

CNC Meeting Minutes – 9/10/18

1. The meeting was called to order by **President Karen Cunningham at 7PM**
2. **Kevin Dunbar, the Director for Parks and Recreation in the City** gave a presentation about the Phillies Baseball team and how baseball works in Clearwater. Player development baseball first started in 1923 and baseball has changed over the past 73 years. The Phillies presence in Clearwater is something that takes place in the city all of the time and really never ends making it a year-long task. There are about 7,800 fans that attend every baseball game at spectrum field. All minor baseball activities are coordinated in the city.

Mr. Dunbar Outlined the process below of how the year is laid out for baseball in the city:

- January: The teams start to prepare for the upcoming season
 - February: All of the baseball teams arrive in Clearwater
 - March-September: Players are allocated to various teams, all players are signed as a free-agent and registered in Clearwater. The fall instructional league takes place having the top 70 players come to Clearwater for intense training. For MLB practice, there are over 125 teams that come to the city. Dietary experts come to monitor player's eating habits.
 - November: Repairs and maintenance take place around the stadium with many investments put into it. A program will be implemented soon to have a 20 year commitment with \$20 million for a team in Clearwater.
3. Introductions of those present.
 4. **Mike Twitty, Pinellas County Property Appraiser** gave a presentation about Amendments 1 and 2 and the effects it will have in Pinellas County if they're approved.
Amendment 1:
Would implement a third homestead exemption (additional \$25,000) for some.
Amendment 2:
Would move the scheduled repeal language. Housing value would be based off of assessed value and not market value. Mr. Twitty encouraged those present to go to <https://www.3hkestimator.org/hb3/hb3.php?co=62> to see how your home will be affected and if there will be less money that needs to be paid in taxes.
 5. **Jack Mortimer, President of the Downtown Neighborhood Association** spoke about the initiative by Zev Buffman to implement a Band Shell in Coachman Park. He stated how this was not a part of the original plan and how many felt this should not be considered for the park. He asked the CNC for a united vote in opposition of the proposition for the bandshell and a letter from the CNC detailing their opposition. The vote was unanimous by CNC members against the proposal from Ruth Eckerd Hall.

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7. **Linda Kubilius, Representative Clearwater Beach Neighborhood Association** spoke about issues with individuals parking in their neighborhood who are going to the beach. She said that these individuals are displaying signs of rowdy behavior and there needs to be a control on having tourists park in designated areas that aren't in their neighborhood.
8. **Mayor Forum:**
There will be no CNC Meeting in October and in its place will be a mayor forum.
9. **Clearwater Police Department:**
 - There was a 35% increase in burglaries
 - Burglaries for the year overall are down 40%
 - Car burglaries are mainly coming as a result of unlocked vehicles
10. **Lawrence Young Jr., Clearwater Neighborhoods Coordinator:**
He encouraged those present to fill out the Neighborhoods Day feedback form and to sign up to receive the Clearwater Magazine. He also encouraged those present to attend the upcoming September 19th FDOT/ALT 19 meeting.
11. **Sean Schrader, Secretary:**
Motion to approve August Meeting minutes. Motion made by Shelly Kuroglian, seconded by Doug Williams.
12. **Doug Williams, Treasurer:**

Motion to approve the August Treasurer's report. Motion made by Shelly Kuroglian, seconded by Linda Kubilius.
13. The meeting was adjourned by **President Karen Cunningham at 8:30PM**