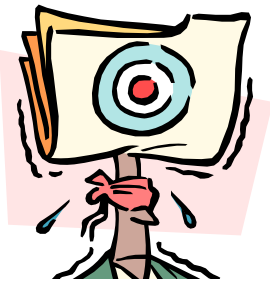




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Our discussions on the Bluff are always on target!

March 7, 2005 MEETING AGENDA

- * Speaker, Doug Matthews--Discussion on what to do with Downtown, the Bluff, City Hall
See page 3 for details
- ** Report on April 30 Neighborhoods Conference
- *** Committee Reports
- **** 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. On Wednesdays (March 2, 9, 16,23, 30 and April 6)

March 9 is Chili Extravaganza Challenge March 23 is Plant & Flower Sale March 30 is Ice Cream Social and April 6 is the Season Finale

AARP Tax Aid at Clearwater East Library from 4-7 p.m. on March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and from 9-4 on April 1

Celebrate Clearwater Neighborhoods Week is March 26-April 2 Call 562-4665 for details or visit website above. Saturday, April 2 Block Party applications due by 5 p.m. on March 4.

Easter Egg Hunt--with entertainment & pony rides at Coachman Park on March 27 from 8-2:30 442-2099

Hurricane hunter Lt. Derek Brakob at Main Library on March 30 at 2 p.m. for tales and tips on storms

Express Yourself Teen Coffee House & Talent Show on March 31, 5:30-7 p.m. at N. Greenwood Library 462-6895

308.3 Water Closet. Lavatory and Bath Facilities.

At least one flush water closet, lavatory basin, and bathtub or shower, properly connected to a water and sewer system and in good working condition, shall be supplied for each four rooms or maximum of eight people within a rooming house wherever such facilities are shared. All such facilities shall be located on the floor they serve within the building so as to be reasonably accessible from a common hall or passageway to all persons sharing such facilities.

(10) Section 308.8 of the Standard Housing Code is amended by adding subsection 308.8 to read as follows:

308.8. Definitions.

As used in this section, "rooming house" shall mean and include any rooming house, hotel, motel, dormitory, or lodginghouse. (This excerpt taken from the City Code--Standard Housing Code section)



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

When & Where CNC meeting

Monday, March 7, 2005 7:00 P.M.

Long Center Boardroom--Upstairs

1501 Belcher Road ---Clearwater

FEBRUARY 7, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

*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 and had those present introduce themselves.
2. Our guest speaker for the evening was Cynthia Davis-Gryce, Equity Services Manager from the Equity Services Department of the City of Clearwater. Cynthia presented information on Study Circles, which are 1 to 2 hour workshops with a facilitator, that help to identify what issues exist in the community that are of concern to the citizens. This is another way in which the City is trying to communicate better with neighborhoods, in order to achieve better input from the public. A workshop was held last October at Clearwater High School on construction issues and got good reviews. Future workshops hopefully will be instituted by citizen request, rather than just by City staff trying to set an agenda that they hope we will attend. They are willing to come to CNC meetings or even individual homeowner association gatherings. In addition, the focus of the meeting will be determined by the particular group and DOES NOT have to be a City issue. It can be about an issue or issues within that particular group or whatever they feel is needed. Contact Cynthia at 562-4072 or at cynthia.davis-gryce@myclearwater.com for more information or to set up a workshop.
3. The minutes of the January 10, 2005 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.
4. The Treasurer's report by JoAnna Siskin was approved. Total net worth as of January 31, 2005 was \$ 413.07, with an additional \$ 1063.55 reserved for the conference. Sixteen members have paid dues for 2005 as of that date.
5. Saundra Curry gave a report on planning for the April 30, 2005 Neighborhoods Conference. The theme is Partnerships for Success and will be from 8 to 3:30 at Clearwater Christian College on the Courtney Campbell Causeway. Breakfast and lunch will be served. The morning session will have 2 concurrent workshops, followed by a keynote panel discussion with City and County leaders and citizens, and concluding with an afternoon session of 2 different concurrent workshops. Neighborhoods are encouraged to bring enough representatives to attend all the workshops. **NO COST TO ATTEND!**
6. **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES** Jan Smith reported February 7 was the deadline for the neighborhood grant program and more groups have applied than before. Neighborhood of the year and Homes of the year plaques are to be awarded at the Conference--see next page for recent quarterly winners. Celebrate Clearwater Neighborhoods Day and Week events will include block parties on April 2 (deadline for applications is March 4), a teen coffeehouse and talent show on March 31, and possibly a movie in Coachman Park on April 1 (no fooling). Hillsborough County Neighborhood Conference is March 12 and Paint Your Heart Out is on March 19.
7. **MEMBERSHIP** Dues for 2005 are now due and as always many associations and groups have changes in officers. Please keep us notified of these changes--see officer and committee heads on page 4.
8. **GOVERNMENT** Lucile Casey reported much of the City focus is on Beachwalk and Downtown redevelopment. Check the City website for information on these issues. Calvary Baptist property is sold, and the developer wants to include City Hall in his plans, which would require a vote from the citizens. St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport is considering creation of an aviation authority.
9. **PUBLICITY** Jim Goins reported the CNC PowerPoint presentation runs 15 to 20 minutes and is ready for presentation to homeowner associations and neighborhood groups. Discussion on purchasing a domain name for our website and having a more professional website developed was not motioned or voted upon.

10. OTHER DISCUSSION Council member John Doran reinforced the mayor's 4 initiatives: 1) celebrating Veterans Day at Coachman Park, 2) having Clearwater achieve "Healthy City" status, 3) developing a senior center in Clearwater, and 4) a monthly breakfast roundtable of Council members to rotate to different areas of the City. Call 562-4050 for more information on the roundtable or to sign up.

Council member Bill Jonson encouraged everyone to get involved in the City Hall property question, as we have a chance now to influence what happens while it's in the initial stage of development.

11. Next meeting is March 7, 2005. Please try to bring a guest from another homeowner association.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rich Glasgow, Secretary

Hear ye, hear ye, All Neighborhoods

Automatically receive City information updates, advance notification on new projects in your area, meeting and event notices, and much more.

Call 562-4772 to register
or e-mail to
philip.harris@myclearwater.com

Save yourself some time and effort!

WINTER 2005 AWARDS

NEIGHBORHOOD OF QUARTER

Lakesiders Association of Clearwater--
located south of Gulf-to-Bay and west
of Belcher

HOMES OF QUARTER

- 1) 1927 Souvenir Drive--Ron Hom &
Lily Roush
 - 2) 1352 Pine Street--Malgorzata Niedwiecki
 - 3) 1356 South Hercules Avenue--Hase,
Haris, & Almedina Vukalic
 - 4) 1962 Harding Street--George &
Elizabeth Davis
- CONGRATULATIONS!

Part II: Downtown Redevelopment

As you may know, Opus South Corporation (www.opuscorp.com), an international development company, has acquired an option to purchase the Calvary Baptist Church properties immediately to the north and south of City Hall between Osceola Avenue and the Bluff. They have expressed an interest in building a mixed-use development with residential, retail and public use. In order to realize their concept, they have expressed an interest in purchasing the City Hall property, as well. Any sale of the City Hall property would require a referendum of the voters.

As representatives of the community, we would like your thoughts and ideas about this project. Specifically, we would like to know what kind of project, amenities and – of course – financial arrangement would be acceptable to you as voters if this sale and the subsequent project were proposed. City officials have already expressed that any buyer would be obligated to pay market price for the property.

- Would you support the relocation of City Hall to another site?
- Would you support the relocation of City Hall elsewhere on the existing site?
- What types of uses would be most appealing to you?
- Would the construction of parking as part of the project make a difference?
- What do you think are the challenges in building community support for this type of proposal?
- What are your feelings about the historic sanctuary (dome) on the Calvary property? Could it be relocated? Could it be relocated to the waterfront?
- Is height an issue? What would be an acceptable height?
- What other public amenities would be important to you?
- Could a referendum to build a downtown marina be included as an additional question? Do you think a second question would help or hurt chances of passage?
- Would you be willing/interested in participating in focus groups with the developer to refine the concept or designs?

Thank you for agreeing to participate, and we look forward to an active dialogue. As ambassadors, we encourage you to share this information and relay any additional thoughts or suggestions you may hear from your friends and neighbors. You can send these comments directly to Douglas.Matthews@myclearwater.com or call 562-4661.

The full text of this article, including Part I on Beach Walk can be viewed on the CNC website--address on front page

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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 Bill Murray Vice Pres. 531-0667
 Rich Glasgow Secretary 791-9317
 JoAnna Siskin Treasurer 442-0096

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