



Meeting Minutes February 2nd 2026

President: Jared Leone

Vice President: Patrick Raftery

Secretary: Chelsea Gird

Treasurer: Cheryl Acton

- **Called to Order:** Jared at 7 PM.
- **Neighborhood Services Report:** Monica discussed:
 - Road closures
 - Neighborhoods Day
 - Events in Clearwater for February
 - Volunteer opportunities at softball games
- **Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition Building Better Neighborhoods Community Workshop Event:** Jared provided details about:
 - Location: Ross Norton Recreation Center
 - Vendors, city officials, and information tables present.
- **NAACP Updates:** Jonathan Wade addressed:
 - Membership fee: \$35 per year.
 - Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday each month at the North Greenwood Recreation Center.
 - Efforts to repair and reopen the Martin Luther King Jr Center.
 - Discussion on the African American Graves under city buildings, including:
 - Debate on whether to preserve or relocate the graves.
 - Announcement of an upcoming meeting for public discussion on the matter.

- **Additional Announcements:**
 - Neighborhood Day scoring rubric and funding release discussed.
 - Announcement of the Adopt A Drain program, while the Paint A Drain program is now discontinued.
 - Recognition of member Edna Stickel as Volunteer of the Year by the Parks & Recreation Dept.
 - Member Chelsea Gird and family featured in Clearwater Magazine.
 - Jared announced the CNCF new member scholarship fund assistance program and welcomed the East Gateway Business and Neighbors Association as the first recipient.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - Patrick Raftery on City Council Oversight
 - Bill Jonson on City Dashboards
 - Dennis McDermott on Transportation Committee.
- **Next Meeting:** Scheduled for March 2, featuring speaker Al Battle, Clearwater assistant city manager.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting concluded at 8:15 PM.