

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition Meeting Minutes • Monday, February 1, 2016

1-2. Meeting called to order at 7:06pm. Pres. Warshauer welcomed attendees and attendees introduced themselves.

3. Officers' Reports

Secretary Spencer Cook read minutes of January meeting. Motion to approve minutes made by Shelley Kuroghlian and seconded by Jack Mortimer. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer Doug Williams presented Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve made by Shelley Kuroghlian and seconded by Jack Mortimer. Motion approved unanimously.

Vice-President Karen Cunningham circulated the updated city list of neighborhood contacts and urged attendees to highlight the names of association leaders they would be willing to contact to boost CNC participation and membership. Shelly Kuroghlian volunteered to round up last year's CNC attendance lists to provide additional names and e-mail addresses.

4. Guest Speaker: Elaine Mann, Executive Director of TAFFIE, discussed the history and mission of her organization and summarized a number of programs and meetings offered to the public. More information may be found at www.taffie.net.

5. Old Business: Pres. Warshauer and Doug Williams attended a meeting with Clearwater Deputy Director of Planning Gina Clayton. They obtained the updated neighborhood association contact list, and inquired as to the status of the city's Community Liaison position. The city re-posted the job recently and interviews are still being conducted.

6. New Business/Priorities for 2016 Action Items: Pres. Warshauer announced the results of the CNC board meeting in which action items were identified and prioritized based on prior CNC discussion and input, and asked for a motion to approve the list. The action items in order of priority are neighborhood revitalization, encouraging and promoting bike and pedestrian trails, and tackling neighborhood traffic issues. These items are in addition to ongoing priorities including membership expansion, ULI implementation and US 19 planning. Jack Mortimer made a motion to approve the list of items and Karen Cunningham seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

During the discussion, an attendee suggested that East Gateway revitalization should take priority as an urgent issue and attendees suggested and agreed that CNC should request that City Manager Bill Horne attend the March CNC meeting to provide a status update. The board agreed to move the issue of city-wide neighborhood revitalization to the April meeting with Whit Blanton as a possible guest speaker. An attendee suggested we promote the April meeting in the city's Sunshine Lines flyer and Pres. Warshauer agreed to pursue the possibility.

7. Other Business:

An attendee raised concerns over the pending State House Bill 1007 which would remove state oversight from possible future commercial development on the bluff and waterfront. Councilman Jonson stressed that the land in question is still protected under the city's charter and that any future changes to that charter would have to be approved by voters via referendum.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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