

**Minutes**  
**ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 8 2017 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Card Room – Bayfront Tower**

**APPROVED**

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

**Roll Call:** Present: Gina Driscoll, Paul Carder, Mark Ferrulo, Dan Harvey, Joe Douglas, Steve Phillips, John Waechter, John Mason, Al May, Terry Rimer

**Quorum:** Quorum established.

**Agenda Approved:** After motion and second, agenda approved.

**Approval of Minutes of October 11 General Meeting:** Postponed until January General Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Al May reviewed the current state of finances, including income from the Tour of Homes. After motion and second, Treasurer's Report approved.

**President's Report:**

- 1) After discussion, it was decided that Gina would check with Katie Churchwell to see if the social hall at St. Peter's will be available for the January 10, 2018 General Meeting. She also agreed to contact the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor about speaking at the General Meeting and also agreed to be on the program, with one of them, to present an "agenda for the next four years"-type discussion.
- 2) Gina also noted that a December Porch Party will be held at Stillwater's Tavern on December, and it was decided that there would not be a December Board Meeting. If any pressing issues arise, the Board can caucus at the Porch Party.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

- 1) Planning and Development: No new items had appeared, though we briefly discussed the issues around reclaimed water and recycling in multi-unit complexes. John Mason also noted that the City needed to develop strategies to cope with storm surges. Steve Phillips was designated to draft a letter to the Mayor and members of the new City Council, urging them to retain their plan to expand recycling this year for such complexes.
- 2) Tour of homes: Terry Rimer and Paul Carder reviewed the Tour of Homes event, including a financial breakdown, survey of participants, and discussion of minor problems incurred.
- 3) Events: As noted above, the Board discussed the December Porch Party at Stillwaters Tavern and January 10 General Meeting.
- 4) 2018 Board Elections: Terry presented brief bios of three potential Board members and renewed her request that Board members reach out to additional likely candidates.

**Community Meeting Reports:**

- 1) CAC: Gina noted that the most recent meeting had been devoted to the Open Streets event.
- 2) Chamber of Commerce: Paul reported on the Chamber's discussions about the potential "living wage" ordinance, plastic bag ordinance, and Grow Smarter Summit to be held on December 8.
- 3) CONA: John Mason noted the organization had hosted two candidate forums and was currently working on leadership strategies, which would assist neighborhood associations to strengthen their operations.
- 4) Pier Art Committee: Al May noted that 8 finalists for two smaller pieces of art at the Pier ha been selected to make presentations to the committee about their designs. Decisions on the major artwork have been delayed.
- 5) Edge Business District: Dan Harvey noted progress on gateway markers, spending plans for the CRA TIP funds, and the "Sip 'n Stroll" event recently hosted by the Edge District.
- 6) DBA: Gina reported that the major discussion at the last DBA meeting revolved around a repeat of the Sunshine Street Team project.

**Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

**Next Board Meeting:** There will be no December meeting, and the next meeting will be the January 10 General Meeting

**Adjourn:** Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Phillips

Secretary