

## OCTOBER 7, 2002 MEETING

### PARKS & RECREATION — ADOPT A PARK PROGRAM

Oct. 7 Agenda  
Speaker  
Neighborhood Services  
Report

Business Meeting:

Call to Order/Roll  
Call

Approval of the  
minutes of the  
Sept. 9, 2002  
meeting

Treasurer's Report  
Committee Reports  
Old Business

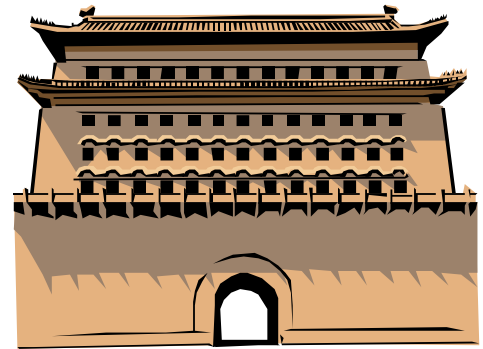
New Business

Homeowner Issues of  
Concern

Announcements

Adjournment

Millie McFadden from  
Parks & Recreation will  
speak on the "Adopt a  
Park" program, which can  
be used by homeowner  
associations to beautify  
entrances or medians or  
other areas. She will give  
us the details on how  
the program  
works.



The new entrance to our subdivision?

Thanks for the great turnout at the Florida  
Neighborhoods Conference in Tampa. We gained  
some valuable information, which we will share  
at our October meeting.

#### When & Where

Monday, October 7, 2002 7:00 P.M.

Long Center Boardroom Upstairs  
1501 Belcher Road — Clearwater

# SEPTEMBER 9, 2002 COALITION MEETING MINUTES

*Have your directors names or addresses changed?*

*Notify Rich Glasgow (791-9317) to ensure that you promptly receive this newsletter.*

1. Meeting called to order by Co-President Sandra Curry. She acknowledged our speaker, Assistant City Manager Garry Brumback, and Commissioners Jonson and Hibbard.
2. Motion by Doug Williams that the Coalition endorse the City Budget as presented was seconded by John Doran and passed. Sandy Curry will send a letter.
3. Mr. Rob Hall from Code Enforcement informed us that Development Services will have a representative at our monthly meeting. The Rental property agreement now in force applies to even those with one unit, if renting for over 30 days. If managing a list of properties and one is in violation, then all of the properties are subject to inspection. Rob conveyed thanks from Jeff Kronschnabl for our attendance at the Neighborhoods Conference.
4. Minutes of the June 3 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.
5. Lucile Casey reported on the St. Petersburg—Clearwater Airport expansion. She has contacted County Commissioner Barbara Todd for CCHA representation on the 17 member task force. Senator J. Sebesta has agreed to work for more control and/or regulation of the control tower. Discussion showed a desire for additional representation on the task force from homeowners and addressing other environmental concerns (dumping of fuel). John Doran made a motion that Lucile’s letter request additional representatives from CCHA (a total of three) on the task force. Motion was seconded and carried.
6. Treasurer’s report—Current balance of \$ 1218.
7. Commissioner Bill Jonson advised us of the City pilot program of \$ 25,000 total for Neighborhood matching grants of \$ 1000 to \$ 2000.
8. Membership We have paid memberships from 26 out of over 100 homeowner associations in Clearwater. It was suggested that we obtain e-mail addresses for H/A that do not attend our meetings or pay dues, and that we e-mail them our newsletter, rather than sending a hard copy by mail.
9. Chamber Doug Williams reported the Beach reception center is open. Taste of Clearwater is set for September 24.
10. Government Commissioner Jonson said the first draft of a vision statement for the City is in progress. Commissioner Hibbard commented that his first experience with the City budget showed him how tremendous a City staff we have, as they do their best to operate with efficiency and keep our costs low.
11. Jack Alvord of Historic Bayview apprised us of the latest situation there, with a religious group buying up homes. He is concerned with increased traffic at the intersection of Bayview and Route 60, which is a dangerous intersection already. He asks for individual support on this safety issue to fight the rezoning to institutional.
12. City Code Dave Campbell says to e-mail him if you want a copy of the Code.
13. Environment Allan Stowell expressed concern for the environmental effects from the airport expansion, as far as air and water quality, effect on flood plains and wetlands. Allan made a motion that CCHA send a letter to the City and County Commissions with a copy to the Dept. of Environmental Protection expressing our concerns to Tampa Bay from the expansion of the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport. Motion was seconded and passed. Allan will draft a letter and send it to Sandra Curry for her signature.
14. Someone mentioned that Florida Power is offering homeowners a program on saving on energy costs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rich Glasgow, Secretary

# Speaker: September 9 Meeting

Assistant City Manager Garry Brumback gave us a synopsis of the City Budget, which was approved at first reading at the September 4 Commission meeting.

The budget consists of two parts—capital improvements and general revenue. We focused on the general revenue portion, which funds the everyday operations of the City. This year’s operations requires \$93 million in revenue, 70% of which goes to meet the payroll for City personnel. The City employs approximately 1700 full-time.

This year the City was challenged by an 18% increase in medical insurance and a \$ 900,000 increase in liability insurance. The liability increase was due in part to the impact from September 11, 2001, despite the City maintaining only catastrophic coverage having a \$500,000 deductible. Florida Power’s 10% rate cut was a boon to homeowners, but resulted in \$ 1 million lost revenue to the City in franchise fees. Although property values increased by 7 or 8 %, the City only realized a 1.6% gain, due to the Save Our Homes cap. Due to these factors, the City was forced to choose between raising property taxes, cutting services, or a combination of both. They were able to make cuts which won’t make much change in the level of services, paring a 3/4 mil increase down to 1/4 mil. This increase translates to about \$ 16 per year for the average homeowner.

Garry answered questions: The Coke franchise brings in \$150,000 to \$250,000 as expected, which goes to increasing fire personnel. Water fees were restructured about 1 to 2 years ago, with the minimum billing reflecting about \$ .05 above the City’s true cost to provide that service. On how departments were examined to cut waste and increase efficiency before adopting millage increase, by requiring them to build their department budget on 3 levels, including cuts of 5% and 10 %. How they keep key personnel by analysis of pay and benefits and comparing to like entities. Have they considered replacing City police force with the Sheriff’s department—yes and decided not a good option. Garry stated they are still working for a movie theater complex for downtown. The reverse osmosis plant is about to be built near Kennedy School on Saturn, which will allow reopening existing wells.



## CCHA Membership Application

Association Name \_\_\_\_\_ #homes/condos \_\_\_\_\_

Association Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

CCHA Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail contact \_\_\_\_\_ Fax contact \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues: Individual—\$25; up to 25 homeowners—\$25  
more than 25 homeowners—\$40

Payable to CCHA, P.O. Box 8204, Clearwater, FL 33785

# COALITION OBJECTIVES

## AS SET FORTH IN 1981 AT FORMATION

Clearwater's Community Response Team handles code violations. To report a violation call 562-4720.

- To minimize the residential owner's total cost for government services
- To encourage equitable taxation and service costs
- To encourage increase in tax base through development and redevelopment of commercial areas consistent with existing infrastructure and character of the City
- To encourage cooperative programs between the City and County that will reduce costs while maintaining service levels
- To encourage development of commercial and public facilities which enhance the special character of the City
- To encourage consistent and aggressive enforcement of City Codes
- To encourage improvement of water quality

- in Clearwater Harbor, Tampa Bay, and other water resources
- To encourage development of programs which enhance the visual environment of the Clearwater area
- To encourage programs which increase the cost-effectiveness of police, fire, and emergency medical services
- To encourage development of Neighborhood Watch programs
- To present the homeowner's point of view
- To sponsor "get out the vote" programs and Candidate Forums
- To encourage open, representative, responsive, accountable, and effective local government
- To cooperate with other homeowner associations with the County

To join the Coalition's automatic email distribution list send a request to "Clearwater @pobox.com"

## How Do You Contact Us?

### Coalition Officers 2002

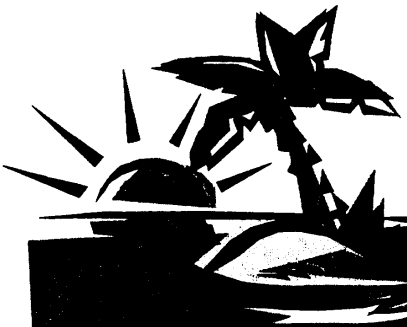
Lucile Casey	Co-Pres.	726-5279
Sandy Curry	Co-Pres.	797-7244
Doug Williams	Vice Pres.	725-3345
Rich Glasgow	Secretary	791-9317
John Doran	Treasurer	447-9570

### Coalition Committees

Membership	Rich Glasgow	791-9317
Tax Watch	John Doran	447-9570
Chamber	Doug Williams	725-3345
Gov. Liaison	Lucile Casey	726-5279
Environment	Allan Stowell	799-3500
City Code	Dave Campbell	725-1276
Publicity & Communications	Dave Campbell	725-1276

## Coalition of Clearwater Homeowner Associations

P.O. Box 8204  
Clearwater, Florida 33785



"Neighborhoods are Our City"