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# NEWSLETTER

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Next Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition Meeting  
Tuesday—January 9, 2007  
7:00 PM  
Long Center—Bright House Room  
1501 Belcher Road—Clearwater

## Agenda

- Minutes & Correspondence
- Treasurer's report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Committee Reports



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## Officer's for 2007

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| • Joe Evich     | President      | Morningside Meadows |
| • Ric Ortega    | Vice President | Sunset-Highland     |
| • JoAnna Siskin | Secretary      | Skycrest            |
| • Doug Williams | Treasurer      | Northwood West      |

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## Publication of Newsletter:

It was agreed at the December Meeting that the Newsletter for January would be the last one mailed via the postal system.

All future editions will be available at our website [www.clearwatercoalition.com](http://www.clearwatercoalition.com).

To be included in the automatic email distribution, send a e-mail to [Clearwater@pobox.com](mailto:Clearwater@pobox.com), with your name, email address and homeowners association.

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## Minutes of December 4, 2006

President Sondra Kerr opened the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Attendees were invited to introduce themselves and identify their neighborhood group. Minutes of the November 6, 2006 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Certificates of appreciation were presented to Sondra Kerr, outgoing President, and to Rich Glasgow, retiring as Secretary and Newsletter editor.

### OLD BUSINESS

Discussion continued on the purpose of the Coalition, specifically requests for input from members who discussed questions with their boards or associations.

Tom Calhoun reported his group was in favor of continuing our informal relationship with the City.

Jim Goins suggested he was aware of some negative comments regarding not listing the City or Neighborhood Services as a standing committee. He is willing to retract his request that they be removed.

Those in attendance agreed that this was discussed and decided at the November meeting. We will continue to have open meetings and encourage City government to attend and offer input, but they are not an official member or committee of CNC.

The letter to City Council regarding the changes in the neighborhood grant program has not been sent yet. Shelley Kuroghlian and JoAnna Siskin attended one of the grant workshop meetings to obtain more information. President Sondra gave a summary of emails and input received regarding this issue. Although some aspects of the grant program are clear, many other items still need clarified. We learned that one neighborhood did receive advance notice of the proposed changes in July. Duke Tieman's Lake Belleview homeowner group was visited by Neighborhood Services in response to problems that group had getting their money from last year's grant program. Ric Ortega suggested we ask in our letter what ideas or input led to the proposed changes in the program. Dave Campbell proposed that we invite them to a Coalition meeting to discuss this. Council members Jonson and Doran, attending our meeting, helped clarify that the money for this program has already been approved, so the changes will undoubtedly go forward as planned by Neighborhood Services. Regardless, a letter from CNC regarding the changes as expressed in the emails and other input will be sent, as the first step in our response to the new grant program.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Doug Williams presented the Treasurer's report. As of 12/3/06 CNC has assets of \$2059.30, with \$949.53 reserved for the Foundation or funds to be used for the Annual Conference.

Ric Ortega was approved as an associate member. As no neighborhood association exists in his neighborhood, he is eligible to join under that classification.

Doug reported that dues notices have been sent out, and some payments have been received.

### NEW BUSINESS

Dave Campbell questioned the newsletter costs of printing and mailing being such a large portion of our yearly expenses. Dave felt we should change to an email only format and eliminate this expense entirely from our budget. After discussion it was decided to make a final newsletter mailing prior to our January meeting, in which we would announce the elimination of hard copy mailing of the newsletter. Instructions for joining the email distribution list will be included along with the announcement. The newsletter will continue to be posted on our website, and a notification will be sent to those on our email list-serve.

Jim Goins, as chair of Nominations, presented the slate of officers for 2007. A question concerning our by-laws was raised as to who constitutes actual voting members for the Coalition. It was clarified that voting members are appointed by their neighborhood associations as approved directors for the Coalition. They are not required to be board members of their associations.

The nominated slate of officers was presented, a motion to accept the nominations for election was approved.

There were no additional nominations from the floor. A vote was taken, and the following officers were elected as nominated:

President	Joe Evich
Vice-President	Ric Ortega
Secretary	JoAnna Siskin
Treasurer	Doug Williams

**OTHER BUSINESS**

JoAnna Siskin expressed concerns regarding the Neighborhoods Conference scheduled for February 24, 2007. As no speakers are booked yet, she suggested we postpone it to give more time for planning and obtaining appropriate speakers. Bill Murray made a motion that we postpone the Conference to a date to be determined. JoAnna seconded the motion, which was passed.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rich Glasgow, Secretary

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## Minutes of December 4, 2006 (New Officers)

New president Joe Evich called the meeting to order at 8:35 pm

Motion was made to change the meeting dates for January and February due to three members being on the Citizens Tax Advisory committee, which will be meeting for the next twelve weeks on Monday night. New dates to be determined. The motion was approved.

It was suggested that the Board Officers meet in the near future to determine size of new executive committee. How many members should it consist of, and that the four officers be part of it. Joe asked anyone interested to serve call him at 727 698-0295.

Joe also asked if the Coalition still had active committees, and if there were new ones needed. The active committees were Air Park, Chamber of Commerce, and Conference. It was suggested that a Bylaw Revision Committee be formed.

Members were asked what they would like to accomplish in 2007, and what speakers we might like to have. It was stated that we should focus on neighborhoods.

Also a discussion that Neighborhoods Services Reps were always welcome to our meetings, but are not a committee of the Coalition

Ric Ortega was asked to chair the Conference Committee. Shelly, Doug, JoAnna, and Jim volunteered to be on the Committee.

Suggestion by JoAnna Siskin to offer free memberships to associations registered with the City that have never been Coalition Members was tabled.

Everyone was invited to a meeting at 7:00 pm, Wednesday at Oak Grove Middle School. The City will there to answer questions about reclaimed water, Recreation Center and Traffic Calming for Morningside, Grovewood and the Meadows.

Members approved a Press release of the new officers and purpose of the Coalition. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnna Siskin, Secretary

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### Contact Us

#### Officers 2007

Joe Evich	President	727-698-0295	Morningside Meadows
Ric Ortega	Vice President	727-938-2835	Sunset-Highland
JoAnna Siskin	Secretary	727-442-0096	Skycrest
Doug Williams	Treasurer	727-725-3345	Northwood West

#### Committees

Chamber of Commerce: Doug Williams	727-725-3345
Webmaster: Dave Campbell	727-725-1276
Conference: Ric Ortega	727-938-2835
Airpark Advisory Board: Tom Calhoun	727-712-9173

### 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.

Issues may include:

- Code enforcement
- Traffic Calming
- Short Term Rentals
- Street Lights and Signs
- No Solicitation Ordinance
- Crime

#### Neighborhood of the Quarter



Does your neighborhood qualify for the honor?

Contact Becky Melendez, Manager of Neighborhood Services at 562-4585 to obtain information.

#### Change in Association Officers



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

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