

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition

Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 8th, 2018.

1. Meeting called to order by President Karen Cunningham at 7:00 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
2. Introductions of those present.
3. CNC Officers Report:

Secretary Sean Schrader announced that the December meeting minutes had been posted on the CNC website and could be reviewed there. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Howard Warshauer and was seconded by Kathleen Agnews. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer Doug Williams presented the Treasurer's Report. Expenses were paid in December for the annual CNC holiday party along with a donation to St. Paul's United Methodist Church to express thanks for allowing the CNC to continue holding their meetings there. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Kathleen Agnews and was seconded by JoAnna Siskin. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vice President JoAnna Siskin encouraged CNC officers and members to attend other Neighborhood Association meetings and spread the word about CNC meetings and encourage them to attend to future CNC meetings.

President Karren Cunningham encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming CNC Neighborhood conference on February 10th and that this is a good opportunity to bring those from your local neighborhood organization to the conference as well. It was encouraged to take fliers promoting the conference to local venues to spread awareness for the conference.

4. Other Monthly Reports:

Officer Raymond Croze, Clearwater Police Department reported that through community involvement in the neighborhood, an arrest was made in a homicide that occurred on December 17th. A suspect was taken into custody as a result of community involvement for committing a string of armed robberies in the Gateway area. The 2016-2017 city-wide crime report found that burglaries were down 2%, robberies were down 9%, and vehicle thefts were down a similar percentage as the previous two were. Monitors will be utilized to watch over children who are prolific offenders.

Lawrence Young, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coordinator discussed the drew street project which is being set in motion to being in September of 2018. Neighborhoods day will take place on April 14th and specific information about the event will be released soon. President Karren Cunningham mentioned that representatives from the CNC will be going around on Neighborhood Day to promote awareness for the coalition. Mr. Young also said that there have been several new neighborhood groups that were formed in 2017 and encouraged those without a neighborhood group to register their group online.

5. Committee Reports:

President Karren Cunningham gave an update on the progress of the upcoming conference. The Agenda for the conference gives a clear outline of the events that will take place at the conference. She encouraged everyone to spread the word about the event. A Facebook group is now up and running and can be found by searching "Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition" and the website is up and running as well. Minor issues have arisen from using the Mailchimp mass email application in terms of some on the mailing list not receiving email updates and those with that problem are encouraged to speak with Secretary Sean Schrader to confirm that their information is properly logged into the MailChimp database.

Vice President JoAnna Siskin spoke about an issue that has come up in her neighborhood regarding a plan that has been put in place to construct a 92,000 square foot storage unit facility in the Skycrest Neighborhood that would be located at 300 S. Duncan Avenue, Clearwater Florida, 33755. The neighborhood has wished for this facility to not be built in the neighborhood. A vote took place before the community development board where it was split 4-3 and the vote is now headed to the city council. Ms. Siskin asked for the CNC to voice their support for the Skycrest Neighborhood with their decision and their feeling on the potential storage facility. President Karren Cunningham presented a motion to create a letter that would voice support on behalf of the CNC for the Skycrest Neighborhood. The motion was made by Kathleen Agnews and was seconded by Marcia Powell. Ms. Siskin thanked the CNC for voicing their support to the Skycrest neighborhood.

6. Code Enforcement Officer Presentation:

Mr. Terry Tenuis provided an update on Code Enforcement and gave an in-depth discussion regarding accomplishments made by the Code Enforcement office and discussed future goals that the code enforcement office hoped to achieve. A complete audio recording of the presentation that Mr. Tenuis gave to the CNC can be found here.

7. Odds & Ends about the conference:

President Karren Cunningham discussed the upcoming neighborhood conference in further detail and encouraged members to submit their nominations for good things that have taken place in a certain neighborhood such as an event or campaign and it should have taken place within the past two years and photos of the event along with the date of the event should also be included. Submissions can be sent to Mrs. Cunningham. Mrs. Cunningham encouraged everyone to share the upcoming conference with members of their neighborhood.

8. Adjournment:

President Karren Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM on January 8th, 2018.