

Charlotte Community Association

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 1, 2017, 7 pm

The Roger Robach Community Center, 2nd 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 7:00 pm. **CCA Board In Attendance:** Jonathan Hardin, President; Jose Peo, Vice President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; Patti O'Brien, Treasurer; Donna Bour-Purdy, Director; Mary Chambers, Director; and Tommy Borrelli, Director. There was a quorum of the board to conduct business and about 29 people in attendance.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

- 1. Rochester Police Department (RPD):** Lt. Aaron Colletti reported that crime is down in Charlotte but is up overall across the City. He shared a list of crimes that were reported/investigated in Charlotte in April. The command van has been present at the beach and will continue all summer. Plans are underway for Memorial Day that will be similar to the past few years.
- 2. Monroe County Sheriff's Dept:** Sgt. Ben Milos reported that there are 10 officers dedicated to the parks unit plus the marine and mounted patrols.
- 3. Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC):** Bruce Wilder reported they are addressing complaints about code violations; info is on the website. They are planning to assist with Clean Sweep on May 6th. They are also working on development for the Tapecon site, and the owner of the former Ira Jacobsen Legion Post building doesn't want to sell but is looking to make repairs and find a renter.
- 4. City Council NW:** Councilwoman Molly Clifford reported that she'll be participating in Clean Sweep this Saturday, so her monthly coffee hour is postponed until the following Saturday, May 13th at 11am at LDR Charpit. She voted against the performing arts center proposal for development on Parcel 2 because it didn't contain an affordable housing component. Roc Recovery Fitness is a new fitness and community center for sober living. It's in the old firehouse in the Maplewood neighborhood and is run by volunteers.

GUEST PRESENTER

Craig Bruno, InsuranceTrac – This business is located in Irondequoit and Cooper Rd. and Titus Ave. and is a new sponsor of the CCA. Craig talked about homeowners' policy endorsements vs. flood insurance, in light of the recent flooding of the lakeshore.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. **Monroe County Legislature:** Tony Micciche reported that the County has reached out to relieve the higher lake levels due to Plan 2014. Airport improvements are underway. He attended the opening of Roc Recovery Fitness.
2. **NY State Senate:** Paula Kosiorek reported for Senator Joe Robach that the \$150 billion state budget was passed. Included are two kinds of STAR programs, Uber and Lyft for Upstate, and SUNY tuition waiver up to \$5,500 for qualified students. Electronic Recycling is on June 4th, 9:30 am -1:30 pm at EcoPark on Avian Dr. off Paul Rd. in Gates.
3. **High Lake Levels:** Paula Kosiorek and Virginia Kobylarz reported that lakeshore residents and businesses should expect higher lake water levels for another two months. They said this is *not* due to Plan 2014 but is a result of above-normal rain and snow melts in all of the Great Lakes that empties into Lake Ontario and ultimately funnel out through the St. Lawrence River. Plan 2014, which calls for a rise in lake levels, was passed by the International Joint Commission (IJC), which is a Great Lakes governance body between the United States and Canada across seven states and two provinces. Virginia has owned property on the St. Lawrence River for 40 years and said the high levels are historically cyclical. The same situation happened in the 1970s, 1990s, and we're seeing it again now.
4. **Roc Shrimp Company:** Owner John K. reported that he'll be conducting a sound check this Saturday from 2-4 pm and is inviting neighbors to attend. He is seeking approval for a permit allowing outdoor entertainment, and the City is requiring this sound check. He'll present again to the Planning Commission on June 5th in hopes of attaining their approval.
5. **Charlotte Colonials:** Carlos Oliveras reported that he has organized a new semi-pro football team for players over age 18. The team is called the Charlotte Colonials. Anyone interested can contact him at charlotte.ny.colonials@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/charlottecolonials .

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report:

- Gini Weslowski has resigned from the board, so there is a new vacancy for Director.
- Jose Peo has been appointed by the board as Vice President. He will serve an interim term until the Fall 2017 elections.
- The CCA sent a letter to the City and County asking for clarification on what each municipality has responsibility for, particularly at the beach. This is in response to many inquiries received by the CCA from community members.
- The CCA Marketplace is a fundraiser event with multiple vendors that will be held behind St. Bernard's Park on June 3rd.
- The board met with the Community Design Center Rochester (CDCR) about the process for the charrette for the Port of Rochester. A steering committee of community leaders from multiple constituent groups will work together with CDCR and the City to plan the charrette. A kick-off meeting will happen in May, and a community planning day will be scheduled sometime in September. We will work with a clean slate, and all community members are invited to participate in the open process.

- Clean Sweep is Saturday, May 6th at these 5 locations:
 - Charlotte Cemetery – Vic Simonetti, team leader
 - Lake Ave. & Pattonwood Dr. – Pam Postgate, team leader
 - Charlotte Library – Paul Tantillo, team leader
 - Leadership Academy for Young Men – Eric Meister, team leader
 - Turning Point Park – Jose Peo, team leader

Treasurer’s Report:

- Total income was \$1,374 from sponsorships, memberships, vendor table fees for the Marketplace event, and the Paulie Fund earmarked for scholarships.
- Expenses totaled \$353.36 for printing of the newsletter, postage, answering service, and the Lakesider’s Restaurant welcome event.
- Ending balance for April is \$22,337.66.

Communication Officer’s Report: Application deadline is June 4th for this year’s CCA Scholarships. There are two scholarships—one for \$2,000 and one for \$1,000. Details are outlined in the newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm. Minutes submitted by Sue Roethel, CCA Secretary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/6 Clean Sweep from 8:30 AM - 12:30 Noon - Locations: Pattonwood Drive, Charlotte Library, the Leadership Academy for Young Men, the Charlotte Cemetery & Turning Point Park/River Trail
- 5/7 Kite Flight, Ontario Beach/Comm. Center From 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- 5/16 PCIC Meeting at Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Ave. @ 7 PM
- 6/3 CCA Marketplace at St. Bernard’s Park
- 6/5 CCA General Meeting 7 pm, Robach Community Center