



CLEARWATER
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December 07, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting via Zoom

Call to Order 7:05 pm 19 people in attendance

Carl Schrader, President

Secretary's Report was not given but is posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report was not given but is posted on the website.

Old Business:

Police Appreciation Lunch - Carl Schrader gave a brief synopsis of the lunch. He stated it was well appreciated and enjoyed by member of the police. Outcome was well organized thanks to Kathleen Agnew and Shelley K. There was a presentation for the two officers at the downtown location. Hoped to have some residual affect as a result; however, Kelly Kelly did become a member of the Police Overview Panel.

Community Police Collaboration Panel: There were 16 people at the meeting at 4pm. A full list of attendees can be obtained by emailing Kelly. Chris Michalek is the alternate if Kelly is not available. The purpose is to have transparency and communication and to be a community voice. Definitely not complaining session but to look at repetitive patterns and quality concerns. Already grievances can be sent to the police department via phone, email, correspondence, etc. but it can be anonymously. There was a discussion about the body cams that will be used in the future. The footage will be available to the public if it was recorded in a public place. Not available if it is an active investigation. When gun is drawn, camera is activated. The officer can start the footage at his/her discretion but needs to have written reason why. Its implementation is in the final stage. There was representative from several aspects of the Clearwater community. According to Chief Slaughter, the members will be 2 from Upper Pinellas Ministerial Alliance, 2 from Clearwater Urban Leadership Coalition, 2 from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Upper Pinellas and Clearwater, 2 by the MLK Center, 2 member by the Clearwater Police Department. There will be a total of 12 members.

By-Laws Review: Mr. Rudy Michalek – For the first step, he asked for current by-laws. He did a review and provided Carl with CNC revisions - 2-page listing that is broken into 3 parts. The first part was a listing any state and federal documents needed to make any changes to the current by-laws. The second was providing a skeleton outline of the by-laws that will be listed out. The third was a listing of other topics – areas that needed to be added to or subtracted from or just questions about the by-laws. There is a CNC foundation that is a 501 C 3 Corporation, and the CNC is not a 501C3. Carl will get a copy to the current and new officers. If there is any input or thoughts to let him know.

New Business:

Presentation of 2021 Officer Candidates: Ms. Kathleen Agnew and Ms. Mary Elen Lansburg -

Slate of Officers – Annette Pardue - Secretary Shelly Kuroghlian – Treasurer, Christine Michalek– VP, Joanna Sisscan– President Members were asked if there were any nominations from the floor. All officers accepted the office. It was stated that it was the first all women slate of officers. There was a motion to accept



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the slate for 2021 by David Lillesand and was seconded by Ms. Langley. According to the current by-laws, only current Board members can vote. Motion passes unanimously.

Mary Ellen Lansburg Thanks to Carl for services. Public forums, referendum, Carl stated he still wants to be an active member. All present thanked Carl for his leadership during the past year. David Lillesand also wanted to thank Bill, too, for all his efforts to push forward items relating to the CNC and especially the Landing. Bill thanked officers City council decided not to go ahead with \$6 million renovation for library. Chris thanked him for the emails to keep us informed with city happenings and decisions. He will keep sending these to the officers and anyone else interested in seeing it. Kathleen – representing neighborhood. Email from Bill to keep us in the loop.

Karen Cunningham had a question about the PO Box. Shelley takes what has to do with bills. Bill takes everything else and sends an email to those who are deemed necessary or involved with the items.

Other New Business:

3 big topics for city council – Kathleen Beckman – Monday 9 am is the work session

1. Overview of the clearwater gas company – responsibility to it – first discussion – this will be ongoing. In the future hope to have an industry specialist to come in to help with this.
2. Mr. Delk presentation of the proposed details cutting \$25 million from cost of the park– not to do the library – developers have done some modifications/ cuts
3. RFP process for the bluff properties – what it will look like, etc. and the timeline.

Bill – Item on Imagine Clearwater will this be discussed at public meeting? Kathleen Beckman hopes so but they will not be voting, just giving feedback. Bill discussed some of the eye candy that was taken out of the budget without the council. If too many items are eliminated, then it will not be the original vision that was initially part of the vision. If this continues, then it will be what was before, only something used when there is a large concert or event. Kathleen Beckman – advocate for the park to be top notch.

Playground cut in half eliminating benches. Narrowing sidewalks but still emergency vehicle size.

Kelly – splash pad will be cut in half. Jets went from 104 to 52 - still 20 % larger than St. Pete Is infrastructure there to expand it. It will probably not be in the infrastructure due to the cost.

A member asked about RFPs be environmentally sound but in today's meeting, the RFP s will be scored according to a criterion which includes environmental practices and beyond. Kathleen Beckman explained the RFP process in more detail stating that sustainability will be given bonus points. Art, concert areas, etc. are not part of requirements.

Karen Cunningham brought up the topic of the City Side – Drew Street and Fort Harrison plan – complete street – urge to take a look at it. We are facing budget cuts and fought so hard for the Drew Street that it would be good to send a message to the Council to have it completed. If it dropped, it will be lost. –

Building better neighborhoods –This will be the 3rd year – February and it will be virtual – 4 weeks in February – web conferencing on Saturdays. More detail at the next meeting.

David Lillesand stated that it would be worth the trip to St. Pete to see what all they have done with the pier.

Bill Johnson mentioned Julian B Park in Tampa for comparison.

Rudy stated the in January there is an annual report needs to be filed. Carl is the registered agent. We have until May 1st to do it.

Adjournment at 7:50 pm by President Carl Schrader