

*"Your link to a better neighborhood"*

Clearwater

Neighborhoods

Coalition

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Next Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition Meeting

### Monday—October 1, 2007

7:00 PM

Long Center

1501 N. Belcher Road

2nd Floor—Boardroom

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### Workshop Guest

City Staff to discuss Codes and Laws

related to

Rental and Boarding Homes Issues

In neighborhoods

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### Neighborhood News

Gardening is a hobby enjoyed by the young and old. The Native Plant Society and Skycrest Neighbor Elizabeth France are teaming up to provide our city with a new educational pocket park in Skycrest. The park is named Rainbow at Mars (named for its street intersections). Native and Florida friendly plants will be the focus of this green pocket park. If you wish to volunteer with planting and/or upkeep please contact Elizabeth @ 727-442-5856.



*If you have some neighborhood news to share please e-mail the information to [whaleit@hotmail.com](mailto:whaleit@hotmail.com) with the subject line as "neighborhood news."*

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***A neighborhood is not simply a multitude of homes, whether stacked horizontally or vertically, it is a place that we hope to identify as home because we value the level of comfort of the surrounding environment as well as the people who share these spaces.***

#### Minutes of September 4, 2007 Meeting

—Meeting called to order @ 7:07 pm.

—President Joe Evich called for a moment of silence in memory of long time CNC board member and city activist Michael Sobota. Mike served as President of the Tropic Hills Homeowners Association. Michael was the driving force behind the annual Halloween Party and Holiday Lighting contest in Tropic Hills. He is greatly missed.

—Felicia Leonard's Parks and Recreation presentation on the grant for the proposed new Countryside Dog Park was canceled due to personal circumstances. Council member John Doran was present and filled us in.

#### Minutes & Correspondence

—Last Month's Minutes Approved

#### Treasurer's Report

—Treasurer Doug Williams was unable to attend due to a death in the family and the Treasures report was skipped.

#### Old Business

—Ric Ortega, Pinellas Living Green Expo Steering Committee Member, provided a summary of the first meeting for the upcoming 2008 PLGE. A meeting is being scheduled with City Manger Bill Horne to introduce the city to the event program. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> @ the Harborview Center, next year's PLGExpo location. Having previously discussed serving as next year's event host a formal motion was made for CNC to be the Host. Motion passed.

—The Airpark issue of extending the landing hours beyond 9PM has not resurfaced. Joe Evich sent a letter to the Air Park Advisory Board requesting that CNC be kept informed.

#### New Business

—Windsor Park restructured the Homeowner's Association leadership roles. In place of Jim Goins, Norma Carlough will now serve as the CNC representative for Windsor Park. Jim Goins involvement with the CNC will be missed as he was always active and well spoken. Ric Ortega accepted taking over as newsletter editor for Jim Goins.

—Discussions ensued about the proposed project to discuss the "rental and boarding homes issues" as it is affecting our neighborhoods. A decision was made to conduct a board workshop at our next meeting. Ray Massieu made a motion to have President Joe Evich contact Development Services Director Jeff Kronschnabl to see if someone from the city would attend our next meeting. The purpose is enlightening our group on current codes and laws relative to these topics. Motion passed.

—A side discussion relative to the previous items occurred. How can CNC gather a list of current issues that neighbors feel are impacting their neighborhoods? Ed Hooper suggested that each member talk to neighbors and bring back items of concern to the next meeting and it was agreed that members should do this. It was mention that CNC may want to do an event, in which all neighborhood residents are invited, to discuss neighborhood issues as residents see them and possible solutions. CNC could approach Neighborhood Services to coordinate this event.


—Ed Hooper suggested that CNC "go back to its roots" in attending council meetings on a regular basis to update council and residents as to CNC activities and efforts.

#### Committee Reports

—As the Membership Committee Shelley Kuroghlian and JoAnna Siskin discussed how we might work jointly with existing neighborhood watches in an effort to strengthen both neighborhood organizations.

—No other Committee Reports.

—Meeting adjourned @ 9:04 PM

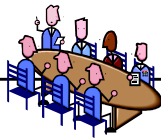
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| <p><b>At this months meeting we are focusing on the following issues:</b></p> <p><i>Rental and Boarding Home Issues in residential neighborhoods</i></p> | <p><b>Are there issues that are concerning you and your neighbors that you would like the CNC to help explore viable solutions?</b></p> <p>Some examples:<br/>         Parking on Grass<br/>         City Tree Maintenance<br/>         Homes in disrepair<br/>         Unkempt Properties<br/>         Roaming Cattle (just kidding!)</p>  |
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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.

Issues may include:

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



**Change in Association Officers Notification**

Please forward names of new officers for your association to JoAnna Siskin, CNC Secretary at siskinj@aol.com.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**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

*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 neighborhoods of all types.*



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

2007 Officers

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|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 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: | Norma Carlough     | 727-443-3630 |
| Membership:             | Shelley Kuroghlian | 727-736-0154 |
|                         | JoAnna Siskin      | 727-442-0096 |