

CNC November Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 5th 2018

1. The Meeting was called to order by President Karen Cunningham at 7 PM at the Clearwater Rescue Fire Training Center
2. Introductions of those present.

Officers Reports:

1. **Secretary Sean Schrader**, mentioned that the November Minutes had been posted onto the website and asked if anyone would like to make changes to those minutes. There were no requested changes and a motion to approve the March Minutes was made by David Lillesand and it was seconded by Shelly Kuroglian.
2. **Treasurer Doug Williams**, discussed that there was very minimal activity within the coalition's bank account. He encouraged members to pay their dues. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Shelly Kuroglian and it was seconded by David Lillesand.
3. **Vice-President JoAnna Siskin**, had nothing that she wished to report on.
4. **President, Karen Cunningham**, spoke about how there will be a neighborhoods conference in February or March that will either be hosted by just the CNC or it may be in a joint partnership with CONA. If the CNC is the sole host, the conference will be most likely held at the main library. If the conference is in conjunction with CONA, it will be held at a central location between both Clearwater and St. Petersburg and would most likely be held at the Suncoast Hospice. The president also notified members of the upcoming CNC holiday party on December 10th. It will start at 5:30 and end at 7:30. The president also asked for volunteers to help set up and take down decorations from the party. Nauti Nancy will cater the event. Food will be provided, and a cash bar will be available. The president asked that all who plan to be in attendance to please RSVP to her. An email will be sent out detailing instructions of how to RSVP to her.
5. **Nominating Committee:**
The nominations committee had nominated the following individuals to fill officer positions for the upcoming 2019-2020 year. No additional officer nominations were made and the slate for the 2019-2020 year was approved. No members were in opposition of the nominated individuals.
 - President – Karren Cunningham
 - Vice-President – JoAnna Siskin
 - Secretary – Sean Schrader
 - Treasurer – Shelly Kuroglian
6. **Member David Lillesand** gave a brief update to members regarding the current status of the Imagine Clearwater plan. Any members wishing to see the report he presented should reach out to David Lillesand directly.
7. **Member Bill Jonson** gave a summative report about the Strong Mayor forum that was held by the Women's League of Voters and sponsored by the CNC that took place on October 1st. USF Political professor Ed Benton gave a sound report regarding the

differences between a strong mayor/strong city-manager form of government. County Commissioner Karen Seel gave a presentation about the benefits of the Strong Mayor form of government. Community activist Beth Rawlins gave a presentation about the negatives of the Strong Mayor form of government. Former St. Petersburg City Council member Karl Nurse gave the pros and cons of both forms of government. Mr. Jonson felt that the League of Women voters had done a good job with the coordination of the event.

Monthly Reports:

- 1. Officer, Clearwater Police Department** discussed many important objectives. He spoke about Vehicle Burglaries being a very big issue for the Police Department. He said that burglars are especially targeting work trucks to burglarize. As the holiday season is upcoming, the officer also encouraged members to keep watch out for “Porch Pirates” that may be trying to steal packages. The officer also encouraged for members to ensure that they take their valet keys with them as well as their valuables when they go shopping to ensure that thefts are deterred from breaking into vehicles. The officer also encouraged members to look into purchasing a Ring Doorbell to help ensure that people can be seen when approaching the house. The officer gave the URL : <https://ring.com/neighbors> can be used to purchase the device.
- 2. Richard Hartman, Clearwater Transportation Advisor** spoke to members about the Forward Pinellas Complete Street’s grant. He hoped that the CNC would offer a letter of support to the Complete Street’s group. He encouraged members to take the Complete Street’s metro quest survey online. The survey can be found at citywide.metroquest.com. A motion was made to write a letter in support of the Clearwater Complete Street’s group to be considered for the Forward Pinellas by David Lillesand and it was seconded by Doug Williams.
- 3. Barbara Fiddler, resident of Top of the World** briefly spoke to members about what different events that their neighborhood organization puts on. This includes block parties, Christmas light decorations and neighborhood garage sales. The organization has a Beautification committee that won a neighborhood award from the CNC last year.
- 4. Terry Teunis, Director of Code Enforcement** spoke about foreclosure searches currently going on within the city. He also discussed how liens in the city total over \$23 million. A motion was made by Bill Jonson for the CNC to draft a letter of support for Code Enforcement’s actions.
- 5. Gina Clayton, Assistant Planning and Development Director**, discussed the sudden departure of Neighborhoods coordinator Lawrence Young Jr. She also said that the job posting had been posted on the city’s employment page. Currently, Lauren Matzke will be the point of contact for the Neighborhoods Coordinator. She also discussed the city’s place making manual. She also discussed how the place-making manual was currently still being developed and that a new senior planner will oversee finishing that manual. She also discussed the city’s Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District (NCOD) which

ensures that redevelopment activities in the neighborhood take place. She also stated that neighborhoods that are interested in this program must have approval from the city council. There are many requirements that the neighborhood must meet in order to be eligible for the program. She also said that at least 60% of the neighbors must agree to the plan in order for it to move forward. Marilyn Kagan, a member of the Coachman Ridge neighborhood association was present at the meeting and told members how she felt about the entire process. Only Coachman Ridge and Island Estates have received redevelopment assistance.

6. The Meeting was adjourned by President Karen Cunningham at 8:30 PM.