

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2013

Speakers

Ellen Poe, Commissioner-Elect, City of Madeira Beach, addressed the members regarding nuisance properties, both business and residential. The concern is that these create a health, safety, and quality of life issue. They also impact property values. Many people don't even realize that they have problem properties in their neighborhoods.

The ordinance was created and passed within 2.5 months. The City Manager suggested that this be managed by Code Compliance. Violators are passed from city to city. This is because owners do not conduct background checks. She read a list of individuals that came from Clearwater to Madeira Beach with as many as 39 arrests. Since the ordinance was passed, these people no longer move to Madeira Beach. Other municipalities like Redington Shores, St. Pete Beach, Gulfport, Treasure Island and some other communities are considering implementing this ordinance too.

Shane Crawford, City Manager, Madeira Beach took us through the process and said his city became a trend setter overnight with this ordinance. The city hired a deputy through the PCSO to do Code enforcement. The key is to let landlords know they are responsible for what happens on their property. After three nuisance violations in one month or 7 violations in 6 month, the city can take action up and including placing a lien on the property. The landlord can work with the City to try to resolve the issue. The key is following up on arrest reports and code enforcement maintains the scorecard on the strikes. The City conducts training for landlords to help them prevent or manage these situations.

Secretary Report: Shelley Kuroghlian presented the January 7th minutes to the membership. A motion to accept as written was made by JoAnna Siskin, 2nd by Dave Allbritton. Passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Doug Williams presented the Treasurers Report. A motion by Howard Warshauer was made to accept as written, 2nd by Norma Carlough. Passed unanimously.

Old Business

Crest Lake Park Resolution

Carl Schrader met with Mayor Cretekos who indicated that there will be a vote on the resolution on April 4th. The quote received to clean the bathrooms of \$35,000 included 3 visits by an outside service; 2 to open and lock the bathrooms and 1 to clean them.

There will be a "Spoken Word" event at the park 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

New Business

Visioning Session - April 30th at the Main Library 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

Countryside Library – Doug Williams asked for CNC support of a new Library at the recreation center.

Adjournment

Motion by Doug Williams, 2nd by Howard Warshauer to adjourn. Approved unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Kuroghlian, Secretary
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