



September 2020 Meeting Agenda

Meeting via Zoom

- Call to Order** Carl Schrader, President called the meeting to order at 7: pm
- Speaker:** Honorable Frank Hibbard, Mayor, City of Clearwater, was introduced by Carl. The Mayor expressed his concern with the role of the CNC and the City and wanting to meet with the CNC to discuss this in more detail. He addressed several questions brought forth by the members of the audience concerning neighborhood projects, pandemic repercussions, budgeting and a few more topics that will have some impact on the city of Clearwater more for the next year's budget.
<https://www.myclearwater.com/government/city-departments/city-council-and-mayor/mayor-2290>
- Speaker:** Ms. Dani Dahlberg, Citizens for Pinellas Schools, discuss the millage for this coming year to pay for technology, fine arts programs, etc. and its benefit to all schools within Pinellas County. She asked for help to notify the communities about the importance of this item on the November ballot.
<http://www.citizensforpinellaschools.com>
- Speaker:** Ms. Marilyn Turman, Clearwater Urban Leadership Coalition, informed the CNC membership about this CRA's goals and projects presented by Gloria Campbell, Executive Director of the Clearwater Urban Leadership Coalition. Questions were answered after the informative Presentation concerning funding. The census was mentioned as an important gateway for funding and acknowledgement since this is an undercounted geographical area. There was a discussion about property valuation and the effect of the CRA. More information can be found on the website link-
<https://culc2020.org>
- Speaker:** Mr. William Jonson, President, League of Women Voters of North Pinellas County, discussed the major mission is for people to vote. Three criteria to vote - first you have to register, second, encouraging people to vote by mail which needs to be requested and need to return it early, and lastly, early voting is 10 days before the election in 5 different places. Can go online to make sure your vote made it by going to Votepinellas.com and registering the ballot. Noted that it is legal to drop another person's ballot as long as you do not charge them. - <https://my.lwv.org/florida/north-pinellas-county>
- Public Safety Update:** Officer Jose Medina, Clearwater Police Department and Officer James Fredricks discussed the speed traps and the package thieves that are still around. Ring and similar securities have been helpful. Burglary rate has been declining. A surprise coming up as a drive through some of the neighborhoods. Discussion of Drug Takeback will be on Saturday, October 24th from 8 – 2. Discussion about the validity of calls.-
<https://www.clearwaterpolice.org/home>



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- Neighborhoods Update:** Ms. Lauren Matzke, Asst. Director, Planning & Development City of Clearwater, gave an update on neighborhoods. She stated there are several vacancies on several City Advisory Boards. The Main Library will be closing on Sept 26th for the renovations. The City Council approved the workorder for the Planning & Development comprehensive plan to be updated and reaffirmed or modified our vision for the next couple of years within the city of Clearwater. A questions was asked about input to this committee with neighborhoods concerning this plan and developments for the future. - <https://www.myclearwater.com/government/city-departments/planning-development>
- Secretary's Report:** Ms. Annette Pardue, Secretary, there are no minutes since we have not had a regular meeting.
- Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Shelley Kuroghlian, Treasurer, report is posted on the website.
- Old Business:** Imagine Clearwater - David Lillesand commented there was a meeting in the morning concerning Imagine Clearwater. Email was sent to committee members to restate progress to this point.
- Zoom Meetings vs Physical Meetings – A discussion ensued and there was a motion the meetings will continue to be virtual at this time until December.
- The Landings conversion from Golf Course to Light Industrial – good presentation. Stated that we cannot take a stand due to our IRS standing. Asked for members' viewpoint on this issue. Investigative feasibility plan was not able to be found. Comment about lack of soccer fields in the area could be another possibility for this location. Comment about the clarity of the language of the Referendum and part of our responsibility to educate the public about this. Noted by Mayor Hibbard that there are two other golf courses near and the Houston family is not going to fulfill their contract due to the cost of watering and using reclaimed water. Also green space has been added and the budget of the Parks and Recreation is the second highest. He also noted several other points as to why he is advocating this project. Several other comments were made against the realization of this project by members of the CNC.
- New Business:** Clearwater Police Department Appreciation – to have some type of recognition of their efforts for our community. Carl asked if there is an appetite for any type of committee for this recognition. Several members would like to be on the appreciation committee day.
- Other – From the treasury, please pay your dues before the end of the year.
- Adjournment** Carl Schrader at 9:30 pm