

# CLEARWATER NEIGHBORHOODS COALITION

Minutes OCTOBER 4, 2021

- President Siskin called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- Kristin Langley made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Kathleen Beckman seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
- Treasurers Report will be given once Shelley has returned from Connecticut.
- Lieutenant Dean gave the police report. He wanted to know if there were any questions or concerns. He was asked if there were any trends going on in the city. With Holiday season approaching, the predators will be out there so the burglaries will be a priority. The city will have the National Night Out and it will be tomorrow. There will be several aspects of the police department there it will be at 7 at the Countryside Mall. There is food and different vendors at this activity.
- Councilperson Beckman discussed the Big Cleanup, which will start next week with the culmination on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be over 1500 people who have responded.
- Jordan Morang joined the meeting. All leaders went through a training session. Discussed the Big Clean Up and that this is something to begin the process to keep the neighborhoods clean. For the Comprehensive Plan 45 is in the visioning stage and then go to the CBD. There is a questionnaire that should be in the vision. Asking residents to do the survey. There is a

Shred-athon and unused medication on October 23 at Countryside from 9am – 1 pm. First Clearwater Hispanic Market will be on October 15- 17 from 9 – 3 on 710 Court Street. North Greenwood CRA is working daily with Jordan. Lina still has two spots available for two more artists for the Clean Up. Trying to procure city buildings to display art. Bill Jonson asked why we are not getting public notices. They are aware of it for the CNC and talking about a solution for this. Jordan will look into that and get back to us. Glenna asked about Neighborhood's Day. Will we be doing recycling since it was slated for 2022? Sheridan had worked with Juliana to do a zero-waste project. With Greenpoint 2.0, there is a plan to have it in the spring. On the questionnaire Clearwater 245, she didn't feel there was much focus on Greenpoint 2.0. Jordan asked her to send an email to him.

- Liz Drayer discussed safe use of pesticides on landscape and noted all the negative aspects of this use of pesticide. Said all pesticides are approved by the EPA but this is not protecting us. She gave several references as to why this is not affective. Cities around the country are doing organic land management, which has been very effective. It is cost effective, too. Would like to have 2 parks be involved in this type of land management. Would love to have the CNC support this type of program. This could set the tone for the community, too, and help them move away from commercial chemical usage. The CNC would support the pilot program using two parks as a model. Kristen Langely made a motion that we go before the

Board to do 2 park sites and it was seconded by Glenna and it was passed unanimously. Liz will go to the City Council with our support.

- Roberta Klar with the Clearwater Arts Alliance has been active within the community of Clearwater. They were responsible for the painting of the signal boxes. The Art Walk is monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 10:30 and an evening walk at 7 pm. We are 1 hour before Sip and Stroll. Get more information about the walk on the website. October 14 starting at 4 pm that will be introducing the chalk art and ending on Cleveland Street with some drinks, courtesy of O'Keefe's. Please call at 727-642-7223 or visit the website. As president, she is looking for representation from neighborhoods. She would encourage children to participate in the walks, too. Cheryl Acton is doing a program to have a logo for the Community Gardens and sending this invitation to schools in the Clearwater area. Can she send this information to the Clearwater Arts Alliance? Roberta asked Cheryl to call her.

- **Old Business**

- Karen Cunningham volunteered to steer the Nomination Committee for 2022 Officers. She would like a volunteer to contact her. She is encouraging people to contact her if they are interested in being on the slate. She gave her contact information and posted it in the chat.
- Rudy Michalek stated the committee had never been formalized for the bylaws. All the officers were initially on this committee. If anyone else is interested, please contact Rudy.

- **New Business**

- East Gateway neighborhood had gone inactive and has reactivated their neighborhood.
- Joanna asked for comments about having the Christmas Party this year. We need to decide as to whether we have it or not. Several members made comments and their concerns. Crestlake Park was mentioned as a venue for an outside party. Marcia made a motion to have the Christmas Party at Crestlake Park during the daytime. It was seconded by Cheryl Acton. The motion was passed unanimously. The following volunteered to be on the committee – Carl, Mary Ellen, Joanna, and Annette. It will be on a Saturday and the committee will determine time.
- There are two people on the meeting who are running for Hoyt Hamilton's seat, Lina and Aaron.
- Paint Your Heart Out was mentioned by Kathleen Beckman. It will be on November 6<sup>th</sup> between 8 and 1. Trying to get away from plastic items and something more environmentally safe. Participants need to be 16 and older.
- Marcia Powell wanted us to make sure that there are names for each attendee at the meetings.
- Joanna adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.