

# Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition

## July 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes

### I. Call to Order

JoAnna Siskin called to order the regular meeting of the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition <http://clearwatercoalition.org/> at 7:07 PM on July 12, 2010 at the Salvation Army Joy Center – 1521 Druid Road, Clearwater FL 33756.

### II. Members in Attendance

See Attached July Roll Sheet.

### III. New Business

- A. Tampa Bay Buccaneers** – Stephen Diss from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers spoke about a program being offered by the TBB to help build communities. For the 2010 fall football season, the TBB are offering communities the opportunity to purchase tickets at a starting rate of \$32.00. Tickets are for home games and sold at a minimum of 10 tickets per group. For more information about this contact Stephen Diss at: (813) 870-2700 x 2533 or by e-mail at [sdiss@buccaneers.nfl.com](mailto:sdiss@buccaneers.nfl.com).
- B. Clearwater Police Department** – Chief Anthony Holloway from the Clearwater Police Department spoke about some updates and changes taking place within the Clearwater Police Department.
- a. Operation Home Run** – CPD takes up to 30 kids from neighborhoods to a Clearwater Threshers home game on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday night game. This informal event allows youth and police to interact in a fun and relaxed environment. If you have a group of youths you would like to recommend for this contact the CPD.
  - b. Community Liaison Officers** – Three CLO's have been selected, one for each district. The CLO's will be contacting neighborhood contacts to learn about neighborhood issues. The new CLO's are:
    - i. District I – Sergeant Kitchen
    - ii. District II – Sergeant McBride
    - iii. District III – Sergeant D'Amico
  - c. Anti-Crime Unit** – Three units, one assigned to each district, that is the enforcement unit of the CPD. This unit will focus on making arrests and enforcing laws.

Other items Chief Holloway spoke about were that CPD officers will bid to work in districts for a six month rotation. Officers will utilize COMSTATLITE, a summarized computer report that provides officers with crime detail for a specific area. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office is making countywide crime data available through its crime analysis website - <http://www.pcsoweb.com/CAS/Reports.htm>. CPD officers are required to "Park, Walk, and Talk." The biggest drug problem in Clearwater is not crack cocaine, it is prescription pills. Also, Clearwater will be looking at the City of San Antonio, Texas as a guide towards providing some input for dealing with homeless citizens.

- C. Clearwater Greenprint Project** – Tammy Vrana and Lauren Matzke spoke about a new initiative that the city is working on to increase energy efficiency and conservation and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the adoption of conservation and other strategies. Project Greenprint is seeking volunteers to serve on a committee to steer this initiative. More information can be found here –

[http://www.clearwater-fl.com/gov/depts/planning/divisions/LRplan/plans/pdf/greenprint/Greenprint\\_Application\\_0610.pdf](http://www.clearwater-fl.com/gov/depts/planning/divisions/LRplan/plans/pdf/greenprint/Greenprint_Application_0610.pdf)  
or by contacting Lauren Matzke at [Lauren.matzke@myclearwater.com](mailto:Lauren.matzke@myclearwater.com)

### III. Old Business

- A. **Secretary's Report** – Motion made by Larry Floyd to accept the June 7<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion seconded by Ron Wright and passed unanimously.
- B. **Treasurer's Report** – Motion made by Larry Floyd to accept the July 12<sup>th</sup> Treasurers Report. Motion seconded by Ron Wright and passed unanimously.

### IV. Committee Reports

- A. **Membership Committee** – Larry Floyd said that the membership committee obtained three different lists of neighborhood contacts in Clearwater and merged those lists into one master list of 138 contacts. He said that the group is concentrating contacts that are closest to where CNC meets.
- B. **Website Committee** – Ronald Wright reported that the website is live now. Motion made by Ron Wright to set website sponsorship levels at: **Platinum - \$500.00, Gold - \$250.00, Silver - \$100.00, and Bronze - \$50.00.** The motion was seconded by Ron Delp and motioned passed unanimously. If you know of a potential sponsor please send the information to Ron Wright.
- C. **Publicity Committee** – Carl Schrader reported that flyers are being distributed to libraries and other local venues.
- D. **Conference Committee** – Doug Williams said that the mini conference is on for September 13<sup>th</sup> about the pros and cons of Amendment 4. Doug said that the conference will be in lieu of the normal monthly meeting.
- E. **Code Committee** – Ron Delp said that the committee has had a meeting with Terry Teunis about neighborhood issues that were previously brought to the Code Enforcement Department. Terry said that he is trying to change culture and mindset of the employees in the department. The department is looking for faster and quicker results. There are no budget cuts proposed for this group.

**Council member Bill Jonson** - Provided an overview of the 2011 city budget that was released. No facility closures are planned and no millage increase is planned either. Ron Delp said that the city is saying there are no millage increases planned but there are several increases in fees for services. He also said that maybe council members should be paid more to oversee the management of the city.

### III. Neighborhood Issues

- A. **Skycrest Neighbors** is sponsoring kayak races at Crest Lake Park on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The event is free and open to the public.
- B. **Community Policing** - Doug Williams said that he had a pleasant experience with a Park Walk and Talk officer.
- C. **Neighborhood Issue** - Ron Wright said that he had an unpleasant experience with some traffic in his neighborhood. Eric Wilson is going to work with Ron to see if a solution is obtainable.
- D. **Florida Neighborhoods Conference** - Eric Wilson, Public Information Coordinator, City of Clearwater gave a summary of events that transpired at the Florida Neighborhoods Conference.

### IV. Other Items

- A. **Clearwater 101** – Eric will send out applications for Clearwater Citizens Academy.

**B. Oil Spill** – Clearwater Emergency Management is coordinating the information for Clearwater on the oil spill.

**C. East Gateway Neighbors and Business Association** – Eleanor Lyda said that the EGNBA won the Neighborhood of the Quarter for Spring 2010.

**V. Adjournment**

Motion made by Doug Williams to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ron Delp Motion passed unanimously.  
JoAnna adjourned the July 12, 2010 meeting at 9:00 PM

**Minutes Submitted by: Carl Schrader**