

City of Clearwater

*Main Library - Council Chambers
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 25, 2026

4:00 PM

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Community Resiliency and Leisure Services Advisory Board

Roll Call

Present 5 - Board Member Glenna Wentworth, Board Member Candace Gardner, Board Member Timothy Hughes, Board Member Kelly S. Kelly, and Board Member Nana Westmark

Absent 2 - Board Member Bianca Latvala, and Board Member Michael Rubino

Also Present 2 - City Clerk Rosemarie Call, and City Clerk Specialist Danielle Debois

To provide continuity for research, items are listed in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.

Unapproved

1. Call to Order

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- 2.1 Approve minutes of the April 23, 2026 meeting as submitted in written summation.

Board Member Candace Gardner moved to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2026 Community Resiliency and Leisure Services Advisory Board meeting minutes as submitted in written summation. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Bill Jonson said Clearwater's use of shell in landscape beds is a violation of the development code and diminishes the natural flora of the area and shared a handout. Mr. Jonson requested the Board to direct the Parks and Recreation Department to follow city code and replace the shell with natural mulch.

The City Clerk said the board holds no authority to direct departments to do anything. The Board may discuss to share the concern with City Council or the City Manager.

Board Member Timothy Hughes moved to share Mr. Jonson's concerns with City Council. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Patrick Raftery encouraged Board Members to visit city parks and speak

with visitors in order to share the feedback with Council and said educating and engaging the community strengthens community support.

4. New Business Items

4.1 Municipal Energy Savings Program Recognition - Butch Collier, Cenergistic

Sustainability and Environmental Division Manager Cassie Cordova and Butch Collier from Cenergistic presented a plaque of achievement in recognition of the Municipal Energy Savings Programs success.

4.2 Discuss invite to Summer Solar Celebrations.

The Sustainability & Environmental Division has invited the Board to send a representative to their upcoming community engagement events celebrating the completion of solar projects installed over the past year. They would like the representative to speak at these events regarding the community benefits of solar.

Two events have been scheduled:

1. Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

North Greenwood Recreation Center - 905 N Martin Luther King Jr.
Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33755

2. Friday, July 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Countryside Library - 2620 Sabal Springs Dr, Clearwater, FL 33761

Staff is requesting the Board: 1) determine if there is an interest to participate and 2) identify a representative to attend and speak at each event.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

4.1 - Adopt renewable resource usage and waste reduction practices to ensure a vibrant city for current and future generations.

3.3 - Promote marketing and outreach strategies that encourage stakeholder engagement, enhance community education, and build public trust.

Ms. Cordova said over the last three years the city has installed nine buildings with solar panels. Ms. Cordova said she was seeking two volunteers to speak at each event.

Board Members Westmark and Hughes volunteered to speak respectively.

4.3

Set agenda for next meeting, August 27, 2026.

Staff has scheduled Emergency Management Specialist Miyah McClaney to provide the Hurricane Preparedness presentation.

The City Clerk said she was unable to have a hurricane preparedness presentation for this meeting due to a scheduling conflict however the presentation has been scheduled for the next meeting and in advance for next year's season.

Board discussion ensued regarding topics for the upcoming meeting, selecting public comment response, community engagement ideas, a presentation on the impact of the housing tax vote, and hurricane preparedness.

5. Board Members to be Heard

The board discussed interest in more public engagement opportunities and concerns for a potential project to come before council.

Board Member Hughes expressed interest in clarification on the urban reforestation program.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Attest:

Chair
Community Resiliency and Leisure Services

Board Reporter