

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition

Meeting Minutes – Monday, March 5th, 2018

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

Lieutenant Natalia Illich-Hailey, Clearwater Police Department spoke about Car Burglaries and how they continue to be an issue that officers see quite frequently. She recommended that residents ensure that their car doors are locked to ensure that they will not be a victim of these car burglaries. Because of recent events regarding school shootings, she made it aware that there will be a more active police presence in schools across Clearwater to ensure that all students are protected. She urged those present to attend the upcoming Comicon event at the Clearwater Main Library as it a fun way to learn more about Cartoon characters and it is a fun event for youth as well. She also discussed Neighborhoods Day and encouraged members to participate in their local neighborhood to ensure that it would be successful.

Lawrence Young, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coordinator urged members to get applications for the upcoming Neighborhoods Day event to ensure that their neighborhood would be able to receive a \$250 grant from the City of Clearwater for Neighborhoods Day to help alleviate the total cost of the event for the neighborhood. He discussed how successful the CNC Conference had been and how it served as an opportunity for citizens to learn more about the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition and how to become more active in their Neighborhood. He urged members to look for emails from him in the future regarding Neighborhoods Day and other city-related activities. He also encouraged members to install the Nextdoor App which serves as a great communication tool for residents to discuss various things regarding their Neighborhood.

4. Informal Candidate's Form:
Candidates for Clearwater City Council for both Seat 4 and Seat 5 discussed various things with members present at the CNC meeting ranging from Neighborhood Specific questions to more general questions that focused on the City of Clearwater in general.

The Candidates present were:

Hoyt Hamilton, Candidate for Clearwater City Council Seat 5

John Funk, Candidate for Clearwater City Council Seat 5

David Allbritton, Candidate for Clearwater City Council Seat 4

Tom Keller, Candidate for Clearwater City Council Seat 4

5. Other Business:
President Karen Cunningham urged members to look at the CNC's newly updated Facebook page to stay informed about Neighborhood-Related activities going on in the City of Clearwater

as well as other things too. She also asked for feedback regarding whether or not the CNC should write a position statement on a proposed Storage Facility that would be built in the Skycrest Neighborhood and the CNC's disagreement with the proposed construction.

6. Closing Comments:

President Karen Cunningham urged members to attend the upcoming CNC April Meeting that will feature a Presentation by the Clearwater Police Department regarding the Neighborhood Watch Program and to be thinking ahead to the May meeting also were Whit Blanton, from Forward Pinellas will be giving a presentation on Neighborhoods in Orlando.

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

CNC March Minutes Respectfully submitted by Sean Schrader, Secretary.