

**Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition**  
**Meeting Minutes • Monday, January 9, 2017**

**1-2. Meeting called to order at 7:06pm** with welcome and introductions.

**3. Officers' Reports**

**Secretary Spencer Cook** summarized minutes of the December meeting. Motion to approve made by Jack Mortimer and seconded by Lee Mortimer. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurer Doug Williams** presented Treasurer's Report and reminded attendees that CNC membership dues are due. Motion to approve made by Spencer Cook and seconded by Karen Cunningham. Motion approved unanimously.

**Vice-President Karen Cunningham** pointed out that despite the good turnout, some folks were still away after the holidays and hoped that attendance would improve in February.

**President Warshauer** reported that CNC was mentioned in the Sunshine Lines newsletter and that Imagine Clearwater's final Stakeholder Advisory Committee is set for Thursday, February 2 at noon, with the proposal set to go before city council possibly by the end of February.

**4. Other Monthly Reports**

**Stewart Phillips, Clearwater Police Department** reported car thefts and burglaries on the beach but otherwise a pretty quiet holiday season. Cell phone stores countywide have been hit recently with a number of smash-and-grab burglaries.

**Lawrence Young, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coordinator** reported that holiday postcards were distributed; a groundwater replenishment forum will be held Tuesday, February 28 from 6 to 8pm in the Main Library; a two-tier approval system for Block Parties is under development and will be presented to council; the city's website is under redevelopment; Neighborhoods Day is April 8; and the Pop-Up North Marina project installation day will be January 21, with a completion festival scheduled for January 28. An attendee asked if the Pop-Up concept would be repeated in other parts of the city and Lawrence answered that the concept could be rolled out to other locations if the current project is successful.

**5. Committee Reports**

**Ric Ortega, Code Enforcement Committee Chair** not present due to schedule conflict; will report progress at next month's meeting.

**Karen Cunningham, By-Law Review Committee Chair** reported a number of changes are being proposed to the by-laws to clear up outdated and/or confusing terminology, communication procedures, privacy protection and expansion of officer

term limits from two to three years. Proposed changes will be posted on the CNC website for review with first and second readings scheduled to begin in February.

## **6. Old Business**

**Neighborhood Revitalization:** President Warshauer reiterated that CNC's position paper has been presented to council and CNC needs to get more residents involved to promote the goals of the position paper including increased involvement in the Penny for Pinellas process.

**Neighborhoods Improvement Conference:** President Warshauer and the CNC board proposed that CNC hold a Neighborhoods Improvement Conference with information booths on trails, community assets such as parks, libraries and recreation centers, traffic calming, downtown redevelopment, public safety and utilities. Jack and Lee Mortimer volunteered to help plan the conference and Doug Williams proposed having the conference at the Countryside Library. A suggestion was made that guest speakers and/or a panel discussion be included with information about setting up and running an association, how to leverage social media and the web to communicate, and the challenges of recruiting and retaining neighborhood volunteers. Jack Mortimer suggested Pierce Street Market CEO Natalie Nagengast as a possible guest speaker on the use of social media. Saturday, April 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. was agreed upon as the tentative date and time.

**Drew Street Complete Streets Project:** The project is in the planning grant approval phase and will be reviewed by Forward Pinellas later this month. The scope of the project has been expanded from the bay to Osceola.

**Crest Lake Park:** Bill Jonson reported that momentum is building for a natural and low-key conversion of the park and that residents are in favor of enhancing the park's visual character while improving access, parking and providing larger sidewalks.

## **7. New Business**

An attendee asked who to contact for advice on how to start a neighborhood association. Lawrence Young offered to put a link to CNC's website on the city's neighborhood association page and President Warshauer agreed to put a tab on the CNC website with more information on starting an association. Jack Mortimer suggested CRA director Seth Taylor could help with an overall update of the CNC website.

**8. Next meeting** is scheduled for Monday, February 6 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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