

**Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2015**

President, Carl Schrader called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present, per sign-in sheet on file.

Secretary's Report

Carl presented the minutes from the August 3, 2015 meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Motion by Doug Williams, 2nd by JoAnna Siskin to accept minutes a presented. Approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Doug Williams presented the CNC financial information as of August 31, 2015. Motion made by JoAnna Siskin to accept the report as written, 2nd by Howard Warshauer . Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Urban Land Institute – Carl reported that a letter was sent, as instructed, from the CNC to the mayor, council members, city mgr. and asst city mgr. requesting that the CNC be given a seat at the forum table.

Membership – Karen Cunningham, Chairman – recommended that the Candidate Forum be held in January and the Membership Meet & Greet be held in February. At that time potential members would be asked to address their issues and would offered a free membership to the CNC for the balance of the year. Shelley Kuroghlian suggested that we also work with the CPD Liaison team to communicate the value of joining the CNC. We are currently awaiting the update of the neighborhood association list from the City of Clearwater.

Code – Julie Thompson – No Report

Spring Event – JoAnna Siskin spoke to Solid Waste who, due to the changes in dates for the event, asked for a new presentation. JoAnna will speak with Earl regarding the event and, if they choose not to support it, will engage Clearwater Gas to partner.

New Business

Skycrest Neighbors – Beth Heng spoke on behalf of the neighborhood concerning the vagrancy problem at the park. The population has grown exponentially and residents do not feel secure. They have contacted the police, as there has been an increase in the number of people who are feeding the vagrants in the park. This has lead to an increase in garbage on the ground and persons defecating on the grass and in the bushes. She researched ordinances from other cities (Ft. Lauderdale) that have a prohibition of feeding within 500 ft. of a neighborhood. They are looking for help to get an ordinance passed and for the support of the CNC to get a Council member to support the effort. Ideas such as requiring a paid permit to feed in designated areas were mentioned. Motion by Howard Warshauer to support the Skycrest Neighborhood in formulating an action plan to get an ordinance passed by the city council to rid neighborhood and park of persons feeding vagrants. 2nd by Karen Cunningham. Passed unanimously.

Neighborhood Liaison Position - It was proposed that the Neighborhood Liaison be moved from the communications department to planning and be a full time position.

Charter Review - Karen Cunningham said that there is a lot of talk about the “Strong Mayor” form of government. Proposals will be presented and public input taken on the 22th of September in a meeting at the main library.

Donation to St. Paul's – Doug Williams made a motion to make a donation of \$250 to St. Pauls. 2nd by JoAnna Siskin, passed unanimously without a quorum. Will be presented in Oct.

Police

Ofc. Hatch – A CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) report was completed by Ofc. Hatch regarding Crestlake Park. It addressed lighting inconsistency, flooding, signage and reintroduction of restrooms. Public views regarding safety, feeding in the park and vagrancy were also included.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Williams at 8:30 and was seconded by JoAnna Siskin. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Kuroghlian
Secretary, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition