

CNC February 2019 Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by President, Karen Cunningham at 7 PM
2. Introductions of those present
3. Secretary, Sean Schrader gave an update of the January Minutes. There were no objections to the January minutes. A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Kathleen Agnew and was seconded by Linda Kubilius.
4. Shelly Kuroghlian, Treasurer gave an update on the CNC's bank accounts. There has been revenue from membership dues. There was an expense for a PO Box key. A motion to approve the report was made by Kathleen Agnew and seconded by Marlene Murray. The treasurer encouraged those present to pay their membership dues. It was also mentioned that an online payment system via PayPal will be created to pay dues online within the next month.
5. Karren Cunningham discussed new neighborhood associations that were present for the meeting and thanked them for their attendance at the meeting.
6. JoAnna Siskin, Vice-President had nothing she wished to report on.
7. Karren Cunningham, President discussed the mission of the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition and the goal of the organization to serve as a voice for neighborhoods throughout the city of Clearwater. She encouraged those present to become more active within the organization and take on higher leadership roles in the organization.
8. Clearwater Police Officer gave an update regarding current crime-related activities in the city. He discussed how there is currently a group targeting rent boxes and trying to steal items inside of the rent boxes. The officer told those present that there has been an increase in robberies around the downtown area and asked everyone to remain vigilant at all times.
9. JoAnna Siskin gave an update regarding the Gateway Project. She discussed how the Downtown Gateway has been expecting a street-scaping project to take place for the past several years. The Gateway is anticipating for the project to begin soon so that it can be completed in a timely matter.
10. President Cunningham gave an update regarding a neighborhood Conference. The conference is being planned to take place in September or October and will hopefully focus on Public Civility and feature topics on how to communicate more effectively with others.
11. Bill Jonson gave an update regarding the CNC's annual audit. He found that the treasurer's reports were maintained properly. He made several recommendations for the Financial portion of the organization moving forward including utilizing a general form to document all disbursements through the organization as well as having disbursements totaling over \$100 requiring approval from a CNC officer.

12. The Clearwater Point neighborhood association gave a brief presentation to those present about their neighborhood association. They explained that there are eight associations as well as a swim club that encompass the association. They explained how there is a current plan by developers to expand a small hotel within the association that would disrupt the peace within the area. They discussed how they have quickly united as an association to stand up against the expansion of this small hotel. This organization hopes to preserve the family character and residential integrity of the Clearwater Point Neighborhood. They asked for the support of those present from the CNC to attend the upcoming Clearwater City Council meeting as well as write letters to the Clearwater City Council to express opposition to this proposed hotel expansion.
13. City Attorney, Pam Akin gave a brief update regarding her background in the Tampa Bay Area. She explained that a City Charter Review must take place every 5 years. She explained how the current Charter Review may occur too frequently and could be reduced to less-frequent sessions. An organizational meeting will take place next week regarding how frequently the committee will convene and what topics they will discuss. She mentioned how there are two major topics that the city Council would like the charter review committee to focus on which include the salary of council members as well as council member districts. She encouraged the public to attend upcoming Charter Review meetings.
14. Micah Maxwell, Assistant City Manager gave an update regarding Imagine Clearwater. He discussed how the Harborview Center will begin the official demolition process on March 1st. He also discussed how City Hall has been moved to the Bank of America building in Downtown Clearwater on the 6th floor. He mentioned that there is currently no specific timeline for the demolition of City Hall. He also discussed how continuous review is currently being done by Stantec as well as others in regard to recommendations as to how to move the project forward. Community interviews will be taking place to seek out input from the public on the plan and what residents from across Pinellas County would like to see incorporated into the project.
15. The meeting was adjourned by President Karren Cunningham at 8:30 PM