

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition

May 02, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Carl Schrader, President

Guest Speaker: Dr. Michael Broom, PhD.

Dr. Broom spoke about the Business Owners of Color Alliance that is part of the North Pinellas Advocates for Racial Equity.

He received a call from Amplify Clearwater saying they wanted to create more diversity in the chamber. He asked why and asked what does their membership have to say and do they really want it to happen?

The response he got was that some of Amplify's members don't care, some possibly want it to happen and others don't want it to happen at all.

Liz Drayer asked why he didn't join Amplify. Dr. Broom responded that no one approaches him when he does attend the meetings.

Dr. Broom's contact info is 410-960-3485, Michael@chumans.com

Marilyn Turman said that the Pinellas County Economic Development were capital providers for the CDC. They provide minority resources.

Marilyn asked what the CNC could do to support racial equity. She said if it was too hard, don't bother.

David Lillesand took the notes for the Secretary at the April meeting. Bruce Rector made a motion to accept the previous meeting's minutes. Kathleen Agnew seconded the motion.

Rudy Michalek presented the Treasurer's report. Kristin Langley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Mary Ellen Lansberg seconded the motion.

Liz Drayer, as Acting Chair, brought up Environmental items. Liz said next Spring, they are planning more Building Better Neighborhoods seminars. Karen Cunningham and Glenna Wentworth will be meeting with a new sustainability specialist to start planning that.

David Lillesand said that Bill Jonson picks up notices from the post office. One recent notice was about a non-conforming use of an old carwash. The new owner wants to upgrade.

Bruce Rector said that the new owner wants to upgrade. It is behind the Raintree Condo Development right on Cleveland. He wants a six-foot concrete fence instead of a 4-foot plastic fence. The old carwash was the object of many police calls. The new one is much better.

David Lillesand talked about the Membership Committee. He suggested making some videos of past successes and putting them on social media.

Liz Drayer reported on her attendance at the Community Police Collaboration Panel.

Lt. Shante Dean gave the police report.

Kathleen Agnew is the NAACP Community Chair.

Glenna Wentworth reported on the Morningside HOA voting to oppose the 800-student school off of Nursery Road near Morningside Meadows. She said the city is redoing the traffic study. It is a county road, not a standard size, with no shoulder or sidewalks. There was no zoning change to Level 1. The notification did not occur appropriately.

David Lillesand asked how the CNC could help.

IN 2003 & 2005, there were improvements to Nursery Road. There was a March 28 meeting with Frank Hibbard, Jon Jennings and Gina Clayton that lasted an hour and a half. They were receiving 50 emails a days, not only from opposition, but proponents as well.

Karen Cunningham suggested contacting the County Transportation Department at 727-560-5473 to find out who is responsible. She also suggested Forward Pinellas.

David Lillesand said they should not be putting 800 kids in danger. It was not an accident that no notices went out. The CNC never got one.

Liz Drayer said that the city leaders need to stop development.

At 8:39 p.m., President Carl Schrader adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Kelly, Secretary