Meeting Minutes February 2nd 2026

President: Jared Leone

Vice President: Patrick Raftery

Secretary: Chelsea Gird

Treasurer: Cheryl Acton

- **Called to Order**: Jared at 7 PM.
- **Neighborhood Services Report**: Monica discussed:
    - Road closures
    - Neighborhoods Day
    - Events in Clearwater for February
    - Volunteer opportunities at softball games
- **Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition Building Better Neighborhoods Community Workshop Event**: Jared provided details about:
    - Location: Ross Norton Recreation Center
    - Vendors, city officials, and information tables present.
- **NAACP Updates**: Jonathan Wade addressed:
    - Membership fee: $35 per year.
    - Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday each month at the North Greenwood Recreation Center.
    - Efforts to repair and reopen the Martin Luther King Jr Center.
    - Discussion on the African American Graves under city buildings, including:
        - Debate on whether to preserve or relocate the graves.
        - Announcement of an upcoming meeting for public discussion on the matter.

- **Additional Announcements**:
    - Neighborhood Day scoring rubric and funding release discussed.
    - Announcement of the Adopt A Drain program, while the Paint A Drain program is now discontinued.
    - Recognition of member Edna Stickel as Volunteer of the Year by the Parks & Recreation Dept.
    - Member Chelsea Gird and family featured in Clearwater Magazine.
    - Jared announced the CNCF new member scholarship fund assistance program and welcomed the East Gateway Business and Neighbors Association as the first recipient.
- **Committee Reports**:
    - Patrick Raftery on City Council Oversight
    - Bill Jonson on City Dashboards
    - Dennis McDermott on Transportation Committee.
- **Next Meeting**: Scheduled for March 2, featuring speaker Al Battle, Clearwater assistant city manager.
- **Adjournment**: The meeting concluded at 8:15 PM.