CLEARWATER NEIGHBORHOODS COALITION MEETING MINUTES September 12, 2011

Call to Order

The September 12, 2011 meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Shelley Kuroghlian.

Business Guest

Jonathon Walser- President of the Fraternal Order of Police Detective Walser spoke on behalf of Clearwater's Police Union and their commitment to the city and residents of Clearwater.

Secretary's Report

Motion to approve August minutes made by Howard W., second by Norma C. and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Doug Williams, Treasurer presented the current financials and a motion to approve report was made and motion passed.

SPEAKERS

Chief Holloway- Clearwater Police Chief

Chief Holloway informed CNC members that each neighborhood would be receiving 4 new Neighborhood Watch signs. The new signs include the new initiative TIP-411 number. This is a new way for residents to report crimes to CPD by texting them with their phones about crimes or suspicious activities. The person texting remains anonymous unless they choose to give their name.

Howard Warshauer-Clearwater Downtown Partnership

A committee was formed by the CDP to look for ways to enhance activity at Coachman Park. Howard shared with us the committee's vision for Coachman Park becoming a center of activity 365 days a year. This has been done in other cities across the nation resulting in economic vitality for those downtowns. Howard distributed a survey to help the committee better understand residents thoughts on what would make Coachman Park an activity center for the community.

Flecia Leonard- City of Clearwater Parks and Recreation

Felicia spoke to CNC members about grant money the city has applied for which would be used to improve the playground at Pier 60. Some CNC members suggested the Pier 60 Park did not need any improvements, and that the money might be used to improve other playgrounds within the city.

Committee Reports

Code Committee - Ron Delp informed CNC members that the Code Committee meeting with Terry Tuenis last April resulted in updates to the Property Maintenance document and the Landscaping Document.

Website Committee - Carl Schrader told members the website is receiving numerous hits on their blogs and podcasts.

Publicity Committee - Carl Schrader informed us that Clearwater Patch is posting blogs and podcasts from the CNC website on their news website.

Membership Committee - No report

Old Business - CNC members voted to hold the last Candidate Forum for individuals running for Mayor and Council seats. It was decided to try and have the Forum a week before the absentee ballots can be mailed in.

New Business - Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition is participating in National Night Out. Target at Clearwater Mall is sponsoring the event to bring attention to community awareness about crime in our neighborhoods. It is a family event. Other participants are the city of Clearwater Police and Fire Departments, Coast Guard, Lowes, Costco and many more. The CNC encourages everyone to come out and participate in this great event.

Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm