

**Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition
Meeting Minutes • Monday, January 4, 2016 (Final)**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02pm. Pres. Warshauer welcomed attendees and announced the meeting was devoted to identifying goals for 2016 as the CNC moves forward. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Officers' Reports

Secretary Spencer Cook read minutes of previous meeting. Motion to approve minutes made by Shelley Kuroghlian and seconded by Jack Mortimer. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer Doug Williams presented Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve made by Spencer Cook and seconded by Shelley Kuroghlian. Motion approved unanimously.

Vice-President Karen Cunningham reported on membership, recommended using Facebook for current events and website for non-changing information. President Warshauer expressed hopes for increasing membership in 2016 and announced plans to meet with city officials to acquire updated neighborhood association contact list. General discussion ensued on ways to increase membership.

President Howard Warshauer provided review of CNC actions taken in 2015; suggested secretary highlight/boldface motions passed going forward for easier identification. Actions taken in 2015 included \$1000 raised for Eric Wilson; CNC participation in Clearwater Centennial parade; successful lobbying to include a CNC representative in the ULI stakeholder group; lobbying for protection/restoration of Stevenson Creek watershed; and motion in support of addressing Crest Lake Park concerns.

3. Guest Speaker: No guest speaker in January to allow extra time to discuss mission and goals. Elaine Mann, Executive Director of TAFFIE, is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the February board meeting.

4. Old Business: Pres. Warshauer reported on progress and developments from most recent ULI meeting. 38 short term goals on list (Councilman Jonson pointed out that 12 out of 38 identified for actual implementation and that progress is being made); a request for proposals has been issued by the city for a consultant to Master Plan the Bluff/Waterfront area, this will incorporate recently completed studies of the Marina Area of the Old Bay Character District and the downtown Marina and Seminole Boat Launch. Pres. Warshauer suggested the city make accessing on-line ULI information easier.

5. New Business: Building the Organization/2016 Mission and Goals: Board members asked to identify main CNC objectives for 2016. Initial objectives include building membership, solving neighborhood issues quickly and forcefully; improving CNC's credibility and relevance which will help build CNC's influence; and addressing issues of all neighborhoods throughout the city. Attendees suggested several issues to address including Pinellas & Duke Energy Trail improvements, addressing US19 redevelopment, and improving the overall "look" of the city, its homes and its neighborhoods. At the end of the meeting several people mentioned that the issue of neighborhood traffic should be added to the list of issues to address.

6. Other Business: No candidates forum planned. "Peak of Leadership" award presented to outgoing president Carl Schrader.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

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