

**Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

Carl Schrader, CNC President, called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Members and guests present are on file.

**Speakers**

**Veronica Danko, Proprietor, The Independent Bar** – Craft beer and wine bar across from Ruth Eckerd Hall on McMullen Booth Rd. The beers are from Europe and other parts of the world. There are 32 beers on tap. Their kitchen will offer light European fare when it opens in approximately two weeks (6/17). They are a neighborhood bar.

**Ed Hooper, State Representative Dist. 67** – provided an overview of the 2013 legislative session. He serves on the appropriations, budget and 5 other committees. He feels that the new ethics legislation is the most important bill enacted this year. A \$74.1 billion budget was passed this session. 40% of the budget goes to health and human services (\$23 billion goes to Medicaid). Education is 30% of the budget with a \$1.1 billion added back from prior year reductions. Workers will also get about a 2.3% increase. Tourism will be impacted by 350 million Chinese who will be traveling in the US. A key need will be for people who speak Mandarin Chinese. He explained his position on not supporting acceptance of federal funds for Medicaid. A question was asked about Citizens Insurance and the push to move homeowners to smaller companies. He supports keeping Citizens. A number of transportation projects for roads, ports and bridges have been funded. No money has been designated by the State for light rail. \$4 million has been designated for a new “Winter the Dolphin” film is to fund economic development. In response to a question regarding state inspections of motels where they give a passing rating when the properties are in unsanitary condition, he agreed to meet with Chief Holloway, Sheriff Gaultieri and others to try to put some teeth into the law.

**Jay Polglaze, City Council of Clearwater** – Nuisance Ordinances - Tabled

**Secretary Report:**

Shelley Kuroghlian presented the May 6th minutes to the membership. A motion to accept as written was made by Doug Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Allbritton. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:**

Doug Williams presented the Treasurers Report. A motion by Ron Delp was made to accept as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoAnna Siskin. Passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

**Beach Sandcastle Playground** – the City Council voted to allocate money for the flag plaza in the Pier 60 Park and voted no on the Sandcastle project.

**Police Meeting regarding “Unofficial Community Gatherings”** – Chunky Sunday in North Greenwood has over a thousand people attending each Sunday and the Police Department is flexing hours to support the event. It is currently classified as an “unofficial community gathering.” Comments and concerns were made about shots being fired and property damage incidents as well as why Chunky Sunday event coordinators are not required to obtain some kind of permit from the city.

**Embroidered Shirts** – Carl showed us a sample. We could supply the shirts and he could do the work or he could supply the shirts as well. Dave Allbritton will get some samples that he may be able to get us wholesale. Carl will also check this out.

**New Business**

Florida Neighborhoods Conference is July 11<sup>th</sup> in Bradenton, FL. Registration is \$55 through June 24<sup>th</sup> and \$85 after that date. Motion made to fund 3 registrations by J. Siskin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Sturdevent.

Group Hug Clearwater is asking for pictures of citizens hugging their neighborhood signs. If you are interested in participating send photo to tarin@tampabay.rr.com

Motion made to adjourn by Doug Williams with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie Thompson and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelley Kuroghlian  
Secretary, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition