

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition
Meeting Minutes • Monday, September 12, 2016

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

3A. Guest Speaker: Carl Schrader, Friends of Drew Street: Presented a proposal and asked for CNC to support a community effort to upgrade Drew Street to a “complete street,” featuring designated and separate lanes for pedestrians, bike riders and motor vehicles. The group’s immediate goal is to secure a planning grant and is working with MPO toward that objective. President Warshauer stressed the “complete streets” concept is compatible with CNC’s goal of neighborhood revitalization. Karen Cunningham filed a motion to support the effort. Motion was seconded by Smokey Townson and passed unanimously.

4. Officers’ Reports

Secretary Spencer Cook summarized minutes of June and August meetings. Motion to approve made by Doug Williams and seconded by Carl Schrader. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer Doug Williams presented Treasurer’s Report and announced two more neighborhood groups have paid dues. Expenses include recurring web fee. Motion to approve made by Smokey Townson and seconded by Carl Schrader. Motion approved unanimously.

Vice-President Karen Cunningham summarized CNC’s co-sponsorship of the August Imagine Clearwater workshop and urged members to participate in the downtown waterfront redevelopment process as soon as possible.

President Warshauer reiterated Karen’s comments about participation in Imagine Clearwater and stressed that the time for citizen input is now. An attendee commented that not enough notice was given for the second round of community workshops. Attendees were urged to visit www.imagineclearwater.com for the latest information.

Officer Selena Hyppolite, CPD reported a number of car windows have been smashed throughout the city and valuables inside the cars were stolen. She urged everyone to keep their car doors locked and hide or remove valuables. Officer Hyppolite also announced that CPD will be working with Code Enforcement on a number of code enforcement sweeps throughout the city, with the first scheduled for South Greenwood beginning October 28. She also announced that the National Night Out event will be held October 4 from 5-8pm.

5. Old Business:

a) **Florida Neighborhoods Conference:** Will be held October 13-15. Ric Ortega volunteered to attend and report back to CNC. Motion made by Doug Williams and seconded by Linda Kubilius to pay for registration fees. Discussion ensued about also paying for lodging. Motion amended to provide a \$100 travel allowance and was passed unanimously.

b) Clearwater Neighborhoods Department: CNC welcomed Lawrence Young, the city's new Neighborhood Coordinator who expressed his desire to build association participation, expand web and social media efforts and encourage low-cost neighborhood improvement and engagement projects. He can be reached at lawrence.young@myclearwater.com. Lawrence was asked about updating and maintaining the list of neighborhood association contacts and responded that efforts will be made to keep the list up-to-date.

b) Lauren Matzke, Clearwater Planning & Development provided an update on the US19 revitalization effort, noting that public hearings are underway with approval and completion of the plan expected by January 2017. Attendees were urged to visit myclearwater.com/myUS19plan for the latest information.

c) Neighborhood Revitalization: President Warshauer presented a position paper drafted by the CNC board urging city leaders to use a significant portion of Penny IV funding for traffic calming, curb improvements, wider sidewalks and improved access to trails throughout the city. Ric Ortega moved to approve the proposal as CNC's official position. The motion was seconded by Kathleen Agnew and passed unanimously.

6. New Business:

a) **Felicia Donnelly, Clearwater Parks & Recreation** presented an update on Clearwater's trail network. She discussed the challenges involved with extending/completing the Drew Street and Duke Energy trails. An attendee expressed concern about lighting and safety as part of ongoing trail design, and another concern was noted about safety at the Duke Energy trail intersection with Gulf-to-Bay Blvd. Felicia suggested CNC lobby for improvements at potentially hazardous intersections. Felicia also provided updates on the Crest Lake Master Plan and Morningside Rec Center.

b) Nominating Committee: President Warshauer announced all officers have agreed to return next year and announced the need for a nominating committee ahead of board member elections.

c) New Business from Members: Ric Ortega urged CNC to form a committee to look into improving the city's code enforcement rules and process. Ric will chair the committee and report back to CNC on a regular basis.

7. adjourned at 8:25pm. Next Meeting Monday, October 3rd at 7 pm.