

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2014

President, Carl Schrader called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Members present, per sign-in sheet on file.

Guest Speaker

Sarah Perch and Chelsea Favero, Principal Planners, Pinellas County Planning and Development Services, MPO did a presentation on the [2040 Transportation Plan](#) which is updated every 5 years looking 30 years into the future. Pinellas County is essentially built out. Projects are Intelligent Transportation System, Community Bus Plan, Light Rail & Multi-use Trails. Currently refining their needs assessment and ranking projects. They can be contacted to present information at your neighborhood meetings.

Secretary's Report

Carl Schrader presented the minutes from the April 4th meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Motion by Doug Williams, 2nd by Jack Mortimer to accept minutes as presented. Approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Doug Williams presented the CNC financial information as of April 30, 2014. Motion by Lee Mortimer to accept the report as written, 2nd by Karen Cunningham. Passed unanimously.

Old Business

Flood Insurance Reform – Carl would still like to have a forum on this subject. Lloyds of London's rates are currently lower than the National Flood Insurance plan.

Legislative Committee Report – We would like to have an update by Rep. Hooper on legislation passed this year. Also a forum for candidates running to take his seat as he is termed out.

Neighborhood Parade - Need to meet to formulate a plan.

New Business

We will be able to meet in the Joy Center for the summer due to construction in the building adjacent residences. We will not be able to park next to the center.

Clearwater Police Department Officer Croze spoke about burglaries in the city on homes with open garage doors. He stressed that we should close and lock all garage doors. This is happening all around the city. Do not leave anything of value in view in locked cars. There have been a number of smash and grabs in the area. Do not put valuables in the trunk in view of others. Cars have been broken into and items removed from the trunk.

[48 Hours filmed a segment in Crest Lake Park about the attack on Melissa Dohme.](#)

Jo Anna Siskin asked what is happening with the Homeless Initiative. There are many more vagrants in the park.

Dunedin adopted the same ordinance on Nuisance Businesses that is used in Madiera Beach. Request made to ask Rob Surette to explain what is preventing Clearwater from adopting this ordinance.

Joe Corvino indicated that the Clearwater Marine Aquarium will negotiate the lease with the City of Clearwater in private. Concern was raised that this is not an open process. He asked that the CNC express their concern regarding this process. Bill Jonson indicated that the Charter Amendment is binding in all regards. If something is different in the negotiation, than was in the Charter Term Sheet, there should be open public discussion. We will ask for a presentation on this process.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Williams at 8:30 pm. It was seconded by Shelley Kuroghlian, Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Kuroghlian
Secretary, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition