

**Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 05, 2013**

**Carl Schrader, President, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition** called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Members and guests present are on file.

**Speakers:**

**Mr. Brad Miller, Executive Director, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority** – Mr. Miller presented a brief overview of public transportation in Pinellas County. On November 4, 2014 county voters will decide how to fund a portion of public transportation. A ballot referendum will be presented to voters to change from an ad valorem tax structure to a sales sur tax structure.

To inform and educate the public about what the future could hold if this referendum is approved [Greenlight Pinellas](#) was created. This site puts information in one location and can be easily viewed by any computer. [Some improvements include: light rail operated through 16 stations, bus and route enhancements, and land use changes.](#) Between now and the election there will be many presentations and other opportunities for residents to become informed.

**Mr. Earl Gloster, Director; Mr. John Pittman, Assistant Director, Mr. Michael Pryor, Solid Waste Supervisor II; and Ms. Katrina Miller, Recycling Specialist; from City of Clearwater, Solid Waste / Recycling Services** – Informed us about a new recycling initiative. Beginning in September residents will be issued a big blue recycling barrel. This barrel will replace the yellow bins and allow more materials to be placed into the system for recycling. Currently only 35% of residents use the recycling services. In the future certain regulatory agencies may require this percentage to increase and could use fines and penalties for not recycling. Solid waste services is looking for a carrot approach and feels that the blue barrels offer a better alternative to gain more resident recycling compliance. At a later time Solid Waste Services will look at one day per week refuse pick up. If residents use the recycling barrel as expected more refuse can be re-used which will yield the requirement for less pick-up. Black barrel refuse costs \$37.50 per ton to dispose of now. The Blue barrels should not be used until October.

**Old Business:**

**Meeting Minutes** - A motion to approve the July Meeting Minutes that were submitted by Mr. Carl Schrader was made by Ms. Julie Thompson, and seconded by Mr. Doug Williams. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** - A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report submitted by Mr. Doug Williams was made by Mr. Ron Delp and seconded by Mr. Jack Mortimer. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Logo'd Shirts** – After a brief discussion the majority of members voted to approve a 50/50 funding for logo'd shirts for members. Doug Williams will collect member money match it with CNC funds, place the order after all of the members that wish to purchase shirts have made that known to him.

**New Business:**

**Community Development Code** - Ms. Norma Carlough spoke about a change to the City of Clearwater Community Development Code, under [Ordinance 8398-13](#). This change came about as a result of a discrimination complaint against the City of Clearwater by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The complaint alleged that Clearwater's code discriminated against persons with disabilities because of the definition of "family" in the code. The council approved the change from "family" to "housekeeping unit" on a second reading which took place on July 18, 2013.

Additionally [city staff recommended that six situations be included](#) in this definition that would make a group excluded from being a "housekeeping unit." These situations are:

1. More than one check paying the lease

2. The presence of interior doors with padlocks or keyed doorknobs limiting tenants' access would create a presumption that the group is not a bona fide housekeeping unit
3. Members having separate leases or subleases
4. If the group significantly reforms [turns over] through the course of 12 months or during the lease term
5. The group members engage in separate activities for food, living, and shopping purchases
6. Members do not have a lease, just a license to use separate spaces

If one of these conditions is met then it creates the presumption that the group is not a bona fide housekeeping unit. Ms. Carlough will follow-up with Mr. Terry Teunis, Manager, Code Compliance, City of Clearwater for further review and member discussion.

**Downtown Clearwater Neighborhood Association Speaker** - Mr. Jack Mortimer told us how Ms. Gail Hamilton, Director, [City of Kissimmee Community Redevelopment Agency](#) spoke to his organization about how to revitalize a downtown. He said she had some great ideas and spoke from a position of a lot of experience. For more information about the July 30<sup>th</sup> presentation see this [LINK](#).

**Clearwater Parks and Recreation** – Ms. JoAnna Siskin told us how she has volunteered to serve as a stakeholder on the [2013 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update](#) Committee. The committee will review, discuss and update the plan for the city's parks, recreation facilities and leisure amenities. Citizens will also be given the chance to provide input through surveys and participating in [open house events in August and September](#).

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Doug Williams and seconded by Mr. David Allbritton. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Schrader  
President,  
Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition