

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2011

The May meeting of the Clearwater Neighborhood Coalition was held at the Salvation Army Joy Center on May 2, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the President, Shelley Kuroghlian. In attendance were those members & guests highlighted on the sign in sheet for May 2, 2011.

I. Secretary's Report-

The minutes were previously forwarded to the members by email. Ron Delp questioned if the Mission Statement was approved by a vote. Members indicated that it was and asked that the minutes be amended to reflect a unanimous vote. Other corrections are as follows:

Sec. V Paragraph B: Correct spelling of Tunnis to "Teunis"

Sec, VI: Correct spelling" Seal" to "Seel"

A motion to approve as amended was made by Ron Delp; seconded by Karen Anderson and carried.

II. Treasurers Report

Presented by Doug Williams noting a balance in the Coalition account of \$ [REDACTED] and the Foundation account of \$ [REDACTED]. New members were asked to provide appropriate association information. A motion was made by Norma Carlough to approve; seconded by Mr. Waushauer and carried

III. Guest Speakers

Homeless Emergency Project (HEP), Barbara Green, Director provided a history of HEP and their mission to work with the homeless population in Clearwater and the surrounding communities. This has been a very successful organization with a success rate of over 80%. Zak White and Jackie Dryden provided additional information on programs. One key message was that money should not be given to panhandlers. People should direct them to organizations similar to HEP and offer to buy a sandwich but not give money which may enable alcohol and drug problems. Barbara invited the CNC to hold a meeting at HEP so that the membership could tour the facility. Shelley Kuroghlian will work with Barbara to schedule a date.

University of Florida IFAS / Pinellas County Extension, Jeff Skinner provided information on the services provided by UF in areas of agricultural research, sustainability and urban life. He presented information on the Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project and on the value of using compact fluorescent light bulbs. He also spoke about other energy improvement programs such as those offered by Progress Energy. Information was offered on a class to be held at Tarpon Springs City Hall 5/21/11 that would be open to members of our neighborhoods. Preregistration is required. Mr. Skinner provided the members of the CNC with gift bags of energy efficient bulbs.

IV. Coordinator Reports

A. Website

Carl Schrader provided a presentation on the website. Phase II will begin at the end of May. Pictures from each community are still needed for posting to the site. Carl reported that we currently have an active blog and twitter site. The registration for the new site is coming up for renewal and Carl asked that we obtain a debit card in the name of the CNC so that the site could be renewed in the organization name, rather than an individual. This will guarantee that the CNC retains ownership and control over the site. A motion was made by Jay Polglaze to obtain the debit card, 1nd by Ron Delp. Carried.

B. Code Enforcement

Property maintenance Requirements for Yards and Landscape Areas were distributed by Ron Delp / Norma Carlough to CNC members. A digital copy will be posted to our website. Ron and Norma also indicated that a new process that has been instituted for Abandoned Buildings / Housing. Annually 6 – 10 buildings are torn down in Clearwater. JoAnna Siskin said that it is getting more difficult to get abandoned buildings boarded up and secured due to lack of funds. She feels that safety needs to take precedent over budget cuts.

C. Membership

The CNC welcomes Old Clearwater Bay (Scott Axford), HEP (Barbara Greene) and Normandy Park Oaks (Bob Nichols) as new members to the CNC. We look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with these neighborhoods

D. Police

Officer Brian DeWitt reported that the Economy Inn / Royal Palms motels on Cleveland Street are being demolished. These properties have been problematic with prostitution and drug sales with over 400 calls for service last year. Julie Thompson noted some issues on Turner St and asked for his help. Shelley Kuroghlian reported that the Crest Lake Park police volunteers are now patrolling Glen Oaks Park.

V. New Business

- A.** American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held May 13th in Coachman Park. Jay Polglaze asked that members volunteer to walk or visit to urge the participants on.
- B.** Shelley Kuroghlian asked if a date has been set for the Primary. Bill Jonson indicated that no date has been set by the Legislature. Shelley asked that we keep on top of this so that we can schedule the candidates forum and get an information sheet to the City Clerk's office so that candidates will be aware of the date to participate.

A motion was made by Doug Williams at 9:10 p.m. to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Scott Axford and carried. Ms. Kuroghlian thanked the members for attending and asked them to reach out to new members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Isay M. Gulley
Secretary