

CLEARWATER NEIGHBORHOODS Minutes for November 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Siskin at 7:01 pm. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

There was a motion by Kirstin Langley to approve the minutes as posted. Rudy Michalek seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

POLICE LT. DEAN gave his report and said there were only a few items. One was an attempted carjacking and a shooting. He stated that traffic control has always been an issue, but the pedestrian safety has improved in response to a question from Bill Jonson. Joanna Siskin asked what the curfew age is for minors and the response is that there isn't one. A juvenile need in services and can contact the guardian/ parent and even take them home if needed. Kathleen Agnew thanked them for driving around neighborhoods for Halloween.

Neighborhood Services Report was given by Gena Clayton. You can still contact them at neighborhoods@myclearwater.com. There will be a presentation of the comprehensive plan update at the next meeting at Nov 15th Nov 26 will begin the Holiday Extravagance in downtown. There will be a holiday camp during thanksgiving. The CRA will be awarding North Greenwood contract will be on the 15th and meeting on the 18th. Several questions were asked about the vacancy. The job has not been posted as yet because the current job description needs to be reevaluated. Currently the position will be more of a triage until the position is filled. Neighborhoods Day is 5 months away and there is concern about making this a success as it is a huge undertaking. Questions were asked about the new City Manager.

Annette Pardue asked to speak and stated that she wished to be removed from the slate of officers for 2022. She thanked everyone for their support during her two years as secretary.

President Siskin thanked the committee for putting together the slate. Karen Cunningham stated the appreciation for the current officers and the slate will be a complete turnover. She thanked those who have volunteered to be on the slate. Karen announced the slate of 2022 – 23 will be Carl Schlager for President, Bill Jonson for Vice President, Kelly Kelly for Secretary and Rudy Michalek as Treasurer. President Siskin stated that there will not be an actual voting for any of the positions. A motion was made by Kristin Langley and seconded by Mary Ellen to approve the slate as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. The actual slate will be voted on in December.

Rudy Michalek discussed the bylaws that will be sent to all members. He stated that the bylaws were structured so that the board could make some adjustments without having to change the bylaws. An example was the number of Board Members would be a minimum of 3 members. The member will be emailed the current bylaws and the draft with the additions in red. The current wording will be in black and those not being used, will have a black line through it. There will be bylaws zoom meeting to go through the bylaws and make any corrections/ adjustments. Then the document will be sent to all members. There have been several articles that were not in the original bylaws. He stated the different articles because there were questions that have been asked over the past few years. There was a discussion as to when to have the zoom meeting. It was decided to have the meeting on November 8th by a majority of the present members. Rudy asked if the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition could set up the zoom meeting on the 8th.

Carl Schrader discussed the progress for the Christmas Party. It will be at Crest Lake Park on December 6th from 5:30 – 8:00. We will have some finger foods/ deli sandwiches. The committee will be meeting at the park to finalize all the particulars for the evening. Carl asked for a budget of \$300 for the event. There was a motion by Bill Jonson to include the \$300 from our budget and the location of Crest Lake Park and seconded by Kristin Langley. Motion was approved. Rudy asked if there would be some type of mechanism for those not attending the meeting. Joanna and Rudy will discuss this possibility.

There was no old business.

Bill Jonson wanted to the floor to discuss the need to have a different relationship with the CDB with our members. Several things need to be approved to make this process more transparent, more accountable and to not degrade the information shared by neighbors.

Kathleen Beckman would like to have the CNC considered like the union representative for the neighbors. She would like to better the advisory boards to have more empowerment. Also to have more clarity in language.

Karen Cunningham would like to have the Neighborhood Coordinator to give us a weekly update for the vacancies for different Advisory Boards. Many times we are not aware of these vacancies. We need to give a clear idea to the Neighborhood Coordinator as to what we want going forward.

Kathleen Beckman stated there was an opening for the Environmental Board and another position that has been open on the Clearwater Authority Housing Board.

Joanna stated that the way the city fails to meet the needs by having the meetings during the day instead of evening. This eliminated many people from trying to be involved on these boards. Kathleen also stated that if you choose to be on a board, make sure you do your due diligence. She also stated that she knows that having the meetings during the day is a disadvantage. There is a way of keeping track of the positions available.

Joanna asked the attendees to discuss what affiliation they have within Clearwater. Several were observers who are interested in what the CNC does and the issues that we discuss. Patrick Raftery made some comments concerning the Advisory Boards and the role of the CNC.

Joanna hoped that next year there can be some type of hybrid meeting so that we could meet in person.

Rudy asked for the new attendees for their emails. He noted that the two candidates for the council position were in attendance. Joanna stated that there is usually a forum to have the candidates in the future. Liz Drayer wanted to know if the non-Clearwater residents can attend the meetings. Rudy stated that in the current bylaws it is open to those in Clearwater.

The meeting was adjourned by President Siskin.