

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition
Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2011

The Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition August 1, 2011 meeting was held at the Salvation Army Joy Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Schrader, Vice President. In attendance were those members and guests highlighted on the sign in sheet for August 1, 2011. After the meeting was called to order, Mr. Schrader introduced the following individuals for presentations.

I. Business Guest

Mr. Kapetanopoulos from the Kap's Parthenon Restaurant gave an overview of the family business noting that it was started in 1995. He said that it was closed down for a while and is now reopened downtown Clearwater. He then passed out a menu to all the attendees and asked them to please visit his business.

II. Speaker

Mr. Rick Carnley, City of Clearwater, Emergency Manager passed out a set of handouts on Hurricane Preparedness. He gave a lot of information that will help should a hurricane head to our area. After his presentation, he allowed for questions.

II. Secretary's Report

Minutes were provided to all members, prior to the meeting. Mrs. Gulley called for corrections and comments. A name correction was given by Mr. Delp. Delp was incorrect in the minutes. Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Siskin and carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

The report was presented by Mr. Williams, noting the account balance as of August 1, 2011. A motion was made to approve by Mr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Siskin and carried.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Code Committee

No new updates

B. Website Committee

Updates were presented by Mr. Schrader in the absence of Mr. Wright. Members commented that the site looked good. Mr. Schrader encouraged all members to visit it and give feedback

C. Publicity Committee

Updates presented by Mr. Schrader. He said that he receives a lot of emails and comments. He asked the members to get more involved in this area.

D. Membership Committee

Brief updates were presented by Ms. Thompson in the absence of Mr. Floyd.

VI. New Business

A. Candidate Forum

Recommended to put this discussion on the agenda for the next meeting, and that CNC wants their forum to be the first one. Motion to approve this recommendation was made by Mr. Delp; seconded by Mr. Williams and carried.

B. Artificial Ground Cover

Mr. Schrader opened the floor for discussion on artificial grass and gave feedback on the discussion when he attended the Council Meeting. Mr. Delp gave some updates on the discussion on the proposed ordinance centered on this discussion and when it's prepared to go to the Environmental Board. He asked the members for some discussion tonight on this subject, prior to CNC giving its firm point of view. Ms. Thompson shared some concerns about the quality of the ground coverings, because of the cost factors. The discussion went for a while, to include the homeowner that installed the artificial grass that got the whole discussion in the City started. The closing comments by Mr. Delp, as it relates to the next steps were to have more discussion in September and for the members to go on the website:

<http://www.synturf.org/heateffect.html>

VII. Membership Input

A. Park Walk and Talk

Ms. Siskin updated the members on the police initiative on park/walk/talk. She and Officer DeWitt informed members that door hangers will be put on the door to let property owners know that the officers were in your neighborhoods. This initiative is just beginning. Officer Dewitt and Mr. Wilson said that this strategy sometimes help to gain tips to solve some crimes. Mr. Polglaze suggested that we provide feedback, as Ms. Siskin suggested, as to how many members got hangers in their neighborhoods.

Closing comments were made by Mr. Schrader, noting that the September meeting will be on the 12th of September due to the holiday. He allowed a few minutes for Mr. John Kavanagh of Ideal Publishing Company, Inc. to present his business, while reviewing handouts he distributed. He was joined by Ms. Linda Dominick, Manager.

There being no other business, thanks were given to the Council Members attending and all others by Mr. Schrader. A motion was made by Mr. Williams at 8:26 p.m. to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Delp and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Isay M. Gulley
Secretary