for information.

Tour of Homes. Joe Douglas reported that he has organized a committee of Board members and non-Board members to assist with planning, and that their first meeting would be May 11, 2017.

Community Meeting Reports:

Central Avenue Council. Gina reported that the most recent meeting discussed the Mayor's proposal to retain local businesses along the corridor, though details are slim at this point. She also described upcoming proposals to bolster PSTA and the Looper. Karl Nurse provided some background detail.

CONA. John Mason reported that the most-recent meeting had discussed car theft, updates on the sewage problem, STAR, and proposed changes to land development regulations.

Pier Project. Al Scafati reported on proposed artwork for the pier and noted that he will be resigning from the Board to move to Sarasota. Terry Rimer agreed to replace Al as our representative and that she would ask Al May to serve as her alternate.

New Business:

Penny for Pinellas: Paul Carder distributed a handout dealing with the history and details of the program, which is up for voter-approved extension at the next election. The Board agreed to review the information Paul had presented and, at the next Board Meeting, to begin strategizing about impact we might have in supporting the renewal.

Next Board Meeting: Because of scheduling conflicts the next Board Meeting is re-scheduled from June 14 to June 13, specific time and place TBA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Steve Phillips
Secretary