

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition Meeting Minutes • Monday, March 7, 2016

1-2. Meeting called to order at 7:01pm. Pres. Warshauer welcomed attendees and attendees introduced themselves.

3. Officers' Reports

Secretary Spencer Cook read minutes of February meeting. Motion to approve approved unanimously.

Treasurer Doug Williams presented Treasurer's Report and reminded members to pay their dues. Motion to approve made by Jack Mortimer and seconded by Spencer Cook. Motion approved unanimously.

Vice-President Karen Cunningham presented a membership update and reported improved turnout. Also stressed that contacting members continues to be a challenge as phone numbers have changed. Noted some associations have meeting conflicts with CNC. Asked for advice on getting CNC e-mails through spam filters.

President Warshauer updated members on the Community Garden shed and invited attendees to event. Announced Neighborhoods Day set for April 2.

Spencer Cook presented a brief summary of the city's US19 Wayfinding Project. City is working with Merje Design (www.merjedesign.com) which solicited stakeholder and resident input. Consultant will report back to city later this spring with specific recommendations on improving wayfinding along US19 corridor.

Jack Mortimer provided an update on the ULI recommendations. Downtown Association held a meeting to discuss issues with more than 70 people in attendance. The city is bringing on a planning consultant who will manage a year-long process of public engagement followed by a period of 6-12 months of planning leading to a referendum. CMA's downtown relocation effort will not continue and instead CMA will invest \$45 million for expansion on Island Estates. CMA still maintains its current presence in Harborview Center.

4. Guest Speaker: City Manager Bill Horne and Geri Lopez, Director of Economic Development & Housing presented an update on East Gateway redevelopment/improvement efforts. Current issues identified for improvement include safety and security, neighborhood appearance, economic growth, housing, and integration of Hispanic community. City will use legacy and existing plans to develop an updated improvement strategy to use in conjunction with Penny 3 funding. Sidewalk and stormwater improvements are also currently underway with construction set to begin in December 2016.

City Manager Horne also updated attendees on status of Neighborhood Coordinator position, which is being realigned with the planning department to help neighborhoods bring about changes. Recruitment process is ongoing as the city strives to find the right person for the job.

Question from the floor about Crest Lake Park and the possibility of an interim plan to deal with the transient population and drug dealing issues. City has a social worker in place and will look at ongoing police presence to deal with recurring problems.

5. Old Business: Pres. Warshauer distributed a draft of the Neighborhood Assessment Survey and asked attendees to distribute the final survey to association members and homeowners. Attendees suggested changing the name of the survey to encourage participation, suggested dividing the survey into multiple pages so that the survey rankings header remained visible, and suggested the inclusion of a comments section. Suggestion was also made to include the issue of rental homes on the survey as purchase of single family homes by investors is emerging as a critical issue.

6. New Business: Doug Williams announced that Duke Energy will provide a guest speaker at the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

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