

**Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10, 2012**

**I. Call to Order**

Shelley Kuroghlian called to order the regular meeting of the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition at 7:05 PM at the Salvation Army Joy Center.

She acknowledged Carl Schrader for his work during her absence.

**II. Members in Attendance**

See September 2012 roll sheet.

**III. Guest Speaker for September**

Thomas Iovino of Pinellas County Communications Hurricane and Disaster Planning spoke on continuing preparedness as the later and most dangerous part of hurricane season approaches. He gave out CDs designed for use in presentations to neighborhood associations. The video is also available at [pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://pinellascounty.org/emergency).

**IV. Reports**

**Secretary's Report** – It was moved by Howard Warshauer to accept the minutes of the August meeting. JoAnna Siskin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – Doug Williams reported that there were no transactions this month. The balance continues at [REDACTED]. He reminds the membership that the month for dues is December, and early submissions are helpful. Clearwater Gas is our major website sponsor at [REDACTED]. Larry Floyd moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Greg Mathis seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

**Website** – Carl Schrader reported that the CNC's site hosts the Survey on Chronic Vagrancy. We are also getting hits on the forum board. On October 1 a \$6 fee begins for website hosting, an expenditure which was approved by an earlier vote of members.

**Membership Committee** – Julie Thompson reminded members of their assignment to each contact three names with the goal of expanding the number of participants in the Coalition. Presidents of each neighborhood have a complimentary membership and are invited to attend meetings.

**Publicity Committee** – Carl Schrader gave an update on the candidate forum the CNC will present from 6:30 to 9 PM on October 1 in the Salvation Army Joy Center. It will be promoted on Twitter and Facebook. The format will be mix & mingle with an educational forum. Citizens for Pinellas Schools will be doing a presentation. Julie Thompson, JoAnna Siskin and Larry Bruce volunteered to do set-up.

## V. Old Business

**Homeless Project** - The September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with Mr. Horne and consultant Robert Marbut, Jr., Ph.D. was discussed. A committee was formed to meet on a continuing basis with Clearwater City Manager Bill Horn. The first issue taken up will be questions about the homeless project that are still unanswered. Members of this committee are Ron Delp, Shelley Kuroghlian, Carl Schrader, JoAnna Siskin, Julie Thompson, Howard Warshauer, and Doug Williams.

## VI. New Business

Howard Warshauer recommended adoption of an annual Membership Month. It was decided that each November will be Membership Month.

Carl Schrader asked for direction regarding requests that come in, e.g. from lobbying firms, for CNC members' contact information. Currently only names and addresses are released. It was decided not to release members' email addresses or phone number.

## VII. Other Neighborhood Items

**Local Heroes** - The performances of Pinellas athletes Jen French, J.P. Creignou and Lt. Brad Snyder at the 2012 London Paralympics were recognized.

**Hispanic Heritage Celebration** - Howard Warshauer announced that a street party will close Cleveland Street from Missouri Avenue to Betty Lane from 3 to 11 PM on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Candidate Forum** - Suncoast Hospice is hosting a candidate forum at 6:30 PM on September 27, at The Gathering Place at 5771 Roosevelt Boulevard.

**Police Department Community Programs** - Officer DeWitt announced two programs for members to bring to their associations. He distributed Operation Identification cards for the inventory of serial numbers of items of value in citizens' homes. The cards can be mailed or dropped off at the Police Department, or filled in online at [clearwaterpolice.com/Operation ID](http://clearwaterpolice.com/OperationID). Officer DeWitt also handed out Know Your Neighbors contact information sheets.

## VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Doug Williams to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Larry Floyd. Shelley Kuroghlian adjourned the September 10, 2012 meeting at 9:23 PM.

The meeting minutes were submitted by Lee Mortimer.