

Meeting minutes for March 3, 2014 CCA coalition meeting:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Tuesday, March 11th, Mayor Lovely Warren will be speaking at the terminal at 6pm.

Local Waterfront Revitalization Project focus group will present a draft to the public on Wednesday April 9th 5-7pm in Council Chambers.

Riverside Cemetery is looking to establish a green cemetery at its north end (by Burley Road) and will be holding a public meeting at 7pm on Thursday March 27th in the Chapel of Peace at the cemetery.

By vote of the CCA board, Team Charlotte is dissolved effective immediately. This is being done so that the Charlotte community can provide a united front and people will not have to attend both meetings. Kathy Strauss will serve as a committee member.

The CCA board has met twice to focus on restructuring the CCA. The board has crafted a new mission and vision statement and is looking for community input on the proposed changes. Please send in your comments to info@charlottecca.org. Vote to adopt the new mission statement will be at the April meeting.

The Board is also working on establishing committees such as Communication and Outreach, Membership, etc. The Board is also working on revising the By-laws of the organization and will publish the proposed changes in an upcoming issue of the newsletter.

COALITION OPEN FORUM:

Lt. Dave Gephardt, RPD- burglary on Ruggles Street and a commercial burglary at 18 River Street. PCIC meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Aquinas.

Jack Foy for Holy Cross- school has 300 pupils enrolled and is accepting enrollments for the 2014-2015 school year. St. Patrick's Day at the terminal on Saturday March 8th is a fundraiser for the school.

Jack Foy has been named Veteran of the Year and will be honored in Albany on May 20th. Jack will also be going to Normandy in June for the 70th Anniversary of D-Day.

Tom Brewer for Lighthouse Marine History- March 8th talk at Custom House will be on car ferries.

Ruth Sunny for Denise Block Club- 30% of the tenants at Snug Harbor have been evicted. For the Voice of the Citizen, their group has identified some areas to get additional lighting and trees that have to be trimmed.

Ron Penders for NW Neighborhood Service Center- The Voice of the Citizen has \$50,000 funds. Bill Collins, President of Maplewood has started pricing lawn furniture and mosquito sound system. Clean Sweep will be Saturday May 3rd for the entire city. Sign up online.

Brian Labigan for CYAA- Baseball league has been in Charlotte since 1953. This year they have 210 boys and girls and 7 fields and will play from mid-April until July 1. CYAA has announced a capital campaign which will be in the April newsletter; looking to raise \$35,000 toward building a concession stand.

Marianne Warfle for Port of Charlotte Merchants- Thank you to the CCA board for the letter of support trying to secure \$12,000 in funding from the City. Mardi Gras event had about 200-300 attendees with a hired bus taking patrons between bars. Merchants are planning a Pirate weekend in June.

Joe Hinchman from CCA Board Membership Committee looking to working with Marianne to discuss ways to market our organizations to get new members

Councilmember Carla Palumbo- City Council is looking into food trucks. A pilot program has expired and they are looking to add some more trucks on Court Street and in the East End. Trucks have to be licensed, go through health and fire inspections and pay the city's \$750 fee. This is different from the two food carts that are licensed to operate in Charlotte- the carts are tied to a specific location.

County Legislator **Tony Micciche** introduced **Brian Marianetti** as the new Legislator who has replaced Rick Antelli. Tony went on a truancy blitz for the schools (1 in 10 answered the door) and he will not be able to come to hear the Mayor because the Legislature will be in session.

Paula Kosiorek for Senator Robach- Joe is the new Chairman of the Transportation Committee which oversees DMV, DOT and the Thruway Authority

Notes taken by Marie Poinan