

CLEARWATER NEIGHBORHOODS COALITION
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2011

The Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition July 11, 2011 meeting was held at the Salvation Army Joy Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mr. Schrader, Vice President. In attendance were those members and guests highlighted on the sign in sheet for July 11, 2011. After the meeting was called to order, the local business presentation began, with Ms. Linda Maier, one of the owners. She gave a brief background of the business and brought some pizzas to sample. Following this brief presentation, the guest speakers below did their presentations, after brief background of the speakers by Mr. Schrader.

- I. Ms. Laurie Serra of N.O.P.E. of Pinellas County began the discussion talking about drug addictions and the illegal use of prescription drugs and the affect throughout communities. A booklet was passed out to the attendees, which contained a wealth of information. Also She introduced the task force that was highlighted in their presentation.

- II. Captain Robert Alfonso of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office connected his presentation to Ms. Serra. He gave a lot of data summarizing the deaths occurring from the abuse of drugs, including prescription drugs. He also gave a lot of information on the pill mills in the State. He noted that 98% of the purchased oxycodone in the nation was in the State of Florida. It was also highlighted about the rising crime centered around pharmacies, etc. due to robbery. He gave the below email address to talk to medical professions:
diversionfo@pcsonet.com.

Mr. Serra was called up to give some comments about his son's death resulting from drug addictions. He said prescription drugs hereby changed his family forever as a result of his death, at age 28. After he finished his presentation, the floor was opened for questions. There were a few and some comments.

Ms. Serra then informed the members of the candlelight visual October 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Largo Central Park to remember those that have died from drug abuse/overdose.

Mr. Schrader thanked all the speakers for their presentations, and how valuable the information shared was.

- III. Secretary's Report-Minutes were presented by Ms. Gulley. After no noted questions or corrections, minutes accepted as presented.

IV. **Treasurer's Report**-Was presented by Mr. Williams. Being no noted corrections, Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

V. **Coordinator Reports:**

- a. Website – Mr. Schrader gave some updates, noting that Mr. Wright was not in attendance. He also informed the members that Mr. Siskin has volunteered to provide some topics for an element of the website they are working on.
- b. Code Enforcement – In the absence of Mrs. Carlough members were asked to provide comments about the lady that was cited for the synthetic lawn. A recommendation was made that Mr. Michael Delk from the City come in or look at this area and see if changes need to be made on the code. Ms. Siskin noted that it was similar lawn at the Long Center. It was also noted that the homeowner affected should be invited along with the City representative. A motion was made by Mr. Delph for this recommendation; seconded by Mr. Williams and carried.
- c. Membership – No discussion tonight

VI. **New Business**

- a. Candidates Forum- no discussion tonight. The council voted 3/2 to change the election to November; also the Charter Review Committee will discuss this, according to Mr. Jonson.
- b. Homeowner's Insurance – No discussion tonight.


VII. **Membership Input**
Neighborhood Items

None other than a discussion on traffic calming in various neighborhoods.

In closing, comments were made by Ms. Anderson how fantastic the Solid Waste Department has been as it relates to how fast they responded to her call to remove some debris. It was suggested that an appreciation letter go out to this department by the membership.

There being no other business, Mr. Schrader gave his closing comments. A motion was then made by Mr. Delph to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Williams and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Casey M. Gulley
Secretary