

"Your link to a better neighborhood"

Clearwater

Neighborhoods

Coalition

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Next Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition Meeting

Monday—May 5th, 2008

7:00 PM– 8:30PM

>>Salvation Army– Joy Center<<

1521 Druid Road East

Property on the corner SE corner of Highland and Druid. The one story building in the SE corner of property.

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.

3rd Annual Pinellas Living Green Expo

Location: Harborview Center, Downtown Clearwater

Saturday May 3rd Time: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday May 4rd Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Volunteer **Contact:** Amy Hall @ 727-461-0011 ext. 229

Description: The Pinellas Living Green Expo is a collaboration of government agencies, non-profit groups and businesses seeking to promote sustainability-oriented products and behaviors in Pinellas County. This two-day event will provide information, ideas, resources, products and motivation to live more sustainably.

Reader's can sign up for newsletter access by going to www.clearwatercoalition.com and that they can be notified automatically by sending an email to clearwater@newpobox.com with their name, email address and affiliation, requesting they be added to the CNC listserv or call **Dave Campbell at (727) 725-1276**

A neighborhood is not simply a multitude of homes, it is a place that as a whole we identify as home.

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April 7, 2008

>Meeting called to order by President, Shelley Kuroghlian at 7:08 PM.

>Members present: Ron Delp, Clearwater Beach; JoAnna Siskin, Skycrest; Russell Gabel, Hillcrest; Bill Jonson, Countryside Northridge; Shelley Kuroghlian, Spring Lake; Greg Mathis, Bayview Heights; Herb McLachlan, Sand Key Civic; Ken Holloway, Grovewood; Doug Williams, Northwood West and Ron Wright, Tropic Hills; Jonathan Wade, North Greenwood; D.Muzzio, Island Estates & Ric Ortega, Sunset Highland Guests present: John Doran, City Council & John Hedrick, Social Services, Salvation Army.

President's Report

>City of Clearwater Neighborhood services has planned an East Gateway Neighborhood Clean-Up on Saturday, May 3rd from 9 AM-1 PM. Meet at the Andrea Dreyfus Law Firm 1463 Gulf to Bay Blvd. at 9 AM. We encourage all members to ask their neighbors to participate.

>The Gateway has been the subject of articles and editorials in the St. Petersburg Times and Economic Development is presenting a new 5-year East Gateway Development Plan at the next City Council Work session. CNC members were encouraged to see the session and attend the Council Meeting to support the plan when presented.

Secretary Report

>Motion by Joanna Siskin 2nd by Herb McLachlan to approve minutes as submitted. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

>Doug Williams presented the balance sheet and updated the members on new payments:

	CNC	Foundation
Balance	\$1,632.32	\$817.03

>Doug encouraged all members, who haven't done so, to send their dues for 2008. Motion to accept Treasurers report by Herb McLachlan, 2nd by Bill Jonsen. Approved

SPEAKERS

Code Enforcement

Russ Gabel of Hillcrest presented a draft report developed by a CNC subcommittee on Code Enforcement. The report makes recommendations to enhance productivity for the Community Response Team, enhance systems to pre-qualify code complaints and guide residents reporting violations to insure that they meet minimum requirements and identifies opportunities for hardware that would allow inspectors to spend more time in the field. A copy of the initial draft is on the CNC website. Please review. We welcome your comments or additions. Once the final draft is completed, it is our intention to share with Jeff Kronschnabl of Developmental Services.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Code Enforcement

Doug Williams reported that the vacancy on the Code Enforcement Board has been filled by Jim Goins.

Membership Committee

Jo Anna Siskin requested that each member try to bring a new member to the next meeting. A good place to start would be the neighborhood next to you.

Parks and Recreation

Ron Delp contacted Jonathan Wade, North Greenwood, and asked that he become a member of the CNC. As Jonathan is a member of the Parks and Recreation Board, Ron suggested that Jonathan assume the role of coordinator for this area. Jonathan agreed and will provide information from the P & R board that may be of interest to the CNC and keep us abreast of new plans.

Chamber of Commerce

Doug Williams indicated that the Chamber reports that business is up 32% in the area. However there will be a negative impact to businesses in the Countryside area near Enterprise Road due the elimination of funding for the overpass at Enterprise.

Environment / Downtown Development

Doug Williams updated the new members on Pinellas Living Green which is on track for May 3rd at the Harborview Center. All exhibitor slots have been sold out. This promises to be a fun and educational event and we encourage all members to attend.

Community Development Board

Herb McLachlan updated the members on the Shoppes at Sand Key vote which denied the petitioners request to re-zone to Tourist. The next challenge is the vote to increase Hotel density which will come before the City Council on April 17th. D. Muzzio of Island Estates indicated that residents of Sand Key and Island Estates would organize in opposition to the increase in density. He expressed concern about hotels on these two islands and asked that they be exempted from the increase.

Neighborhood Input

>None

OLD BUSINESS

>None

NEW BUSINESS

>John Doran presented the Neighborhood Bill of Rights for all Clearwater Citizens. A copy will be placed in the CNC website.

>Doug Williams made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Joanna Siskin. Approved.

>Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnna Siskin, Secretary

Volunteers Sought to Spruce Up Clearwater’s East Gateway

Location: Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard, meet at the Dreyfus Law Firm, 1463 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd
Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Contact: Becky Melendez (727) 562-4585
Description: Clearwater’s Neighborhood Services Division, in conjunction with Keep Pinnellas Beautiful Inc., is seeking helpers to spruce up the city’s East Gateway area.

Try out the Clearwater Task Request & Communications System

Also known as C-Tracks

If you see a code violation in your neighborhood and wish to report it ONLINE...visit:

<http://www.myclearwater.com/SERVICES/CITS/INDEX.ASP>



*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.

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

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