

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2012

The Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition June 2012 meeting was held at the Salvation Army Joy Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the President, Shelley Kuroghlian. In attendance were those members and guests highlighted on the sign-in sheet for June 4, 2012.

Guest Business for June

Yecid Cardenas, owner of Tequila's Mexican Grill & Cantina at 401 Ft Harrison Ave told the members about the authentic Mexican food served at the new restaurant and gave each member a \$5 gift certificate. More info can be found at www.facebook.com/TequilasMGL

Guest Speaker for June

Dawn Lakin told about a benefit being held June 30th in Crest Lake Park for Melissa Dohme. Melissa almost died from a stabbing attack in Crest Lake Park in January by her ex-boyfriend. For more information about this event contact Dawn at 474-5440 or coraldawn@yahoo.com Support Melissa at www.facebook.com/supportmelissa

I. Reports

Secretary's Report

After discussion about changes to the minutes, a motion was made to accept the minutes as amended by Doug Williams and seconded by Karen Anderson. The motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Doug Williams presented the Treasurer's report. An item to report the treasury to members only was discussed. A motion was made by Carl Schrader and seconded by Ron Delp. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to accept the treasurer's report for May was made by Cynthia Remley and seconded by Karen Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Website and Publicity

Carl Schrader reported that the website was working fine and described some of the searches being made. He described the information available including US Hwy 19 construction information and the Citizen Code Guide. He stated the invoices to the CNC for \$6 per month would begin soon.

II. Old Business

Candidate Forum

Dean Falk discussed the candidate forum. He has only gotten two responses from Sheriff Candidates and felt it would not be wise to proceed with only one Republican and one Democrat attending. He said that 8 judge candidates had responded to attend. He did not want a forum type of meeting but instead put forth the idea of certain amount of time for each candidate to give information about themselves. The judges would not respond to questions as they cannot have opinions but the sheriffs would respond to some questions.

Dean thought we should have another forum in October to address the amendments to be on the November ballot. There are 12 from the State and 2 from the City. The following volunteered to be on the October forum committee: Ron Delp, Karen Anderson, Doug Williams, Carl Schrader, Mario Pierluca, and Dean Falk. Howard Warshauer said he would talk to Keno sound about working the event in October.

III. New Business

Homeless Issue

JoAnna Siskin addressed the members and brought up an item regarding the City of Clearwater's discussion to demolish the bathrooms in Crest Lake Park. She thought it was a bad idea and that although there is an issue in the park with homeless she felt it was more important to keep the bathrooms available to the people who use the park and address the homeless issue in other ways. A motion that the CNC is in support of not demolishing the Crest Lake Park bathrooms was made by Howard Warshauer and seconded by Julie Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Jonson discussed the report on Clearwater homeless by the consultant and that 47 different action items were recommended. He described the process the city will be taking to address the situation.

Code Enforcement

Shelley Kuroghlian stated that Norma Carlough was not present and Norma would like the group to revisit the issue of Boarding houses in our single family home neighborhoods. Shelley described certain situations and encouraged everyone to think about the item and Norma would discuss it at the next meeting.

IV. Membership Input

Julie Thompson said the Crest Lake neighborhood had a very rough week with a murder and a rape.

Trisha brought an item relative to Progress energy and said that many people she knew were complaining that Progress was cutting down trees in their backyards and they were very upset. Council Member Jonson stated that it is an unfortunate situation but Progress does have the legal right due to easements to go on property and cut down trees within their right of way. They are installing new poles and power lines and need to get heavy equipment onto the sight.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Doug Williams and seconded by Howard Warshauer. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Howard Warshauer