# Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition January 03, 2011 Meeting Minutes

### I. Call to Order

Shelley Kuroghlian called to order the regular meeting of the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition <a href="http://clearwatercoalition.org/">http://clearwatercoalition.org/</a> at 7:03 PM on January 03, 2011 at the Salvation Army Joy Center – 1521 Druid Road, Clearwater FL 33756.

#### II. Members in Attendance

See Attached January Roll Sheet.

### **III. Old Business**

**A.** Secretary's Report – Carl Schrader read the minutes from the December meeting. A motion was made by Howard Warshauer to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Cynthia Remley. The motion passed unanimously and the December minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Doug Williams presented the Treasurer's report and reminded everyone that dues are due. A motion was made by Larry Floyd to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded Norma Carlough. The motion passed unanimously.

**A. Secretary** – Shelley asked if anyone wanted to serve as Secretary for 2011. Isay Gulley volunteered to serve as the Secretary for 2011. Shelley asked for a vote and Isay was elected by a unanimous vote. Congratulations and thank you Isay for volunteering to serve as an officer for 2011.

# **IV.** Committee Reports

**A.** Membership Committee – Larry Floyd said that we should establish a membership goal and work towards meeting that objective. He said that he would like some help in finding ways to attract new members. Everyone said that they would help out in what ever capacity that they could. JoAnna Siskin said that there are about 124 neighborhoods in Clearwater and Doug said that about 20 neighborhoods are active in the coalition. A discussion about tactics and methods for increasing membership transpired. Shelley said that Eric Wilson might be a resource to use for obtaining new member lead information. Larry said that he will work out a plan and provide additional information at the next meeting.

# V. New Business

**A. Donation and Certificate of Appreciation** – A brief pause was taken during the committee reports to recognize and thank The Salvation Army for the assistance and help that it provided the coalition in 2010. Shelley made a brief presentation and Mr. James Halvorsen, Facilities Manager for The Salvation Army, accepted the donation and certificate of appreciation from the coalition. Mr. Halvorsen said that he enjoyed working with our group and looked forward to doing so in 2011. Thank you to The Salvation Army.

## V. Committee Reports - Continued

- **B.** Code Enforcement Norma Carlough presented copies of the City of Clearwater Citizens Guide to Code She said that the new book has four city ordinance changes.
- **C. Downtown Partnership** Howard Warshauer said that the December downtown event was a big success. He said that more things are planned for 2011 to take advantage of the additional events happening at the Capitol Theater. In February a fashion and art event will take place in downtown.

### VI. Other Items

- **A.** Neighborhood Issues Christine Schlueter from EGBNA said that her neighborhood is having some issues with the Agency for Workforce Innovation. That entity wishes to establish a satellite center to serve individuals seeking employment. EGBNA feels that this neighborhood has sufficient resources for homeless and unemployed individuals and would like to stop these kinds of facilities from using EGBNA as a base of operations. EGBNA is seeking businesses and resources that can bring economic development to the area. She asked other neighborhoods to support her and EGBNA at the next city council meeting.
- **B. 2011 Goals for CNC** Shelley asked for members to send her ideas and goals to be set for 2011. Council member John Doran said that the 2011 budget work for the 2012 budget will require the city to make more cuts to programs and quality of life activities that the city funds. He suggested that the CNC seek out grants that it could in turn re-distribute to neighborhoods and activities in Clearwater. Shelley asked that members consider which committees they would like to serve on for 2011.

## VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Doug Williams to adjourn the January 03, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Larry Floyd and the motion passed unanimously. Shelley Kuroghlian adjourned the January 03, 2011 meeting at 8:37 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Carl Schrader