

**St. Petersburg Downtown Neighborhood Association
General Meeting
Museum of Fine Arts
October 13, 2016
APPROVED**

Attendees: 31 active members were in attendance constituting a quorum to conduct business.

Call to Order: Albert Scafati, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The July General Meeting minutes as posted/distributed were approved.

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws: Albert Scafati made a main motion to take an active membership vote on the proposed Amendments to the Bylaws (attached as Exhibit A) distributed to the membership prior to the meeting. Main motion seconded and approved. After a reading of the proposed Amendments and membership discussion, Paul Carder made a secondary motion, to postpone the proposed Amendment vote pending later reconsideration by the Board of Directors. Secondary motion seconded and approved.

2017 Election Committee: A main motion was made by Mark Ferrulo to elect Terry Rimer, Patrick Green, and John Mason as the 2017 Election Committee. Main motion was seconded and approved.

Event Committee: Gina Driscoll, Event Chair, highlighted the following past and upcoming events: Clean Waterways Project, Mirror Lake Clean-Up, Daystar Diaper Drive, St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Sign and Bench Restoration Project, St. Petersburg Shuffleboard December Porch Party. Driscoll also introduced the membership to the Downtown Business Partnership "Downtown Street Team" volunteer organization.

Guest Speaker: Chris Ballestra, St. Petersburg Managing Director of Development Coordination, provided an update on the St. Petersburg Pier Project.

Next General Meeting Date: January 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Location and guest speaker to be determined.

Adjournment: Meeting was declared adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Rimer,

SPDNA Board Member

EXHIBIT A
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO
THE BYLAWS
OF
THE ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 2016

The SPDNA Board in an e-mail vote dated 9/12/2016 approved the proposed language below for four (4) proposed amendments to the St. Petersburg Downtown Neighborhood Association Bylaws. These proposed amendments will come to a vote before the Active membership at the October General Meeting at the Museum of Fine Arts on Thursday October 13, 2016. In accordance with the Bylaws, such proposed amendments shall be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Active membership present and eligible to vote.

Active members with voting rights (household or individual memberships) are those **who either reside within or own property within the boundaries of the SPDNA**. See the boundary map on the last page of this document to determine if you are considered an Active member with voting rights at the upcoming meeting. All Active members will be asked to sign-in for the General Meeting and obtain a voting card so please show up early to accommodate this process. **Active membership dues must be current to vote.**

However, both Active and Associate members and the general public are welcome to the General Meeting as we have a full agenda with a guest speaker.

Note: The SPDNA Board has proposed the first three amendments together, contingent on all being ratified in one vote by the Active Membership. The floor will be opened to discussion before each of the two votes (proposed amendments 1-3 and proposed amendment 4). All proposed language changes are highlighted below in **red font**.

1. Proposed amendment which revises the definition of “active member” to allow those who work downtown to be classified as “active members”. This proposed amendment is contingent on the 2nd & 3rd proposed amendments also being ratified by the Active Membership in the same vote.

Proposed amendment to Article 3 – Membership, Section 1, 1st paragraph, to be revised as follows:

*Section 1. An active member is an adult aged 18 or over, who resides, ~~or~~ owns property, **or works** within the boundaries of the association, and whose dues are currently paid, and who, therefore, has the right to vote on all matters that come before the association and to hold office.*

2. Proposed amendment which limits the number of Board Members who can be non-residents and/or non-property owners. The Board’s intent is to allow those who work within the boundaries to be considered active members, but to limit the number that could serve on the Board of Directors. This proposed amendment is contingent on the 1st and 3rd proposed amendments also being ratified by the Active Membership in the same vote.

Proposed amendment to Article 4 – Officers and Directors, Section 1, first sentence, to be revised as follows:

*Section 1. The association shall be governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of not more than fifteen members; **of which not more than three (3) shall be non-residents and/or non-property owners.***

3. Proposed amendment which brings the language into alignment with the new definition of “active member”. This proposed amendment is contingent on the 1st and 2nd proposed amendments also being ratified by the Active Membership in the same vote.

Proposed amendment to Article 4 – Officers and Directors, Section 7, third sentence, to be revised as follows:

*Section 7. Any officer or director who no longer **meets the qualifications for active membership** ~~resides or owns property within the boundaries of the association~~ shall resign from the Board of Directors within 60 days.*

4. Proposed amendment to clarify the election process.

Proposed amendment to Article 8 – Elections, Section 2, first sentence, to be revised as follows:

*Section 2. The names ~~and addresses~~ of the Election Committee shall be furnished in writing to the entire general membership within ten days of their election, along with a nomination form for officers and directors **and an e-mail address for nomination submission.***

**EXHIBIT A: Boundary Map, 2009 Expansion,
St. Petersburg Downtown Neighborhood
Association, St. Petersburg, Florida**



SPDNA boundaries extend from Tampa Bay on the East to the area between 5th Avenue North and 5th Avenue South (Dali Boulevard) to Dr. ML King Street (9th Street) on the West; and the area between 5th Avenue South to 11th Avenue South to 4th Street South on the West; and the area between 1st Avenue North and 1st Avenue South between Dr. ML King Street on the East to 18th Street on the West.