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Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition – Meeting March 4th, 2024

Bill Jonson – President

Annette Pardue– Vice President

Rudy Michalek – Treasurer

Chelsea Gird - Secretary

41 people were present at the meeting.

The March 4, meeting of the **Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition** was held at the Clearwater Fire Training Center Conference Room. Special speakers include Clearwater City Manager Jennifer Poirier, Clearwater Police Chief Eric Gandy, and Neighborhoods Coordinator Samantha Moullet.

Bill Jonson called the meeting to order at 7 pm and went around the room asking attendees to introduce themselves and the neighborhood they were from.

Then he introduced Jennifer Poirier - the City Manager.

She began her talk by discussing the midyear state of the city and where we are at on the comprehensive plan...

She talked about the various dashboards that the city is now utilizing or plans to utilize in the future. At this time the active dashboards are the Code Enforcement Dashboard and the recycling dashboard – this was part of the handle for the recycling issues we had in the past. Now all recycling distributions are trackable.

The new upcoming dashboards are Economic Development and HR. City Budgeting and Library Dashboards will be up by April. You can find these on myclearwater.com/dashboards.

One of the benefits of these dashboards will be to incorporate performance data measurements which will help to engage with citizens-based measures and public communication.

Jennifer then moved on to give an update on The Bluffs project which is being built by the DeNunzio group. The revised plan will take the original 600-unit apartments down to 400 units. The approved changes will still include the parking and retail space. Part of the new agreement is that the construction must be completed by the end of 2028.

In September of this year, the city will begin construction on the new parking garage in Osceola and Pierce.

The new hotel will have 157 rooms and it will be a Tapestry Hilton.

Jennifer then went over the new City Ordinance which will allow ADUs to be built on homesteaded properties. LDR, LMDR, and MDR will be considered as part of the build; the ADUs will not be able to exceed 750 sqft. ADUs must be behind or beside their house there will be zoning requirements and a designated parking spot, should be approved by May 2024, this includes above garage apartments.

Bill Jonson - thanked Jennifer and introduced the next speaker Chief Eric Gandy

Chief Gandy – Chief Gandy started by thanking Bill for being invited and expressed his enjoyment of live meetings. He then gave a summary of his working career with the city and in the Police department which began 34 years ago. He and Dan Slaughter worked together for many years in internal affairs, and they have a good working relationship. He's been Chief for 6 months now and likes to spend time talking to residents and getting their input and concerns, so he knows where to focus his attention. They have a Police Dashboard, which allows citizens to find the crime in their area, they can also complain about an officer or put in a commendation for one. Staffing has been tough of late, they lost 70 and fired 60 so staffing is an issue. They probably won't be going back to community policing units. They will have community engagement officers that cover their neighborhood zones. On the clearwaterpolice.org drop-down, the menu on the left will tell you the contact information for those officers and zones, on a side note the dashboard doesn't work in real-time, so call the non-emergency line if you need an officer right away that number is (727) 562-4242, or 911 if it's an emergency. There is a survey circulating by Zen City. This is a valuable tool via social media for getting public feedback. The three main issues that came up were traffic, homelessness, and theft. Homeless.

Bill Jonson thanked Chief Gandy and then we all took a moment of silence to honor recently deceased long-time member and supporter and former president of the CNC Shelley Kuroghlian.

Bill Jonson then introduced Samantha Moullet – Clearwater Neighborhoods Manager.

She gave us an update on Neighborhoods Day, which is going to be held on March 30th, there will be 3 awards given out...

Best Dish

Best Food

Most Neighborhood Spirit

The checks and supplies can be picked up between March 18th and March 29th.

Some other local upcoming events are The Sugar Sand Festival March 29th through April 14th and Arbor day is April 27th starting at 8 am located at 1615 n Arcturus at the Hercules Industrial Park.

Bill Jonson then got up to ask the members if they preferred the Zoom meetings or the in-person meetings. Most people preferred in-person so the April meeting will be on Zoom but the May one will be in person. Bill also made note that Feb Meeting minutes and Treasurer report forms are on the website.

Bill asked for Neighborhood Reports. Christine/Chris Michalek, shared the latest on the Preserve Clearwater Point - Families and Taxpayers Matter Campaign and reminded all that this volunteer effort to stop the Chart House Hotel began 5 years ago. To date, the "shovel is not in the ground." Chris distributed an Update (attached) to all present.

Bill also brought up the newly formed membership committee which is chaired by Chelsea Gird members Nancy Diaz, and Cheryl Acton, and is looking for more members who might like to join the committee. Its purpose is to get more neighborhoods activated within the CNC.

Bill Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm