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What does the mayor see?

January 10, 2005 MEETING AGENDA

- * CNC slide-show presentation
- ** Mayor-elect Frank Hibbard shares his vision for Clearwater, how CNC can play a part, and how the City will partner with neighborhoods
- *** Committee Reports including the Neighborhoods Conference
- **** Neighborhood issues

Clearwater News

See "www.myclearwater.com" for more info & more news

Farmers Market in front of City Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday.

The Main Thing entertainment and fun at the Main Library's atrium--poetry, music, etc--January 6, 20, 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King birthday celebration--Jan. 13, 2 p.m. at North Greenwood Library

Dr. Martin Luther King march & rally--Jan. 17, 10 a.m. from ML King Center to Coachman Park

Friends of Clearwater Library Book Sale Great bargains January 14 and 15 from 9-5 at Main Library

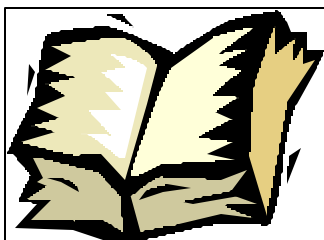
Teen dance at Morningside Recreation Center January 28 from 5-7 p.m.

Town Hall meeting at Main Library January 26 6 p.m. On BeachWalk and Downtown Redevelopment

CODE CORNER

(8) Owners of dogs, birds, domestic cats and other family pets such as white mice, hamsters and rabbits. The owners of such animals must keep the animals on the premises of the owner, and such animals shall not be allowed to run at large by the owner. The owners of such animals are required to remove all excrement deposited by their animals on city property or on the private property of other persons;

Neighborhood Services is currently accepting applications for 2005 Neighborhood and Home Recognition Program. The Neighborhood and Home Recognition Program exists to celebrate the uniqueness of Clearwater's many neighborhoods and its residents. The City of Clearwater would like to recognize those neighborhoods and residents that make a commitment each day to improving the quality of life for all residents in Clearwater. Please fill out and submit our new application. Paste to browser: http://www.myclearwater.com/gov/depts/devel_svc/NeighborhoodServices/pdfs/award_form.pdf



Check the City Code for help with neighborhood issues and deed restriction problems

When & Where CNC meeting

Monday, January 10, 2005 7:00 P.M.

Long Center Boardroom—Upstairs

1501 Belcher Road ——Clearwater

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2004 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 Quar-
ter?*

*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 and had each attendee identify themselves, the number of members in their association, and number of meetings held each year.
2. The minutes of the November 1, 2004 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
3. Treasurer John Doran reported a net income of \$ 250.51 through November 30 and a net worth of \$ 679.88. We have \$ 1063.55 designated to the Conference fund. His report was approved.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 Neighborhoods Conference The committee is finalizing details for the April 30, 2005 conference. They have verbal commitments from the speakers and 2 major sponsors--Progress Energy and Clearwater Gas. They are seeking a third major sponsor. The 4 workshop topics are: 1) Legal and insurance for associations, 2) Government--How it works and what you need to know, 3) Neighborhood planning, 4) Working in diverse communities and mobilizing youth. Instead of a keynote speaker, there will be a panel discussion with representatives from the County, City and Neighborhoods.
5. Doug introduced our speaker for the evening, Bob Tankel, an attorney who specializes in homeowner issues, to update us on legislation affecting homeowners and associations. Mr. Tankel has an office in Dunedin, and his website is condocollections.com He noted the following changes:
 - A homeowner may display one portable, removable official flag of the State of Florida
 - The placing of a lien for non-payment of fines is now prohibited. This is in dispute of contract laws, but for now take this issue to small claims court.
 - Clarified that each owner who wishes to speak at Board meetings must be allowed at least three minutes on any item.
 - Disputes between associations and owners must be submitted to mediation prior to court action. Attempts by a neutral third party to resolve such disputes is non-binding.
 - Allowed owners to post a sign of reasonable size within 10 feet of any entrance provided by a contractor of security services.
 - All written records of the association not specifically exempted are part of the official public record and may be inspected when requested.
 - If 20% of the total voting interests petition the board to address an item of business, then the board must consider such request at its next regular meeting or a special meeting within 60 days. All owners must be notified of the meeting 14 days in advance.
 - Other issues addressed 14 day notice of any levy on owners, recall of officers, aesthetic blending of ramps, suing developers for misleading info, no liability for use of defibrillators by those with training.
 Mr. Tankel gave a synopsis of revitalization of covenants (the Lazarus provision), for voluntary associations whose deed restrictions have been made invalid by MRTA. To utilize this provision all of the parcels must have originally been covered, the new covenants can not be any more restrictive, an organizing committee of three people is required to put together all documents sent to the Department of Community Affairs, and majority approval (one-half plus one) is required.
6. **Election of Officers for 2005** Karl Wolfs motioned that we accept the Nominating Committee's slate of officers. The motion was seconded and passed. Officers are President Doug Williams, Vice President William Murray, Secretary Rich Glasgow and Treasurer JoAnna Siskin.

December 6 MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

7. NEW BUSINESS Doug asked for input on possible meeting topics. Some suggestions were to invite CONA, St. Petersburg very active and successful neighborhood coalition, to put on a program. Also how to be effective at collecting dues and an overview of the grant process were discussed.

We were advised to beware of scams --fake FIMA inspectors, loans based on FIMA, roofers and tree trimmers that are not licensed and bonded, and "phishing" or asking you to confirm or give information by phone or website.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES Grant workshops in December and January with a February 7 deadline.

Neighborhoods Day is April 2. State Conference is October 20 at Lakeland. Town meeting on Beachwalk is rescheduled for January 26 at 6 p.m. at Main Library. Neighborhood and Home of the Year will be presented at our Conference in April.

MEMBERSHIP We will try a postcard mailer to non-members with the agenda prior to meetings to try to increase attendance and participation by non-member organizations.

CHAMBER Doug encouraged us to try to attend their Open Forums on current affairs.

GOVERNMENT Beachwalk will involve 4 years of construction. Look for water rate hike.

ENVIRONMENT Investigating destruction of sea oats and leveling of dunes on Clearwater Beach to see if a permit was issued and will report back to us.

PUBLICITY Disk with our homeowner presentation is ready for review

9. Next meeting scheduled for January 3, 2005 postponed to January 10, 2005.

Meeting adjourned 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rich Glasgow, Secretary

Looking for a few good men and women
Openings are available on the following City Advisory Boards:
CDB--Community Development Board, MCEB--Municipal Code Enforcement Board, and MAB--Marine Advisory Board
Volunteers also are used to assist the Fire Department, Police Department, Library, and Parks and Recreation. Call the City Clerk for more info or online at www.myclearwater.com

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.

How Do You Contact Us?

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 Rich Glasgow Secretary 791-9317
 JoAnna Siskin Treasurer 442-0096

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City Code	Dave Campbell	725-1276
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