

**Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2014**

President, Carl Schrader called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Members present, per sign-in sheet on file.

Guest Speakers

Mariah Fairweather, Marketing Team Leader and Community Liaison Whole Foods Market

Spoke about Whole Foods and the core values under which they operate. Helping the local and global community is one of those values. The first week that they operate 1% of the sales will be donated. They will provide beverages, snacks, etc. for community events. If you want to have a representative at your event, contact Mariah at (727)420-4829. The store will have a prepared foods area. They will also serve beer and wine. They will open Wed., Sept. 24th @ 9:00 am. Normal hours will be 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Daniel Slaughter, Chief of Police, City of Clearwater Police Department

Chief Slaughter announced that **Donald Hall** will be Deputy Chief, **Erik Gandy** will be Patrol Division Major, **David Dalton** will be Criminal Investigations Major, and **Mark Teunis** will continue at Services Major. They are currently sourcing for Lieutenants. The CPD's connection to the community will be expanded. He wants to continually improve services. COMSTAT will be expanded to include more elements to arrive at a predictive policing model. The move will be from strategic to tactical intelligence. The structure will change to focus on community relations. There will be more communication with the community such as the Crime Prevention Seminar that was held for the public last week. Robberies, Burglaries, Prostitution and Drugs which are currently the focus for all districts will be re-examined and be customized based on individual districts. He wants to employ the "Waldo Strategy" with prostitution in Clearwater. "You don't speed in Waldo and you will not engage in prostitution in Clearwater" he stated. The majority of car burglaries are due to unlocked cars. He encourages all residents to lock their cars.

Secretary's Report

JoAnna Siskin presented the minutes from the August 6th meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Motion by **Doug Williams**, 2nd by **Howard Warshauer** to accept minutes as presented. Approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Doug Williams presented the CNC financial information as of August 31, 2014. Motion made by **Lee Mortimer** to accept the report as written, 2nd by **Karen Cunningham**. Passed unanimously.

Old Business

Neighborhood Parade – The CNC will work with the Downtown Partnership on a planned Holiday Parade. Carl will contact **Bill Sturtevant**.

New Business

Meeting Locations - we are exploring other venues for CNC meetings. We have contacted St. Petersburg College and they require liability insurance as well. The question was raised as to why these policies are needed given that the public already has access to these buildings and would be covered under existing policies. JoAnna Siskin is checking with St. Paul's Church.

October Meeting – usually we would have candidates and someone to explain the amendments. Due to the fact that we don't know where we will be holding our meeting, it is very difficult to publicize the meeting. Recommendation made not to have a forum. Membership voted we pass on having a forum this year.

Anna Gurney, City of Clearwater provided information on upcoming City events and neighborhood registration. Oct 18th Youth World Windsurfing Championship on Clearwater Beach. Paint Your Heart Out is accepting applications for next year. Hispanic Heritage Celebration will be held on Sept. 13th in the East Gateway. Moccasin Lake Park will be open 12:00 – 4:00 pm on Sunday from Sept – December. Achevia Box Car Rally will be held on Oct. 4th.

Karen Cunningham asked if there is any event planned to highlight the wall in the Capital Theatre with WWI names with the 100 year anniversary of the war. Anna Gurney will check on it.

Councilman Bill Jonson asked that the community support the Greenlight Pinellas amendment on the upcoming ballot.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Williams at 8:30 pm. It was seconded by Howard Warshauer, Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Kuroghlian
Secretary, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition