

Charlotte Community Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 14, 2015, 6:00 pm Robach Community Center

OUR MISSION

To build a stronger community and to enhance the lives of our residents by providing a forum for sharing information, connecting neighbors and stakeholders, and fostering civic engagement while preserving and promoting the heritage of the Village of Charlotte.

Call to Order / Attendance / Housekeeping

Meeting called to order by President Clare Stortini at 6:16 pm. **In Attendance:** Clare Stortini, president; Susan Miller, treasurer; Sue Roethel, secretary; Patti O'Brien, director; Pat O'Neill, director; Pam Postgate, director; **Excused absence:** Donna Bour-Purdy, director.

With six board members present, there was a quorum to conduct business.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the BOD Meetings on 7/29, 8/3, 8/17 and 8/25 were reviewed for approval. No changes were recommended.

Motions:

- Patti moved to approve BOD minutes of 7/29; Pat seconded. Donna abstained because she was not on the board then and didn't attend the meeting. Motion approved 6-0.
- Patti moved to approve BOD minutes of 8/3; Sue M. seconded. Donna abstained because she was not on the board then and didn't attend the meeting. Motion approved 6-0.
- Pat moved to approve BOD minutes of 8/17; Sue M. seconded. Patti abstained because she did not attend the meeting. Donna approved via email. Motion approved 6-0.
- Sue M. moved to approve BOD minutes of 8/25. Pat seconded. Patti abstained because she did not attend the meeting. Donna approved via email. Motion approved 6-0.

Action Items:

- Sue R. will finalize minutes and send to Fred to post on web.

Treasurer's Report

Sue M. reported that the accounts are balanced with the last bank statement in August. Total income for the month was \$337, and total expenses were \$2,000. The available balance is \$20,440.42. Clare noted that the latest invoice from Patrick Printing (\$335) was higher than usual. She also asked about the postage expense (\$58.80) for renewal letters being sent out this late in the year and to please note how many letters were mailed to justify this seemingly high expense for postage

Action Items:

- Sue M. will verify with Donna whether the invoice from Patrick Printing was accurate and was more expensive possibly for the color edition.
- Pam will report on how many renewal letters went out and when they were mailed.

President's Report

1. TapeCon: Pat reported that the owner is tearing down the buildings by the end of 2015 and is supposedly looking for CCA support with the City to do so. Clare charged the Planning & Zoning Committee to investigate the details and report back to the board with a specific action item to approve. Clare charged committee to do more research with respect to options for that land parcel and report back to the board.
2. Nolas: An email was forwarded from a community member who remains concerned about noncompliant sounds curtain(s). The email was forwarded to the City's Planning & Zoning Department, Marguerite Parrino, Interim Director. Additionally, President Stortini forwarded to NSC Administrator Ron Penders & NSC RPD Lt. Koehn as an FYI.
3. Snug Harbor: Has been in the news again as having continuing complaints from residents in the units who are not getting the repairs done in their units that were promised. A lawsuit by the City to the owners is pending.
4. Lighthouse Pointe: News coverage indicates that the development proposed by Morgan has been approved by the Town of Irondequoit and is going to the City's P&Z for permits now. The plans are for mixed-use development on the north and south sides of the O'Rorke Bridge, including 3-story condominiums with boat docking space and a few retail stores.
5. Board meeting 9/24: Will be at the Port Terminal Building. Agenda is mostly review of the Bylaws revisions and two members' request to meet with the board. Clare has also asked board members to send her their list of names to recommend for the charrette steering committee as the original deadline of 9/4 was not met to recommend members to the committee

OLD BUSINESS

1. "Pockets of Parking": Pat's idea to send the City a letter asking them to designate some small parking spaces throughout the neighborhood needs to be presented to the board by the P&Z Committee in the form of a committee report that includes research and a recommendation.
2. "Meet the Candidates" Night: It will be on October 13th at the Robach Community Center. Donna will advertise it through the newsletter, Facebook and e-blast. Due to the budget, she will not print posters.
3. Committee Reports: Three committees submitted reports to the board: Communications, Nominating, and Safety & Security. Not many committees are performing according to the plan of work they have been charged to do in 2015. Activities that are happening need to be followed up with action and documented. There are many important issues that still need to be

addressed, such as the Port of Rochester, the charrette, the Bylaws revisions, etc. Should the non-performing committees be suspended until 2016?

Communications Committee – The new redesigned web site is scheduled to go live the first week of October. Brian suggested that Donna provide a walk-through of the new site at the November General Meeting. Some web pages still need content.

Nominating Committee—Brian Labigan attended the meeting and reported that there are no new candidates stepping forward. He is very concerned about the lack of participation from the members and stated that the viability of the CCA is in jeopardy because of it. Sue M. is not seeking re-election. She said that if no one runs for the treasurer position, she will agree to be appointed on a temporary basis after the election. Brian sent emails to Donna and Patrick asking them if they plan to run, as their term is up in December 2015. Donna wants to be included on the slate; Pat has not committed yet. The slate needs to be approved for announcement in the October newsletter (deadline for articles is this week) and at the October 5th General Meeting. There will be no nominations accepted from the floor or in writing after tonight's General Meeting. Although it has been past practice to accept nominations from the floor up until and even on election night, the current Bylaws do not dictate that practice. The committee believes that the members should have time to meet the candidates and learn about their background and experience in advance of the vote. We have announced the deadline of September 14th twice in the newsletter and via e-blast, so the committee feels we have done our due diligence.

Safety & Security Committee – Sue M. is working with OBPPC, the Rochester Fire Department and the Rochester Police Department to organize a community bonfire on the beach. It is planned for Saturday, October 3rd and would be in conjunction with the City's River Romance weekend. Liability should be with the City and County, not the CCA. Sue M. needs to follow up on that with Joe Carrozzi and our insurance company to make sure we are not liable.

Action Items:

- Pat will follow up on the new charge to P&Z to investigate and report details back to the board of the Tapecon building demolition. Report should include what action the owner wishes the CCA to take.
- Sue M. will follow up with Joe Carrozzi and our insurance company to make sure the CCA is not liable during the community bonfire event.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Members' Request to address the board: Ed Steinberg and Bill Brown have sent an email to Clare requesting that the board give them at least an hour on an upcoming agenda to discuss the development at the Port of Rochester. The next BOD agenda on 9/24 is intended to focus on reviewing the Bylaws revisions before taking them to the members for a vote. Clare asked if the board wishes to schedule a special meeting to hear Ed and Bill's presentation. A majority of the board said no to a special meeting but to give Ed and Bill time on the agenda to present on 9/24.

Related to this request is that Ed has coordinated a series of small, informal, open meetings for people to come together to discuss the Port. The meetings are being held at the LDR Charpit.

CCA P&Z Committee members Deb Cormier and Suzanne Phillips have attended some of the meetings and should be asked to report back to the board on the discussions. A suggestion coming from one of these meetings is that the CCA website could be used as a neutral resource to share information. Sue R. mentioned that the new website that will go live early in October has a section called Neighborhood Development with a page dedicated to the Port of Rochester. This would be a perfect place for Ed, Bill, Deb, Suzanne, and any others to submit neutral content to Donna for the web page.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

9/20 Rochester Marathon
10/2-4 River Romance – City of Rochester’s annual event
10/5 General Meeting
10/13 Meet the Candidates Night

Adjournment

Motion: Sue M. moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm; Patti seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Minutes submitted by Sue Roethel, CCA secretary.