

CCA Meeting 11/03/2014

Mike Parker called the meeting to order.

Lt Gebhardt spoke to the group. A number of the the members were concerned about incidents involving some of the Charlotte High School students. Janice Gardino recalled an incident on Lake Avenue involving as many as twenty two teenagers. She witnessed a fight where one boy appeared to be badly hurt. The incident was called into the police - Lt Gebhardt said he was familiar with the incident and that the kids refused to attest to the incident which limited what the police could do about any of it.

Discussion continued around a number of concerns with the students wandering around the neighborhood during school hours. It was suggested that we ask the principal of CHS to attend our meetings as they had in the past to discuss how they are dealing with these issues.

The new "beat" format is slated to begin in the spring which should bring some closer associations between police and neighbors. We discussed the importance of communication between neighbors which could enhance our awareness of what is happening on our streets.

Nancy Owens reported a home on Hardin Road where there appears to be prostitution going on and ongoing incidents of men having sex on the turning point park trails. Kelly O'hare said she would follow up with Nancy.

A neighbor reported Lakeshore Nursing Home employees in cars have been harassing kids and stalking the neighborhood - Kelly said she would follow up on this.

A neighbor spoke up that she was poorly received at 911. We were told to ask for the on-duty supervisor if that is the case.

Lt Gebhardt then announced that he would be leaving his post for a new position as Director of Training. He introduced Lt Ray Deercop - Lake Section Commanding Officer who will be in charge until Lt. Gebhardt's replacement is found. Lt. Deercop asked for patience until the new Lieutenant is put in place. Lt. Deercop's number is 428-9940. He asked that he be notified before the CCA meetings of questions to be addressed so that he can be better prepared.

Two representatives from the Fire Department spoke to us. They noted that this is a good time of year to check the batteries in our smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be good for seven years and should be placed near where people are sleeping. Also instructed that we should be aware of leaves clogging he drains this time of year. And with the upcoming winter - they requested that we be aware of keeping the hydrants clear of snow.

The meeting turned to the elections. At the last meeting a motion to waive the qualifications for board members was tabled. The members wanted to readdress this request. Julia was leading this discussion and was taken by surprise as she was not at the last meeting. There was confusion about this issue.

It was announced that Sue Miller would take the remaining term of Treasurer and Pam Postgate would finish out Dan Brothers term as Secretary.

The nominating committee consists of Brian Labigan, Julia Tedesco, Sue Miller and Sue Roethel.

The new positions to be voted on in December are President, Secretary and 3 Directors.

Candidates for Directors are:

Sue Roethel, Patty O'Brien, Terry Sharp, Anthony Rossati, Christine _____, Nancy Owens, Pat O'Neill and Joe Hinchman.

It was decided that the bi-laws needed to be reviewed regarding the request to waive qualifications.

Clair Sortini was nominated from the floor for President. The nomination was seconded.

Brian Labigan asked for a short bio from each of the nominees. His email address is blabigan@froniernet.net

It was agreed that voting rules will be clarified in the November newsletter.

We moved on to Jim Macintosh, City Engineer on the port development. Jim spoke to the fact that the Pike Company would not be completing the project as contacted. The contract will be put out to bid after the first of the year. The hope is to have two docs in place by the fall of '15 and completion in the spring of '16. Macintosh said the Pike dewatering plan was not acceptable to the City. Questions can be directed to Jim.Macintosh@cityofrochester.org. Jim will report on the concerns related to water flow in and out of the basin in December.

Carla Palumbo spoke. She agrees that the community needs to be allowed more input in the detailed design stage. She was asked about the Mayor's comment on starting over if the community is not happy with the plans. Carla said Council is taking the petition and emails into consideration.

Carla reported on the "Roof Program" available again this year but it is in review. Carla thinks the program is not well thought out and needs to be reworked.

Mike Parker reported on the Quadrant Team Meeting last week. He said the city law dept. is looking into people putting up signs between the sidewalks and the street. It was said that if these signs upset someone - that person has the right to remove the sign. The city is looking to help the homeless. Call Ron Penders at 428-7620 to report encampments and issues with the homeless. Bill Collins has suggested reducing the city speed limit from 30 to 25 MPH - it is being considered.

Steve Gold - the Rochester Environmental Group meeting on Wednesday at 4:00 is open to the public. They will be reviewing the Wycamp plan. 223 City Hall .

He noted that the city is moving ahead with the 10 story plan. Next step is going to City Council regarding the sale of parcel 1 North - this sale could be as early as December.

Carla said Council will do it's due diligence and make sure there is community input. December legislation will be on the website. She doesn't think the Mayor will reconsider the developer.

Tom Brewer - Saturday's meeting at the Customs House is entitled "Restoring the River" Mike Hogan will be discussing the value of the river.

Bob Owen announced that the light tower is back in place. The light will send a signal 12 miles out. Their Christmas Holiday sale is December 6 and 7 from 1 to 4 pm. Christmas wreaths will be available - Suggested one calls to have one set aside. Virginia announced that the light house is on the National Register and has returned to it's original operation- a rare thing.

Joe Robach spoke to the group and mentioned that Joe Carrozzi is down with pneumonia.

Tony Micciche - gave the county report.

Brian announced the Lighting of the Tree ceremony on December 5 at 7 pm. We are planning to have hot chocolate and cookies at the high-rise. He is looking for volunteers - Spread the word!!

Meeting was adjourned.