

CNC June 2023 Minutes
Meeting June 5 at Clearwater Fire Training Facility
Attendance estimated at 45 people, including five city staff

Social networking with Mayor Brian Aungst Sr. and City Manager Jennifer Poirrier

VP Bill Jonson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at Clearwater Fire Training Facility.

Jonson gave an overview of the CNC.

Neighbors introduced themselves and the neighborhood they represent.

Comments by Mayor Aungst

Aungst moved to Clearwater in 1988 from Delaware. Neighborhoods are important. First elected mayor in 1999. Developed Neighborhood division and were involved in neighborhoods, he said. Many neighborhood awards and grant programs are being restarted, he said.

“We want to help you any way we can, obviously within reason,” Aungst said. “I do value neighborhoods.”

Aungst said he does not plan to run again. He spoke about the agreement he made where his son Brian Aungst Jr. would not represent clients while he is mayor.

A neighbor asked about the city’s mission statement. Aungst and Poirrier mentioned recently adopting a new strategic plan.

Kathleen Agnew asked Aungst if there was anything he would like to achieve. He said figure out the plan for city hall.

Poirrier commented on plans for city hall. Dunedin City Hall, which recently opened, was brought up as an example. The financial climate is different and that could not be replicated, Poirrier said. Dunedin will do a cost analysis on what their city hall would cost to build now.

Poirrier shared updates on recycling. City is negotiating with two vendors for a single stream recycling program. Plan is to have a contract ready in July/August. Discussion of credits to resident bills will happen at that time as well.

She also talked about the city’s tree program. Plan was to bring something forward in June. Some turnover in Public Works pushed the timeline to August.

Tricia asked about developing tree ordinance. Poirrier said a possible ordinance would go before the Environmental Advisory Board before it goes to council in August.

Poirrier said the budget will be available for review in July and the strategic plan is available online.

Neighborhoods Day Park Opening, Samantha Moullet, neighborhood services manager

Moullet gave an overview of upcoming events.

Membership business

Neighborhoods concerns and issue updates

Secretary's Report:

Jonson said the minutes were online but he did not put the link in the agenda. Motion made to accept secretary and treasurer reports and passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

Rudy Michalek updated on membership and costs.

Neighborhood tree update

Jonson shared an update Chuck Lane gave on the tree program at the Environmental Advisory Board.

Future meeting topics/issues

Neighbor asked about the Drew Street project.

Chris Michalek brought up upcoming projects on Clearwater Beach that will go before the Community Development Board later in June.

Jonson adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.