

**Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition
Meeting Minutes
April 02, 2014**

President, Carl Schrader called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Members present, per sign-in sheet on file.

Guest Speaker

Eric Trull from [Coast Bike Share](#) spoke about very short term bicycle renting in an urban area. He said that a city the size of Clearwater would need approximately 300 bicycles to provide a good level of service to users. Under the Coast Bike Share model, bicycles are located at kiosks or “corralled” in a few central areas. Renters go to those locations to rent and have access to a bicycle. Rental fees are paid on a credit card. The transaction is conducted through a mobile phone app or through the Internet. Renters can access the bicycle after the fee is paid through the phone app or with a number entered into a keypad on the bicycle.

Coast Bike Share has 50 cities that use its services. The typical cost for a bicycle is \$1,500.00. The bicycles are [shaft driven](#) rather than chain driven and have puncture resistant tires. These modifications are intended to alleviate the most common problems with using a bicycle. The cities that work with Coast Bike Share got started either through public, private or a combination of public and private funds. The average ride is about 14 minutes.

Average rental fees work out to about \$5.00 per hour. Frequent users can choose one hour per day options of \$30.00 per month or \$79.00 per year. Renters that do not return bicycles to a kiosk area are charged an extra convenience fee to have a Coast Bike Share representative return the bicycle to a kiosk. Kiosks are located on public property and have authorization from the municipality to use that space. Each bicycle comes with a GPS locating system, computer, keypad and head and tail lights for safety. The company is looking at the option of adding helmet rentals to kiosks.

For more information visit [CoastBikeShare.com](#) or [CycleHop.com](#).

Secretary’s Report

Carl Schrader presented the minutes from the March 5th meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Motion made by Doug Williams, and a 2nd made by Howard Warshauer to accept minutes a presented. Approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Doug Williams presented the CNC financial information as of February 28, 2014. Motion by Julie Thompson to accept the report as written, and a 2nd was made by Karen Cunningham. Passed unanimously.

Old Business

Biggert-Waters Act 2012 - No new updates

Legislative Committee - No New updates

Neighborhood Parade / Event Committee Report – No new updates

New Business

JoAnna Siskin reported that prostitutes from the East Gateway area are now setting up rendezvous behind the parking lot of the South Highland YMCA.

Norma Carlough said that we should look for ways to expand our outreach and spending funds to do this should be considered.

Julie Thompson said homeless feedings are now taking place on Turner St. in the Glen Oaks neighborhood.

JoAnna Siskin would like to explore the idea of re-establishing old fashioned neighborhood watch programs. This system required neighbors to get to know one another, talk to each other and share contact information with each other.

Other Business

Candidates for Circuit Court Judge Brian Bataglia, Bill Mathews and Alicia Polk spoke to the group along with Chris Latvala who is running for State Representative.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Williams at 8:40 pm. It was seconded by Julie Thompson, and the motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Schrader
For Secretary, Shelley Kuroghlian, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition