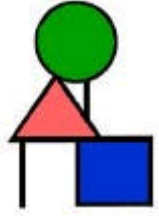


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October 6 Meeting

County Commissioner Karen Seel and City Commissioner Whitney Gray visit us to share information on the Mobility Initiative and other issues affecting neighborhoods and citizens of Clearwater and Pinellas County.

Presentation starts promptly at 7 P.M.



If receiving this newsletter in e-mail format is sufficient for your needs, then please e-mail a request to be added to our automatic email distribution list. Send your request to: "Clearwater@pobox.com", and you will receive a monthly notification of our meeting and that our website has been updated with the latest newsletter. Also please let us know to take you off the mailed newsletter list. Thanks for your help.



We had very good representation at the Florida Neighborhoods Conference in Sarasota in September and hope to incorporate some of their successful ideas into our 2004 CNC Neighborhood Conference.

Our conference is scheduled for February, 2004 and will feature great speakers, such as the guy to the left. More photos inside.....

When & Where

Monday, October 6, 2003 7:00 P.M.

Long Center Boardroom—Upstairs
1501 Belcher Road —Clearwater

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 MEETING

*Have your directors
names or addresses
changed?*

*Notify Rich
Glasgow (791-
9317) to ensure
that you promptly
receive this
newsletter.*

Ever think about nominating
your neighborhood for the
Neighborhood of the Quar-
ter?

Why not e-mail or call Julie
Gomez at 562-4585.

Doesn't your neighborhood
deserve the recognition?

1. President Sandra Curry introduced County Commissioner Kenneth Welch, our guest speaker, to share his experiences on building consensus. Mr. Welch was instrumental in getting the County fireworks ordinance revised, despite initial opposition from most of his fellow commissioners. He enumerated 4 critical steps to building consensus: 1) know the issue—both strengths and weaknesses of your position, 2) know who your supporters are, 3) find your potential supporters—those who will listen to you, and you can influence to your side, and 4) find out your opponents' game plan or strategy and decide how you will respond. That is the essence of his method. The rest is going out and talking to people to state your case—use the web, use the media, and whatever public testimonies you can get to support you.
2. Commissioner Welch reported on upcoming County Commission issues. Noise abatement for the expansion of the airport is already on the agenda. The County will also be trying to get the State to pay their share of the court system costs. He also feels indigent care and mass transportation (PSTA and monorail system) will be looked into.
3. Minutes of the August 4 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
4. Revisions to the Downtown Redevelopment Plan were discussed. The City Commission issued a 100 foot height maximum for Old Clearwater Bay district. For the downtown core, which previously had no height restriction, the height restriction is a gradual increase from 100 feet at the edge of Old Clearwater Bay to a 150 foot maximum downtown.
5. **Jim Goins made a motion that the Coalition support the Downtown Redevelopment Plan with the new revisions. John Doran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
6. The 2004 Clearwater Neighborhood Conference is to be held in February, either on the 7th or the 21st at the new Phillies Stadium being built on Drew and U.S. 19. The tentative time is from 8:30 to 3:00. Problem identification and solutions will be the main topic, and the keynote speaker will be motivational and a former Phillie player.
7. Jan Smith reported from Neighborhood Services that the City is providing a van for transportation to the State Conference in Sarasota. She stated the grant money that has been held up until sign code changes were instituted should be released in the next 3 to 4 weeks. Also that grant program should provide another \$ 25, 000 for neighborhoods for 2004. The current Code provides for a maximum of 2 block parties per year, but a proposal to change that to 4 per year is expected.
8. John Doran was a victim of a computer crash (no fatalities), but he reported expenses of about \$ 100 for newsletter and \$ 100 for 501-C related paperwork since the last report.
9. John Doran continued his appreciated analysis of the City Budget. The general fund, which does not include utilities and capital improvements, is rising by 6% or 5.5 million. Of that amount Parks and Recreation gets 2.2 million, fire department gets 1.5 million, police department gets 0.8 million, and the library gets 0.7 million. This increase is funded by 3.4 million from property tax (tax rate is the same, but assessments have gone up), utility tax and miscellaneous fees. Of your real estate tax, only 25% goes to Clearwater, with 25% going to Pinellas County, 40% to the school system, and 10% to juvenile welfare, PSTA, etc.
10. Rich Glasgow reported that his efforts to get people to accept the e-mail based newsletter notification and mailing only to paid members' officers and other officials has reduced the number of newsletters mailed to about 90 instead of 110.
11. Doug Williams reported on the Chamber of Commerce. Grand Opening of Target at Clearwater mall on October 8. They are looking at the issue of conversion of beach hotels to condos. September 23 they will hold their Taste of Clearwater event.
12. Sandy stated the Charter Review Committee has a public meeting on Sept. 9. Currently they suggest changes that the City Commission can accept or reject. One of their suggestions for this year is that their proposals go directly to referendum without Commission review.
13. Duke Tieman reported the Say No To Drugs march in S. Greenwood is Sept. 27. He also thanked everyone for their cards and expressions of sympathy.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 P.M. Rich Glasgow, Secretary

SCENES FROM CLEARWATER NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE JUNE 14, 2003



CNC Membership Application

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 contact _____

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

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THE PURPOSE OF THE COALITION AS STATED IN OUR BY-LAWS

- A. To provide a forum to gather and exchange information concerning common and unique goals and problems of member associations, and to use the combined strength to achieve mutually agreed objectives.
- B. To promote desirable development in association areas and to support civic and legislative efforts to effect such development.
- C. To assist public authority in policing and maintaining proper behavior within member association areas.
- D. To monitor and make recommendations on governmental services to member association areas.
- E. To engage in such other activities as may be of benefit to the associations which comprise this COALITION.

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