

**St. Petersburg Downtown Neighborhood Association  
General Meeting  
October 11, 2017  
7:00 PM – Cathedral of St. Peter Church**

**Approved Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.
2. **Establish a Quorum:** Board Members present were Gina Driscoll, Terry Rimer, Al May, John Mason, John Waechter, Joe Douglas, Steve Phillips.
3. **Approval of Minutes of Two Prior General Meetings:** Postponed until the January General Meeting to allow for full posting of the draft minutes.
4. **Police Report:** Sgt. Ryan Hillston of the Downtown patrol division briefly described recent crime and drug-use trends in the area and responded to questions about reporting incidents.
5. **President's Report:**
  - a) Gina recapped two recent events (the Mirror Lake clean-up and the Room901 Porch Party, which was well-attended). She also noted the tour of Homes, to take place on October 21, and appealed for volunteers to work the event. Eight homes and a reception at Hyatt Place are included.
  - b) Gina also noted procedures for the January Board Member elections, with a December 1 deadline for applicants.
  - c) Later during the meeting, she introduced the Election Committee (Terry Rimer, John Waechter, and Al May) who provided more detail on the elections and requested that members consider running for the Board.
  - d) Gina announced that the Board is donating to Pinellas Habitat for Humanity in honor of Karl Nurse, Council Member, who is leaving the Council because of term-limits. Karl and the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, Mike Sutton, acknowledged the donation.
  - e) Gina also volunteered to provide information for any who wished about the ballot measure on the November ballot, authorizing the Vinoy Hotel to reconstruct its tennis court and parking garage configuration.
6. **Presentation: Penny for Pinellas:** St. Petersburg Director of Libraries (Mika Nelson) and Pinellas County Commissioner Ken Welch made a presentation on the referendum to appear on the November 7 ballot, which would extend the 1% sales tax for another ten-year (2020-2029)

period, detailing previous use of the taxes collected and outlining future expenditures if the tax is renewed.

7. **Old Business:** There was no Old Business.
8. **New Business:** There was no New Business.
9. **Next Meetings:** Gina announced that the next General Meeting would be held in January, date and location TBA and that a Porch Party was tentatively scheduled for December, again, TBA.
10. **Adjournment:** Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Phillips, Secretary