

**Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition  
Meeting Minutes • Monday, June 6, 2016**

**1-2. Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.** Pres. Warshauer welcomed attendees and attendees introduced themselves.

**3A. Guest Speaker: Felicia Donnelly, Clearwater Parks & Recreation.** Provided an update on the Courtney Campbell Trail and a proposal to construct a bike/pedestrian overpass over SR60 connecting the Courtney Campbell and Bayshore Trails. The overpass will provide a safer route for trail users and reduce traffic congestion into and out of Clearwater. Funding would be provided from state sources and no city money would be involved. Mrs. Donnelly asked CNC for a motion of support and requested support from individual HOAs. Motion to support construction of the overpass made by Doug Williams and seconded by Kathleen Agnew. Motion passed unanimously. President Warshauer will e-mail information to CNC mailing list members.

Mrs. Donnelly also provided an update on the new Morningside Recreation Center which is currently in the design phase. The new facility is less than 22 thousand square feet and will be constructed east of the existing Morningside Pool. The center will include a workout facility, gymnasium and multipurpose space. Exterior will follow a mid-century modern design aesthetic and construction is set to begin in November 2016.

**3B. Guest Speaker: Sgt. Wilton Lee, Clearwater Police Department.** Announced plans for the upcoming True Blue Diversity Day on Saturday, June 11 from 10am to 2pm at Coachman Park. Event will feature music, diverse performances and family-friendly activities. CNC President Warshauer informed attendees that CNC will have a table at the event and asked for volunteers.

#### **4. Officers' Reports**

**Secretary Spencer Cook** read minutes of April and May meetings. Motion to approve April minutes made by Doug Williams and seconded by Mary Ellen Lansburg. Motion to approve May minutes made by Doug Williams and seconded by Carl Schrader. Both motions approved unanimously.

Mr. Cook also provided an update on the US19 Wayfinding project. The city and Merje design held meetings in May to give residents a look at three possible design styles. The company proposed dividing the US19 district into color-coded areas based on major cross-streets. Wayfinding uses signage, maps, technology apps and a variety of visual cues to help drivers reach their destination.

**Treasurer Doug Williams** presented Treasurer's Report and announced four neighborhood groups have paid dues including one group for three years. Motion to approve made by Spencer Cook and seconded by Mary Ellen Lansburg. Motion approved unanimously.

**Vice-President Karen Cunningham** not present.

**President Warshauer** announced that the Urban Land Institute initiative for downtown and the waterfront has been renamed Imagine Clearwater. CRA leadership is now under a new full-time position. Seth Taylor was hired to fill the position and begins in July. HR&A Advisors, an internationally known design group has been hired to study the downtown and bluff and will provide redevelopment recommendations. President Warshauer reminded attendees that CNC polo shirts are still for sale and that there will be no meeting in July.

#### **5. Old Business:**

- President Warshauer provided a recap of the special Neighborhood Revitalization meeting in May and reviewed the top positive and negative responses from the recent “Rate your Neighborhood” survey. Bike trails were stressed as a positive asset but President Warshauer stressed that certain sections of the trail system, including the Pinellas Trail through Downtown Clearwater, need improvement to allow better integration with local business and cultural opportunities.

Negative responses from the survey included traffic conditions, sidewalks and street curb conditions. A general discussion ensued, stressing the need for broad-based solutions including traditional traffic calming, wider sidewalks, sidewalks in areas that currently do not have them, and additional parks and recreational opportunities. The city was praised for maintaining and enhancing landscaping in areas where traffic calming devices are present. CNC officers will review the discussion points and provide guidance on how to proceed.

#### **6. New Business:**

- The Florida Neighborhoods Conference is scheduled for October 13-15th in Venice. CNC will look into the conference schedule and the possibility of sending a representative.
- The city’s new Neighborhood Coordinator has been hired. Mr. Lawrence Young will work within the city’s Planning and Development department and will begin in Mid-June.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.**

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