

## CLEARWATER NEIGHBORHOODS COALITION

Minutes MONDAY APRIL 5, 2021

- 1.- The meeting was called to order by President Siskan at 7:01 pm.
2. Treasurer's Report was given by Shelley Kuroghlian. There was a motion and second to approve the report and it passed unanimously.
3. Minutes from March Meeting were sent and posted online. There was a motion and second to approve the minutes and it passed unanimously.
4. Officer Medina gave an update about spring break and the beach. It has been orderly. Vehicle thefts have nearly doubled since last month. 8 had keys left in the vehicles. Burglaries have also increased. Several were smash and grab where people leave things in plain sight. Lieutenant Ilich has been moved to support services. Lieutenant Nate Burnside will be working in District 2 from the Beach District and will be attending the meetings. Officer Burnside gave a brief intro and his number for any concerns or needed contact.
5. - JORDAN/NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – Placemaking has been doing well. Comprehensive Plan will be updated starting now and for the next two years. It will be called Clearwater 2045 and there will be a website for it in the future. There will be community engagement sessions during late April through May. These sessions will be virtual and open to the public. He has been getting more neighborhoods to reregistering for 2021. Neighborhoods USA conference is in May. There is still time to register. It will be virtual, and it will consist of topics concerning neighborhoods.
6. -AMANDA GOLDEN gave information about Designing Local. The cultural arts program is doing a strategic plan update and she would like some feedback for this. There have been a series of stakeholder meetings. The committee would like to know what the CNC think of what the city of Clearwater does well and what your vision is for the future. Some of the suggestions were a wings mural, a film festival, some life size children statues, focus on literature and poetry, promoting visual local artists through a gallery, how to utilize Imagine Clearwater into the cultural arts, using local empty store fronts to display local artists, utilizing the youth to be engaged in aspects of the cultural arts through the playgrounds, using parks for literacy involvement with the youth, and areas near the library to bring different type of cultural arts events for the youth. There is another meeting that will be sent to the members to attend to share other ideas. Amanda stated that it is important to have community involvement to make this successful.
7. -David Lillesand gave an update Conflict Resolution Committee/ formerly Ombudsman Committee. They will be discussing Community Benefits Agreement that is being applied around the country. He gave a tentative timeline and topics for the next 6 weeks.
8. There was a discussion about the number of surveys that were sent out verses how many were returned. Unfortunately, the link cannot be sent out again as the responses were anonymous so there is no way to know who returned the surveys.

9. There was a discussion about the meaning of membership as presented by the committee. There was a question as to who would be able to vote at the meetings instead of just the officers. This will be a discussion for the bylaws committee. David mentioned some concerns about the residents who live here rather than those who have businesses and live elsewhere. Liz Drayer made some clarifications concerning members who will have one vote and that all people are able to attend the meeting. And/or alternate will be added to the language. When the bylaws are done, the terminology will be added. Some of the concerns were deferred to the bylaws committee. All memberships are grandfathered in for this year.

#### 8. -NEW BUSINESS

Bill mentioned that there were no development projects brought up.

Kathleen Beckman stated that there will be a change in the voting procedure and changing it from a plurality to a majority. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a discussion by Dr. Paine speak about this information about different types of elections/ pros and cons. This will be discussed at the work session and it could be moved to the next council meeting and voted on during that meeting. Several comments were made concerning this topic.

Mayor Hibbard noted there is only one council meeting this month. He mentioned the ribbon cutting ceremony at Crestwood Lake Park. Mr. Horne will be having Cleveland street closed till the end of the year. He also said that the election process could not be used because the Secretary of the State has not approved it. In Tallahassee, there are always topics that concern our city. One of the topics is short term rentals. Home rule is another topic that is one of interest to our city.

Marita Lynch elaborated on minority representation. During the public hearing, the NAACP was in favor of at large voting but with district residency. This was a very complex discussion. Chris Michalek added to the discussion concerning the runoff and the cost involved.

Meeting was adjourned by President Siskan at 8:10 pm.