

# Charlotte Community Association

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 12, 2016, 7 pm

The Roger Robach Community Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### 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

Meeting called to order by President Jonathan Hardin at 7:02 pm. **Board Members In Attendance:** Jonathan Hardin, President; Patti O'Brien, Treasurer; Sue Roethel, Secretary; Mary Chambers, Director; Tommy Borrelli, Director, and Gini Weslowski, Director. **Excused:** Donna Bour-Purdy, Director. There was a quorum of the board to conduct business and about 28 people in attendance.

## CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

### 1. **Rochester Police Department (RPD):** Lt. Jeff Koehn reported the following:

- Street robbery at 350 Boxart St. near Turning Pt. Park at 3:25 pm; wallet and phone stolen; cameras didn't capture the license plate number.
- Assault with a hammer in parking lot of Sports on Tap, 29 Stonewood Ave. at 2:42 am. There are 2 suspects and the victim is familiar with them; investigation is ongoing. A discussion ensued about who issues nuisance points to businesses. A resident was frustrated because he placed a call to RPD a few hours before the assault happened, and he doesn't feel there is any real addressing of the problem. Lt. Koehn reported that the call made by the resident was coded as an annoyance by the dispatcher, which gives it a low priority.
- Fatal accident on Lake Ave. at Grassmere Park caused by 2 cars racing. A speed trailer was placed at Lake Ave. and Yarker. Another pedestrian was struck at one of the high-rises too. Discussion ensued about excessive speeding on Lake Ave. as an ongoing problem. Lt. Koehn said enforcement does help to temporarily modify behavior. Molly has done a pedestrian safety blitz.
- Lake Section officers will receive training in December for deployment of body-worn cameras in January. RPD was asked to do a presentation on body-worn cameras at a future meeting.
- Kevin Radtke is the new Crime Prevention Officer who will work with the PAC TAC program. Anyone interested is encouraged to sign up/apply on the City's website.
- ATV officers are still running on the beach and at Turning Pt. Park.

2. **Rochester Fire Department (RFD):** 4-5 firefighters attended but were called away on an emergency before they could report.

3. **Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC):** Ron Penders was unable to attend but sent these updates:

- Clematis St. water problem is in the final stages of resolution with the attorneys for the City of Rochester and Town of Greece.
- Snug Harbor was repossessed by the bank and a code enforcer was assigned to check on the property regularly.

4. **City Council NW Representative:** Molly Clifford reported the following:

- City Council's agenda this Wednesday night includes a vote on funding to complete the concession stand at the ball park; and a vote on additional funding to complete the Hincer St. Project, which is scheduled to be done by the end of September.
- She has been pressuring the City for information on the Port of Rochester development but has obtained no specifics yet.
- Her monthly coffee chats at the Cannonball Café may need to move to a new location because the Café is having severe financial issues. Funding was promised but there's no stop-gap funding; Molly is looking for ways to help them stay open.
- She wants to do something to engage folks in the high rise apartments and asks if CCA can help.

## NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS

**NYS Senator Joe Robach** reported that the wall along the east end of the Parkway is being repaired now. To address the speed issue on Lake Ave., he did a walking tour with the DOT and DES to look at extending crossing time at stop light crosswalks. Two events are coming up: Saturday, 9/24, 10 am – 1 pm is the Women's Health Fair; and Saturday, 10/15, 9 am – noon is Electronic Recycling at Sahlen Stadium.

**Monroe County Legislator Tony Micciche** reported that there is a new Office of Public Integrity. He attended 5 events for 9/11. The Legislature is working on the County budget or a vote in December. Tony will volunteer for PAC TAC one night per month in Charlotte. Dep. Chief Peters is arranging for another ride-along for Tony. Jean and Joe Carrozzi are being honored for their volunteer service tomorrow night at the Legislature meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Ontario Beach Park Program Committee** member Fred Amato reported that the Big Band dances started last week with 106 people attending. They are held every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. River Romance is Sunday, 10/9 with many events at the beach and in the Port Terminal Building. There will be a ribbon-cutting and tours of the Lighthouse Trail on Thursday, 10/6 at 1:00 pm. OBPPC is now partnering with the Stardust Ballroom for Big Band dances.

**Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Society** president Bob Owens reported that their garage sale is scheduled on 10/7-9 and 10/14-16 at the Customs House.

**CHARLOTTE Strong** member Bill Brown reported that he's been unsuccessful getting information from the City on what's coming for the Port of Rochester and when the community can expect to be informed. Three boring tests were recently done on Parcel 1, with one testing 65' to bedrock. He's concerned about why these tests are being done and is receiving either vague or no response from the City. He feels the City is unprepared to issue a new Request for Proposals (RFP). He specifically asked for someone to attend tonight's meeting to answer questions, but no one showed up.

**Holy Cross** member Jack Foy reported that the school now has 350 students and a sports program starting at 2<sup>nd</sup> grade up through high school. A retreat is scheduled on 9/23-24 and 9/30. Donations are being collected to help victims of floods.

**Harbor Merchants Association** member Lee Selover announced that the group of business owners is starting up again with a meeting on 9/21 at 10:30 am at the Pythodd Jazz Club. DES Commissioner Norm Jones is invited as a guest. The meeting is open and anyone is welcome.

## BOARD REPORTS

### President's Report:

- Rochester Marathon/Charlotte water station: Volunteers are scheduled to hand out water from 7:30 am to noon on Lake Ave. at Pattonwood Dr. The water station's theme is Dorie shouting "Just Keep Running!" Cash prizes will be awarded to the water stations showing the most spirit.
- Leadership Academy for Young Men: President Hardin has been working with the principal and counselor at the school to find ways in which the community and school can collaborate. The CCA will be collecting uniform donations for the students. RCSD School Board President Van White has been invited to attend a CCA meeting to do a presentation on the Leadership Academy for Young Men.
- Lakeside Presbyterian Church donation: The Ed Watson Scholarship Fund has been established through a Finger Lakes Area Community Endowment (FLACE) account with Canandaigua National Bank (CNB), which allows the CCA to accept the \$20K donation from the former Lakeside Presbyterian Church. The scholarship fund supports high school students in Charlotte.
- Candidates Night on 10/4 at 6:30 pm at the Robach Community Center: Candidates from local elections are invited to present their platform and answer questions from the audience at an open community event.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no new income showing for the month of August because the business accounts were moved over to CNB. Membership dues for 6-7 new members will show up in September as income. Expenses in August totaled \$2,078.49, leaving a balance of \$19,653.97.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for the General Meetings on 6/6, 7/11 and 8/1 are not posted yet.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Safety & Security Committee: Meeting scheduled tomorrow night.
- Programming & Fundraising: The organizers of the Falleson Block Club Party have volunteered to help organize a first annual fundraiser called The Best of Charlotte. The event will be held on 12/4 from 3-6 pm at the Robach Community Center. It will be a wine and chocolate tasting plus an awards ceremony to honor four individuals from RPD, RFD, a teacher, and a volunteer of the year.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sue Roethel, CCA Secretary, and Mary Chambers, CCA Director.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 9/13 Safety & Security Committee meeting, 6:00 pm, LDR Char-Pit
- 9/18 Rochester Marathon 7:30 am – 2 pm, Charlotte water station Lake Avenue & Pattonwood Drive
- 9/26 Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, Greece Public Library
- 10/3 CCA General Meeting 7 pm, Robach Community Center (open BOD Meeting at 6 pm)
- 10/4 Meet the Candidates, 6:30 pm, Robach Community Center
- 10/9 River Romance (City event), 11 am – 4 pm, Ontario Beach Park and Port Terminal Building