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MEETING AGENDA

- Making CNC more proactive--Step 1
Outreach to Clearwater
Neighborhood groups at their
meetings
- Clearwater City Budget Overview--
Councilman John Doran gives
a synopsis. More exciting than
Chris Berman's football highlights!
- Planning for 2006--Nominating Committee,
possible seminar ideas, February
Conference update
- Neighborhood Ideas and Issues

Clearwater Visioning Sessions 2005

- Sept. 27--Ross Norton Recreation Center 1426 S. MLK Jr. Ave.
- Sept. 28--Morningside Recreation Center 2400 Harn Blvd.
- Oct. 4---Wood Valley Boys & Girls Club 2816 Park Trail Lane
- Oct. 11---Countryside Library 2741 State Rd. 580
- Oct. 19---Long Center 1501 N. Belcher Rd.
- Oct. 25---North Greenwood Rec. Center 900 N. MLK JR. Ave.

Voice your issues & help set priorities for the City



When & Where CNC meeting

Monday, October 3, 2005 7:00 P.M.

Long Center Boardroom—Upstairs
1501 Belcher Road —Clearwater

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2005 MEETING

Have your directors names or addresses changed? Notify Rich Glasgow (791-9317) to ensure that you promptly receive this newsletter.

Ever think about nominating your neighborhood for the Neighborhood of the Quarter? E--mail or call Janis Smith at 562-4665 Doesn't your neighborhood deserve the recognition?

- 1. President Doug Williams called the meeting to order.
2. President Doug explained the primary topic of the agenda was to discuss how CNC can become a proactive tool for homeowners in Clearwater who have problems.

Various topics were discussed as to how the role of CNC could be enhanced to become an effective intermediary between citizens and government, so that we could put citizens in contact with the proper people to solve their problem and follow up the situation until it is resolved.

Our neighborhoods conference will be used as a model for more frequent seminars to educate neighborhood groups in dealing effectively with their issues. These seminars can be a tool for illuminating issues and bringing citizens and governmental groups into contact to help solve some of these issues, or at least make all parties more aware of the problems. Seminars will probably focus on one topic, such as Code Enforcement, short-term rentals, hurricane & disaster planning, noise abatement, redevelopment, grants, youth activities, traffic calming. Suggestions for future topics are welcomed.

We hope to redesign our website, so that it is more interactive and more useful.

It was suggested that CNC have more of a presence at City Council meetings, and plan on speaking at one meeting per month to voice what CNC is doing and advise of any upcoming events or issues of interest to the citizens of Clearwater.

CNC representatives attending neighborhood group meetings was considered the most effective way to increase our visibility and increase our usefulness to these groups. Our initial contact will be to simply to attend and observe their meeting. At subsequent meetings we can ask to speak (present our PowerPoint presentation) and survey the group on what role they envision for CNC and how we can best meet their needs.

Our immediate plan of action is to obtain Neighborhood Services' list of neighborhood associations with their meeting dates and contact people. We will then divide up the assignments among our CNC volunteers to attend the next meeting of these groups. Once our Neighborhoods Conference in February is completed, we will begin planning for more frequent seminars, probably quarterly.

- 3. The minutes of the June 6, 2005 meeting were approved as published in the last two newsletters.
4. Due to the resignation of JoAnna Siskin, Doug has assumed the responsibilities of acting treasurer. As of August 31, 2005, we had total assets of \$ 2,271.91, which includes \$ 1,063.55 reserved for the Conference fund. Income for the year has exceeded expenses by \$ 142.78. We currently have 26 neighborhood groups that have paid dues for 2005. The treasurer's report was accepted by motion.
5. The Neighborhoods Conference is scheduled for February 25, 2006 at Countryside Recreation Center from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. The conference will cover two topics-- City Code and Effectively Working with Government--which will both be offered at two different times. A continental breakfast will be served, and vendors booths will be set up for visitation during breakfast and the break between workshop sessions.

6. Other Business

Neighborhood Services Director Janis Smith reminded us of the 9th Annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference held this year in Lakeland from October 20-22. Clearwater is paying the \$ 40 registration fee for up to 10 attendees. The first Clearwater Neighbors newsletter for Fall 2005 has been produced by Neighborhood Services and highlights several worthwhile events coming up, including the state conference.

We are encouraged to attend one of the City 's Community Visioning sessions scheduled for September and October. For the scheduled times and locations, see the City website or call 562-4004

Tropic Hills annual Halloween Block party is scheduled for October 29.

Volunteers needed for Pinellas County coastal cleanup on Saturday, October 15. Call the City of Clearwater Environmental Division at 562-4897.

Interested in the Florida Neighborhoods Conference at Lakeland? For more information and to register online go to www.FNCIakeland.org

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rich Glasgow, Secretary

In case you haven't noticed, the CNC website can now be accessed via the easy to remember link:
www.clearwatercoalition.com
 Check it out. It's an easy way to access the minutes of the latest meeting, as well as quick links to the Clearwater City website and City Code. Another link takes you to the No Soliciting ordinance, and you can even download your own No Soliciting notice.

CNC Membership Application

Association Name _____ #homes/condos _____
 Association Mailing Address _____

President _____ Phone # _____
 Home Address _____

CNC 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 CNC, P.O. Box 8204, Clearwater, FL 33758

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

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

THE PURPOSE OF THE COALITION AS STATED IN OUR BY-LAWS

- A. To provide a forum to gather and exchange information concerning common and unique goals and problems of member associations, and to use the combined strength to achieve mutually agreed objectives.
- B. To promote desirable development in association areas and to support civic and legislative efforts to effect such development.
- C. To assist public authority in policing and maintaining proper behavior within member association areas.
- D. To monitor and make recommendations on governmental services to member association areas.
- E. To engage in such other activities as may be of benefit to the associations which comprise this COALITION.

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