

**Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition  
Meeting Minutes • Monday, November 6, 2017**

**1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.**

**2. Introductions of those present.**

**3. Guest Speaker:** Lina Teixeira, Owner, Galleria Teixeira and new member of the Downtown Development Board. Ms. Teixeira shared her story as a designer and business owner. She began by opening a workspace on Cleveland Street and built her business after introducing her clientele to downtown. She has been recognized by Creative Loafing for her dedication and passion for downtown. She decided to get actively involved, serving as President of the Downtown Merchants Association and now as a member of the DDB. Ms. Teixeira sees more cohesion in downtown but work remains to bring in more diversity and fresh ideas. She is hopeful the Imagine Clearwater project will help transform downtown and bring renewed economic development to the area.

**4. Member opportunity to bring up neighborhood items.** Vice President Karen Cunningham reported a reclaimed water outage in Coachman Ridge. Secretary Spencer Cook expressed thanks to the Solid Waste/General Services Department and its employees on behalf of Morningside-Meadows, for working hard to clear the community of Hurricane Irma debris before Halloween. New attendees expressed interest in learning more about CNC and becoming actively involved.

**5. CNC Officer Reports:**

**Secretary Spencer Cook** announced that the October meeting minutes were posted on the CNC website for review. Motion to approve made by Lee Mortimer and seconded by Doug Williams. Motion approved unanimously. Mr. Cook thanked CNC for allowing him to serve as Secretary for the last two years and pledged to remain involved as much as possible.

**Treasurer Doug Williams** presented the Treasurer's Report. Limited expenses were incurred in October and membership dues are due for 2018. Motion to approve made by Carl Schraeder and seconded by Lee Mortimer. Motion approved unanimously.

**Vice-President Karen Cunningham** presented and distributed new CNC brochures and urged neighborhood leaders to distribute them to their association members.

**President Howard Warshauer** urged attendees to vote for the Imagine Clearwater referendum and reiterated his position that city leaders should work harder to eliminate further long-standing delays and make the completion of the Druid Road Trail a top priority. President Warshauer also announced the 1100 Building is being completed thanks to a new \$22 million construction loan. Mr. Warshauer announced that the CNC Holiday Party will be held Tuesday, December 5 at 5:30pm at Nauti Nancy's, and he thanked CNC for allowing him to serve as President for the last two years.

## 6. Other Reports

**Officer Selena Hyppolite, Clearwater Police Department** reported the Turkey Trot is coming up Thanksgiving Day. Officer Hyppolite reported a drug bust as well as number of vehicle burglaries, and encouraged residents to keep their car doors locked and to secure their vehicles and belongings while shopping for the holidays. CPD will be out in force at the mall on Black Friday and is also in the process of conducting gun safety classes for third graders.

**Lawrence Young, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coordinator**, urged attendees to vote for the Imagine Clearwater and Penny for Pinellas referendums. Mr. Young also encouraged attendees to check out the free fitness activities at Station Square Park on weekday afternoons.

**7. CNC Committee Reports/Assembly of Neighborhood Leaders:** Committee Chair Karen Cunningham announced that the conference is set for Saturday, February 10 at the Main Library from 1 to 4pm. Jack Mortimer and Joanna Siskin shared the draft program for the assembly, which tentatively includes a meet-and-greet and opening remarks by Mayor George Cretekos, plus guest speakers Professor Jeff Kronschnabl from SPC and Captain James Steffens from the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. The conference will continue with Q&A, appreciation and neighborhood spirit and champion awards, a "meeting of the minds" to identify common issues and priorities, and a "lightning round" information session conducted by Clearwater Neighborhoods Coordinator Lawrence Young.

**8. Old Business:** The CNC Holiday Party will be held at Nauti Nancy's on Tuesday, December 5 at 5:30pm.

**9. New Business/Nominations for CNC Officers.** Committee Chairs Jack and Lee Mortimer announced the Slate of Candidates for 2018 as follows:

President: Karen Cunningham  
Vice President: Joanna Siskin  
Secretary: Sean Schraeder  
Treasurer: Doug Williams

Vice President Karen Cunningham and other attendees expressed their admiration for Sean Schraeder's interest in serving as an officer and praised his prior CNC-related experience and technical expertise. Sean expressed his desire to bring a youth perspective to CNC. After discussion of state law, Jack Mortimer moved to make a formal recognition allowing the CNC to elect officers 15 years of age and older. The motion was seconded by Doug Williams and passed unanimously. Formal elections will be held at the CNC Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 5.

**10. Other Business:** Councilman Bill Jonson reminded attendees that a Veterans' Day event will be held at Crest Lake Park at 11am on Saturday, November 11. Mr. Jonson asked attendees to report any sidewalk repair issues they were having. On behalf of the Downtown Neighborhoods Association, Jack Mortimer thanked Howard Warshauer and

Spencer Cook for their efforts on the Imagine Clearwater project and for promoting downtown redevelopment. Joanna Siskin announced that Skycrest is holding a “Jingle Bell Tour de Lights” event featuring lighted bicycles on Saturday, December 9 at 6pm. Attendee Dustin Anderson announced he is running for Circuit Judge (Circuit 4) next August and asked attendees for their support.

The next CNC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5 at 5:30pm in conjunction with the Holiday Party at Nauti Nancy’s.

**11. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.**

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