

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition  
Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2011

The Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition October 3, 2011 meeting was held at the Salvation Army Joy Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the President Shelly Kuroghlian. She welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for coming. In attendance were those highlighted on the October 3, 2011 sign-in sheet.

The agenda was then carried out as follows, with the noted outcomes.

**I. Business Guests**

The business guest in attendance was introduced as noted below:

- A. Nancy O'Neil of Nauti Nancy's of 700 Eldridge Street Clearwater, introduced herself and gave an overview of her business and the fact that she is determined to stay where her business is and try to make a change in that part of the City near the trail. There was a lengthy discussion, questions and comments, then Nancy thanked the Mayor, Eric Wilson and the council members for their support so far, as it related to some of the drug issues in the nearby areas.
- B. Deanna Spangle of 3 Monkey Studio & Gallery was invited but unable to attend as the second business guest.

**II. Speakers**

- A. First Speaker was Officer Brian DeWitt of the City of Clearwater Police Department. He gave a presentation on ATM/Skimming. There were many questions directed to Officer DeWitt. It was also noted that some of the CNC members have been victims, and they spoke to their experiences. He suggested that we get familiar with the ATM we use, and find out what your institution will do if you become a victim.
- B. Mayor Hibbard gave a presentation on the Transportation Study Clearwater/St. Petersburg, outlining the Pinellas Alternative Analysis. He noted that there are four (4) organizations working on the master plan. Areas covered: Pinellas Park, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo and the county itself.

He shared with members the recommended segments to move the rail throughout the above areas. Sixteen(16) stations have been recommended. The three (3) methods of transportation that are being discussed are: (1) Business Rapid Transit (2) Light Rail (3) DMU (Diesel Multi Unit), the Commuter Rail was scratched, the 4<sup>th</sup> one. There were many questions and comments after the presentation. Mayor Hibbard informed the members that the citizens through taxes will pay, along with tourists. The vote will

be county by county. Final plan will be in December, after then it will be presented to the public, etc. Surveys are on line, Mayor said for feedback. He will sent the site to the CNC.

### III. Reports

- A. Secretary's Report-Mrs. Gulley presented the minutes. Afterward , Doug Williams made a motion to approved as presented; seconded by Ron Delp and carried.
- B. Treasurer's Report-Ms. Williams presented the treasurer's report. Afterward a motion was made by Ms. Carlough to approve; seconded by Ms. Bruce and carried.

### IV. Committee Reports

- A. Website Committee-Mr. Schrader updated the membership of all of the traffic that the website is getting, and encouraged the members to use it.
- B. Publicity Committee-Mr. Schrader also did the update on publicity and highlighted some new opportunities.
- C. Membership Committee-No report

### V. Old Business

City Council Candidates Forum-The CNC collectively agreed on January 9, 2012 as the date for the candidate forum.

### VI. New Business

- A. CNC Offices Slate 2012-Ms. Kuroghlian informed the group that volunteers will be needed to fill the slate for 2012. She encouraged members to think about where they want to serve.

Mr. Falk raised his comments about the rise in his water bill and the charge for reclaim water, even though he will never use it to Mayor Hibbard. Mayor Hibbard informed him that non-users are helping to offset the costs for the users.

Ms. Kuroghlian asked the Mayor about the playground story in the paper at Pier 60. The Mayor took the opportunity to talk about the playground stories in the paper. He said every citizen will be within 1 mile of a playground, instead of ½ mile.

- B. National Nite Out-Mr. Schrader mentioned that he and Ms. Siskin had been working on the National Night Out-sponsored by Target-Clearwater Mall & the Police Department for October 4,

2011. Everyone is invited to come out and meet your neighbors and others. This is sponsored by the Neighborhood Town Watch Group. CNC will have a table and members will be working at it.

VII. **Membership Issues**

A. Neighborhood Issues

- (1) Ms. Siskin thanked the Mayor for the visioning process for the East Gateway and all of his and the council ongoing support.
- (2) Council member Jonson asked each member to report any street light that they see out.
- (3) Ms. Carlough informed Mr. Wilson of a shower knob not working on Avalon and the Sand.

B. Mayor Hibbard was thanked by Ms. Kuroghlian for his support with the soup kitchen.

There being no other business, Ms. Kuroghlian gave the concluding remarks.

- (1) She asked members to support the requests for Clothes for Kids, the non-profit requesting them in the handout from the group.
- (2) She also asked for volunteers for the 2012 Slate of Officers again.

A motion was then made by Ms. Williams to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Mathis and carried. The meeting then adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Isay Gulley  
Secretary