

**Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition Meeting**  
**June 1, 2015**

Acting for President Carl Schrader, Shelley Kuroghlian called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members present per documentation on file.

**US Highway 19 Corridor Development Standards** –Lauren Matzke, City of Clearwater Long Range Planning gave a presentation on the US Hwy. 19 Corridor. The city has begun plans to implement the Economic Development Strategic Plan and the US 19 Corridor Redevelopment Plan. A presentation was made by Lauren Matzke, AICP Planning Manager, Long Range Planning Division Planning & Development, City of Clearwater. The problem is that due to the age of the buildings, the economic downturn in previous years, and the construction that disrupted traffic on U.S. Highway 19, many buildings along the frontage roads have become badly run-down and/or vacant. The plan represents the city's vision for a high quality development and redevelopment that encourages higher wage employment, multi-family housing, and the availability of roadways, sidewalks, bicycle paths and trails. To this end, the city will explore the use of codes, site and building design standards, and zoning. Neighborhood associations and other groups interested in this project are invited to contact Ms. Matzke to schedule a presentation. More information can be found on the web at: [http://myclearwater.com/gov/depts/planning\\_dev/long\\_range/plans/us19.asp](http://myclearwater.com/gov/depts/planning_dev/long_range/plans/us19.asp)

Neighborhood Liaison Michael Hatch has been newly appointed to take the place of Officer Hippolite.

**Secretary's Report:** Shelley Kuroghlian presented, Doug Williams moved to accept, and Karen Cunningham seconded. The motion to accept was carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Doug Williams reported that the CNC had a balance of \$3,657.03 as of April 30. The total cost of the parade was \$553.77. Of that amount, trolley rental cost \$338, however the Police will reimburse for half that amount. The banners cost \$100. The remainder was used to purchase beads,

**Committees:**

**Urban Land Institute** – Meetings have been held in March, April and May to provide opportunity for public input on the ULI report. The May meeting of downtown neighborhoods identified three priorities: urgency was number one; redevelopment of Coachman Park was number two: and update of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan was number three. Details have not been identified yet. There is an existing plan for Coachman Park, but the downturn in the economy delayed its implementation.

**Membership:** Karen Cunningham said the letter was done and the mailing list has been updated. The letter will be sent out prior to the next meeting.

**Parade Follow-up:** The parade was a huge success. Nobody expected the turn out to be so large, and the CNC ran out of beads halfway through the event. Drew Street proved to be a good venue, but rain prevented many people from attending the after-party at Coachman Park. It was suggested that the city make this an annual event, although April would probably be a better month. Also, there were organizations that didn't participate because they couldn't afford the insurance. It was suggested that the city purchase insurance for the entire event next year.

**Fall Event:** Still being worked on.

**Neighborhood Crime Watch** – Ofc. Hatch of Clearwater Police reported that car break-ins and thefts still represent the majority of crimes, and of those, unlocked cars contributed over 70% of those crimes. Sgt. Lee stated that on June 20, the Long Center will host a presentation on crime prevention at 10:00 in the Aging Center.

July Meeting – Doug Williams moved to suspend the July meeting. Howard Warshauer seconded the motion, which was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Cunningham, Member