

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014

President, Carl Schrader called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm. Members present, per sign-in sheet on file

Mayor George Cretekos presided over the swearing in of CNC Officers: Carl Schrader, President; Howard Warshauer, Vice-President; Doug Williams, Treasurer and Shelley Kuroghlian, Secretary.

Political Guests

James Stearns, running for Pinellas Pasco Circuit Judge Group 37 – gave the group his personal and professional history and has been very involved in the community for over 30 years. He asked for our support to elect him as our next Circuit Judge.

Brian Battaglia, running for Pinellas Pasco Circuit Judge Group 16 – gave the group his personal and professional history. He stressed the need to listen, show respect understand and help the community. He requested our support to elect him.

Guest Speakers

Anna Gurney, Neighborhood Liaison, City of Clearwater – New City of Clearwater magazine is out and you can contact the city to get on the mailing list. The Long Center is having an open house celebration on Jan 25. Parks and Recreation is seeking input. VIP tickets for the Sea Blues festival went on sale today all other seats are free.

Secretary's Report

Carl Schrader presented the minutes from the December 4th meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Shelley Kuroghlian indicated that the November minutes need to be corrected to show the Candidates Forum scheduled for January 15th is on a Wednesday, not Tuesday.. Motion by Doug Williams to accept the minutes as corrected, 2nd by Howard Warshauer. Passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Doug Williams presented the Treasurers report as of December 31, 2013. Motion by Dave Albritton to accept the report as written, 2nd by Julie Thompson. Passed unanimously.

Old Business

City Council Candidate Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15th, at 6:30. We need volunteers to help decorate at 4:00 pm. Julie Thompson, Howard Warshauer, Carl Schrader, Shelley Kuroghlian and Karen Cunningham agreed to help. Howard will be moderator and there will be a webcast of the event.

New Business

Carl attended the CONA meeting in St. Petersburg. Lisa Brown, the new President will be sworn in at the January CONA meeting. We have been asked by the President of CNCN to attend joint meetings concerning the impact of the Biggert-Waters act. Carl asked if we want to take a position. Discussion ensued encouraging the group to meet jointly. Motion by Howard Warshauer to work jointly with other organizations to get a speaker for a joint meeting on this issue. 2nd by D. Albritton. Passed unanimously.

Green Light Pinellas – Most of the municipalities and community organizations in Pinellas County have agreed to support this transfer of ad valorem taxes to this transportation initiative. Motion by Doug Williams 2nd by Ric Ortega to support this project. Votes in favor 9, Opposed 2. Passed.

Carl would like the group to discuss projects for 2014 at the next meeting and select committee members.

Officer Hyppolite informed us that the robber using a machete was apprehended at 4:00pm today. He is a Clearwater resident.

Logo T-shirts for the CNC can be ordered via the on-line order form. Please log into the CNC website. Give your \$10 to Doug Williams.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Howard Warshauer and 2nd by Doug Williams. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Kuroghlian
Secretary, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition