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Next Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition Meeting

Monday—March 2nd, 2009

7:00 PM– 8:30PM

>>Salvation Army– Joy Center<<

1521 Druid Road East

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.

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*

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**Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2009**

Meeting called to order by President, Shelley Kuroghlian at 7:09 PM.

Members present: Norma Carlough, Windsor Park, JoAnna Siskin, Skycrest; Ron Delp, Clearwater Beach; Larry Floyd, Coachman Ridge Russ Gabel, Hillcrest; Shelley Kuroghlian, Spring Lake; Herb McLachlan, Sand Key; Dave Muzzio, Island Estates; Julie Thompson, Gen Oaks; Howard Warshauer, Clearwater Downtown and Eleanor Lyda, East Gateway.

Guests present: John Doran, City Council; Paul Bouffard, Island Estates, Dam Bates, City of Clearwater, Colleen Turner, American Cancer Society

President's Report

Shelley Kuroghlian asked that funds be approved by the membership to update the CNC website to make it more user friendly and link to other important sites in the city. Motion by Ron Delp, 2nd by Joanna Siskin to look into cost to redo website. Approved.

Shelley was interviewed January 7th by Council Member Cretelos on City Talk, channel 615 about the CNC. She encouraged the membership to view the interview.

Secretary Report

JoAnna Siskin presented the minutes of the January 5th meeting for amendments / approval. Motion by Larry Floyd, 2nd by Howard Warshauer. Minutes approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Doug Williams was absent but provided an updated balance sheet and member's payments:

| | CNC | Foundation |
|---------|------------|------------|
| Balance | \$2,205.41 | \$697.69 |

Shelley asked that members review the membership payments made to date and if the members have not paid asked that they pay by the next meeting. We will also research the dates of the complimentary memberships so that those associations will have 12 months before their payment is due.

SPEAKERS

JOE DIMAGGIO SPORTS COMPLEX

Art Kader, Assistant Director, City of Clearwater Department of Parks and Recreation, presented the plan to redevelop Joe DiMaggio Sports Complex at the corner of Drew St. and Old Coachman Road. The property, which was a prior landfill, will be refurbished with 2 football fields, 4 soccer fields a refreshment stand with bathrooms and a major league level baseball field. An additional 1,200 parking spaces to support Bright House Field are planned for the future. Phase 1 and 3 have been completed and phase 2 for the soccer and football fields are in progress for a cost of \$3 million. The major cost is the dirt fill needed to keep the field level. No city taxpayer money is involved in phase 2. Members asked about the cost and the expected break-even dates. Mr. Kader asked for CNC support of the project. Shelley Kuroghlian asked that the Department of Recreation have a plan for neighborhood engagement, when changes such as this are proposed. She stated that the mistakes made with Crest Lake Park, not be repeated in other neighborhoods.

Shelley Kuroghlian sent a letter to Felicia Leonard, AICF, City of Clearwater thanking her for Mr. Kader's

presentation and support for the City receiving a grant for the development of the property.

RELAY FOR LIFE – AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Colleen Turner, presented information on the Relay For Life, 24 hour walk that will be held in May at Glen Oaks Park in Clearwater. She asked for volunteers and for the members to promote the formation of teams to participate in the relay. This event will raise funds for research for various types of cancer.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Community Development Board

No Report

Membership Committee

No Report

Parks and Recreation

No Report

Chamber of Commerce

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

CNC CONFERENCE

Shelley asked that we get volunteers to work on a CNC Conference for 2009. Topics suggested were Gang Violence and Insurance. There did not seem to be much support for that effort. Howard Warshauer did not feel Gang Violence was a good topic. Jo Anna updated the group on the support for selecting the topic at prior meetings. Norma Carlough suggested that we send emails to each of our members / neighborhoods and ask if they support the topic of gang violence for a possible topic for a conference. Shelley asked those who were not supportive of that topic, if they had another suggestion...there was no response. A discussion ensued regarding the impact of gang violence and the reluctance of school administrators to report activity to the police due to the negative impact on the schools "grade". Herb McLachlan asked why we didn't have the City of Clearwater run the conference. Shelley indicated that this was a CNC activity and that the members should be responsible for the conference.

CODE ENFORCEMENT PROJECT

The CNC Code Enforcement Team (Norma Carlough, Ron Wright, Ron Delp, Dave Muzzio, Julie Thompson) met and drafted initial changes to the City of Clearwater "Citizens Guide to Code Enforcement" which were presented to the City at a meeting 1/27/09 with Jeff Kronschnabl, Dan Bates. Becky Melendez, Shelby Brown, Joelle Castelli (Communications), and Robert Taft (Planning). CNC members attending were Norma Carlough, Ron Delp & Shelley Kuroghlian.

Dan Bates presented an overview of the meeting to the CNC membership and Norma Carlough took the group through the specific changes that will be made. In addition there are changes that that require code updates. The CNC team will meet with the proper staff at the City of Clearwater to start the process to rec-

ommend the specific changes. There is a follow-up meeting planned for March, when the final changes are completed and reviewed so a new book can be published. Shelly thanked Dan and the city team for their cooperation in the joint effort.

Ron Delp made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by JoAnna Siskin. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnna Siskin, SecretaryNo Report

Upcoming Event: [Ciclovía](#)

Location: Cleveland Street from waterfront east to Gulf-to-Bay

Time: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Contact: Tammy Vrana (727) 562-4047 or visit www.myclearwater.com/carfreesunday

Description: Clearwater will close a two-mile stretch of Cleveland Street to motorized traffic Sunday, March 1 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a multicultural street festival called Sunday Ciclovía (see-cloh-VEE-uh), Spanish for "bike path."



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.**

2008 Officers

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