- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Karen Cunningham at 7 PM
- 2. Introductions were made of those present
- 3. JoAnna Siskin, the Vice-President presented the August Treasurer's Report on behalf of Shelly Kuroghlian.
- 4. Sean Schrader, the Secretary discussed the June Meeting
- 5. JoAnna Siskin, the Vice-President presented a position statement on development that stated: "The CNC supports development/redevelopment that is environmentally and economically sound, sustainable, and supportive of the cultural, character, aesthetic values, safety and transportation needs of neighborhoods" and asked for it to be voted on by the members that were present. The motion was made by Howard Warshauer and was Seconded by Glenna Wentworth. Those present voted unanimously to approve the position statement.
- 6. Clearwater Police Officer Natalia Illich-Hailey told those present that 82% of Vehicle Burglaries come from vehicles that are unlocked. She mentioned that there has been a 34% decrease in burglaries city-wide. She encouraged those present to ensure that their car windows are rolled up and that their doors are locked.
- 7. Juliahna Green, Clearwater Neighborhoods Coordinator gave an update on a place making guide that she is working on to create new neighborhood improvement projects throughout the City. She discussed a sidewalk rain art program that is taking place which allows neighbors to create art on sidewalks using invisible chalk and when it rains, the art will appear. She also discussed how neighbors will have the opportunity to decorate signal boxes throughout the city with different types of murals.
- 8. Ken Pieslak, Clearwater Code Enforcement Manager discussed an issue that has arisen in the Del Oro Groves area in which a house designated themselves as a conservation area and refused to cut their grass. He discussed how there has been an ordinance change to how grass that is not cut on a property is handled. He stated that the new notification system for this issue allows for the code officer to go out and issue a written notice, and then a notice is mailed out. He stated that this process allows for a quicker turn around in issuing a notice as well as having the Clearwater Code Enforcement make a decision about the case.
- 9. Samuel Hutkin, President of the Clearwater Beach Neighborhood Association discussed Short Term rentals which is regarded as anyone who is renting a home for less than 30 days or 1 complete calendar month. He stated that Clearwater code enforcement is currently understaffed to take on this issue effectively. He gave statics to prove his earlier point of Clearwater Code Enforcement being understaffed in Clearwater to handle these short term rental issues as compared to other cities such as Tampa and St. Petersburg. He hopes that the code can be changed to allow for quicker response in regard to code enforcement issues and how quickly they are responded to. He encouraged those present to become aware of code enforcement issues and how they can actively participate in them.
- 10. Glenna Wentworth, President of Morningside Meadows Neighborhood Association gave an update on Conference Planning for the CNC. The conference will take place on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and is titled "Building Better Neighborhoods through Sustainability; a toolkit for better change" Three topics: energy effecincy, waste reproduction and landscaping with plants will be the three topics of discussion. It will take place at the Morningside Recreation Complex. The CNC will be co-sponsoring this event with the Sierra Club Suncoast Chapter. She encouraged

- those present to encourage their neighbors to attend the conference. She stated that volunteers will be needed to help with different tasks throughout the event.
- 11. Kate Belniak, from the Edgewater Drive Neighborhood thanked those who came and supported her neighborhood at the city hearing. Bill Jonson stated that the height amendment allowing a larger structure to be built was passed but that the neighborhood has appealed this vote and believes that hearing will be taking place on August 27th. He passed out documents and diagrams to those present illustrating the change that has taken place. He felt that the city staff was negligent in allowing their recommendation to move forward.
- 12. The meeting was adjourned by President Karen Cunningham at 8:35 PM.