

*"Your link to a better neighborhood"*

Clearwater

Neighborhoods

Coalition

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# NEWSLETTER

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Next Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition Meeting

**Monday—January 7, 2008**

7:00 PM

Long Center

1501 N. Belcher Road

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## THE PURPOSE OF THE COALITION

The Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition has been part of the community since 1981, and its ongoing purpose is to provide a forum for neighborhood associations to voice their concerns about neighborhood issues and to use our combined resources to address those issues effectively.

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## CNC MISSION STATEMENT

- 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 City and County that will 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*
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See page 4 for "City of Clearwater Code Excerpts" from the Clearwater Community Development Code. These are a few of the codes in place to target issues that can have detrimental effects in neighborhoods. Future issues will highlight other similar codes.

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### Minutes of December 3rd, 2007 Meeting

Meeting called to order by President, Joe Evich at 7:05 PM.

Members present: Joe Evich, Morningside; Ken Holloway, Grovewood; Herb McLachlan, Sand Key; Ray Massieu & Ron Delp, Clearwater Beach Assoc.; Norma Carlough, Windsor Park; Ric Ortega; Shelley Kuroghlian, Spring Lake; Joanna Siskin, Skycrest; Tom Calhoun, Coachman Ridge & Doug Williams, Northwood West

#### Secretary Report

Minutes approved as read. No new correspondence. Shelley Kuroghlian made a motion that funds be approved to purchase a tape recorder so that the Secretary could fully participate in the discussions. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ric Ortega. Approved unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

Doug Williams indicated that the CNC is solvent. It is time to collect annual dues and mailers have been sent to each member association for renewal. Annual spending for 2007 was \$205.80

#### Old Business

##### Pinellas Living Green

Ric Ortega reported that Pinellas Living Green received a \$500 grant / donation from the Downtown Development Board. U.S. Green Building Council- Florida Gulf Coast Chapter expressed an interest to participate in the Annual Expo for 2008.

##### Membership Committee

Shelley Kuroghlian reported that we have received permission from Sgt. Stewart of the Clearwater Police to attend the Neighborhood Watch Coordinators Meetings scheduled for Jan 15th & 16th to speak about the CNC and encourage membership. The East Gateway and North Greenwood Neighborhood Coalitions have been approached for membership and we have had a positive response.

##### Chamber of Commerce

Doug Williams reported that the Chamber held its annual meeting and installed new officers. The Chamber voted to become more active in the Clearwater Jazz Festival, once again, and with the City. The Chamber is also getting behind the move to have the City of Clearwater designated as a "Coast Guard City."

##### Election of Officers

Joe Evich, President, presented the slate of candidates for new CNC officers:

Shelley Kuroghlian, President

Ric Ortega, Vice-President

Doug Williams, Treasurer

Joanna Siskin, Secretary

>Norma Carlough moved that the slate be accepted as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Herb McLachlan. Approved unanimously.

#### New Business

##### 2008 Plans

Shelley Kuroghlian, President asked that each of the members get involved in an area that is of interest to the individual member or association. Co-coordinator assignments are as follows:

Code Enforcement Board – Doug Williams

Code Enforcement – Norma Carlough

Community Development Board – Norma Carlough

Membership – Joanna Siskin, Shelley Kuroghlian

Environment & Pinellas Living Green – Ric Ortega, Doug Williams

Chamber of Commerce – Doug Williams

Parks & Recreation – Ray Massieu, Ron Delp

Newsletter – Ric Ortega

Marine & Airpark – Tom Calhoun

Downtown Development Board – Ric Ortega

**By-Laws – Joe Evich**  
**Publicity – Joe Evich**  
**Neighborhood Services – Herb McLachlan**  
**City Liaison – Shelley Kuroghlian**

**Topics of interest for action by the CNC expressed in the past were: Code Enforcement , Homeowners Insurance, Rental Housing (short & long-term) and Code Enforcement, and Home Foreclosures.**

**Members expressed their concerns with lack of code enforcement in various areas of the city. It was suggested that we should identify and report some code violations to the new Citizen Issue Tracking System (CITS) and document how well the new on-line system is working to solve code issues affecting neighborhoods. Agreement was reached that we submit the “test cases” and then formulate a report to take to the City.**

**Shelley Kuroghlian expressed the need for the CNC to help each other as there is strength in numbers. We also need to network with all neighborhood groups and the City.**

**Discussion held as to where the CNC should hold meetings in 2008. Suggestions were East Branch of the Clearwater Library on Drew Street, YMCA on Highland & YMCA on Enterprise. Norma Carlough agreed to check on the Library site, Doug Williams the YMCA on Enterprise and Joanna Siskin the YMCA on Highland. They will report back for the next meeting.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Joanna Siskin, Secretary**

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**Please use the form below to remit your dues, to update current association officers, or to pass along to a prospective new member neighborhood.**

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

**City of Clearwater Code Excerpts**

**Section 3-1407. Parking restrictions in residential areas.**

4. *Exception to prohibition of parking on unpaved areas on single-family and duplex residential property.* One designated parking space may be located on the grass in a required front setback adjacent to and parallel to the driveway located on the property. Access to such designated parking space shall be by way of the property's driveway. If the designated parking space can not be maintained as a grass area and is either reported by neighboring residents as a detrimental property or is identified by any code inspector as in violation of this provision, such designated parking area shall be filled in, by the property owner, with pavers, concrete, turf block or asphalt. Materials not permitted include crushed shell, mulch, millings or similar material.

**Section 3-1502. Property maintenance requirements.**

B. *Exterior surfaces.* All building walls shall be maintained in a secure and attractive manner. All defective structural and decorative elements of any building wall shall be repaired or replaced in a workmanlike manner to match as closely as possible the original materials and construction of the building.

All exterior surfaces shall be free of:

- 1. Mildew;
- 2. Rust;
- 3. Loose material, including peeling paint; and
- 4. Patching, painting or resurfacing shall be accomplished to match the existing or adjacent surfaces as to materials, color, bond and joining.

All cornices, trim and window frames that are damaged, sagging or otherwise deteriorated shall be repaired or replaced to be made structurally sound. All exterior surfaces other than decay-resistant wood and other weather durable finishes, shall be protected from the elements by paint or other protective covering applied and maintained according to manufacturer's specifications and otherwise treated in a consistent manner.

G. *Exterior storage and display for residential properties.*

- 1. As provided in Section 3-912 of this Development Code, outdoor storage is prohibited.
- 2. Equipment, materials or furnishings not designed for use outdoors, such as automobile parts and tires, building materials, and interior furniture, may not be stored outdoors.
- 3. Construction materials, unless such materials are related to an active building permit related to the property on which the materials are located, shall not be stored outdoors on a residentially zoned property.

*Your VOICE is important to the Coalition.*



*We need to hear your concerns as well as suggestions and ideas for solutions on the issues that affect your neighborhoods.*



**Change in Association Officers Notification**

Please forward names of new officers for your association to JoAnna Siskin, CNC Secretary at [siskinj@aol.com](mailto:siskinj@aol.com).

Please send comments, opinions, and suggestions regarding the **Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition** to P.O. Box 8204, Clearwater, FL 33758-8204 **or please contact the officers**

2008 Officers

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Ric Ortega	Vice President	727-938-2835	Sunset-Highland
JoAnna Siskin	Secretary	727-442-0096	Skycrest
Doug Williams	Treasurer	727-725-3345	Northwood West