

Charlotte Community Association

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2018, 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 7:02 pm. **Board Members in Attendance:** Jonathan Hardin, President; Jose Peo, Vice President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; Patti O'Brien, Treasurer; Mary Chambers, Director; and Tommy Borrelli, Director. **Excused Absence:** Donna Bour-Purdy, Communications Officer; and Matt Juda, Director. There was a quorum of the board to conduct business and about 11 people in attendance.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Officer Jay Blanchard and Capt. Ray Dearcop reported that crime is down overall in Charlotte. He reminded us to keep our vehicles locked and don't leave valuables in them. Bikeindex.org is a place to go online to register your bicycle so that it can be identified and returned to you in the event it gets stolen and is recovered. There is a new net administrator, Tammi Herron, who replaced Ron Penders. The next PCIC meeting is 1/16 at 7 pm at Aquinas Institute; discussion topic will be trends.

Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19 -- No report.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – No report. The new Administrator, Tammy Herron, will be invited to the March CCA meeting. (Note: the February meeting will be dedicated entirely to the charrette.)

City Council NW Representative – Molly Clifford reported that there will be a water main project this year in the Dewey/Southampton/McCall Rd. area. Former City Council rep Dana Miller, who lost his seat in the November elections, has been appointed to replace Kate Washington in the City's Department of Neighborhood and Business Development (NBD). Dana will be heavily involved in the RFP process for the Port development. Molly invited him to attend the 2/5 CCA meeting for the charrette report to the community. Molly met the new NWSC Administrator, Tammi Herron, today. City Council rep Jackie Ortiz was taken off the Council's NBD Committee.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS

NYS Senator Joe Robach – Patti Anthony reported for Joe and read his statement on the state budget. He will continue advocating for our area. He is working with community partners on the critical topic of opioid addiction, issues pertaining to women and children, and on getting the bathrooms updated at Ontario Beach Park.

Monroe County Legislator Tony Micciche – County budget was passed for \$1.4 billion. Property tax rate stays at 8.99%, same as last 14 years. Dissolution of LDCs is completed. Additional staff will be hired for health care and Child Protective Services, and there will be an increase in subsidies for day care. The Lake Ontario water

level is currently 12" above normal and will be problematic if not reduced before spring. The Thunderbirds air show is now confirmed. Tony is attending the NYS Association of Counties Conference at the end of January.

Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC) – Fred Amato pointed out that a projection screen is now installed in the Robach Community Center. It was donated to the Lighthouse Society years ago by Kodak. The Lakeside Winter Festival is on Saturday, February 10th with all activities held at the Port Terminal Building. It will feature wine and beer tastings, a chili cook-off contest, horse-drawn carriage rides, dog sled demo, outdoor games for kids with Rec on the Move, ice sculpture demo, sip and shop with vendors, snow sculpture contest, winter hiking, and live music from 11 am to 6 pm. Fireworks are at 5:30 pm. Then Sunday, February 11th is the Polar Plunge. Registration is from 9-11:30 am and the plunge is at 12 pm.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report:

- CCA Holiday Social on 12/18 – Good turnout and very successful. Will do this event again next year.
- Board update – There is one vacancy on the current 9-member board. Three nominations have been received, and the candidates will attend the next board meeting on 1/15 to determine how they would like to serve. The board may consider expanding to 11 members, which is in accordance with the bylaws.
- Letters to the Mayor – Last month the board sent a letter to Mayor Warren inviting her to attend the March CCA meeting to talk to the community about next steps for development now that the charrette has happened. The board also sent a letter to her in support of the Zagster Bike Program and suggested that Charlotte be considered as a location of a bikeshare station.
- NBD Neighborhood Association President's Meeting on 12/13 – All neighborhood association presidents were invited to this meeting hosted by NBD Commissioner Baye Muhammad. The meeting was called in response to a study completed that revealed that poor communication exists between the City and the community. The Commissioner wants to hold bi-monthly meetings with neighborhood association presidents, with the next one scheduled on 2/21.
- Many Neighbors Building Neighborhoods (MNBN) – This grassroots group of neighborhood associations and organizations continues to work on creating bylaws and advocating for each other as a collective voice of the community. The next meeting is 1/11 at East HS.

Vice President's Report:

- Committees for 2018 – Currently there are nine committees, most of which need a community member to chair. There are many opportunities to help out; contact the CCA for more information. VP Jose Peo also announced that if you need help with shoveling snow, go to the Next Door app or contact him for assistance.

Secretary's Report: Minutes for 2017 are with the board now for approval and will be posted online soon.

Treasurer's Report: Best of Charlotte took in \$820 presale tickets + \$2,752 on event day. Expenses for cupcakes, poster printing and supplies totaled \$840, making total profit of \$2,732. This doubled what we made on this event last year. Monthly report for December gave a beginning balance of \$18,626. Total income from Best of Charlotte and membership and sponsorship renewals was \$4,781. Expenses for printing of newsletter and Best of Charlotte posters, reimbursements for supplies purchased, food for the Tree Lighting and Holiday Social events, and the monthly telephone answering service totaled \$1,247. Ending balance on 12/31/17 was \$22,160.

Communication Officer's Report: The board will be working on a re-branding program in 2018, along with a campaign to increase awareness of the CCA and encourage new memberships and sponsorships

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm. Minutes submitted by Sue Roethel, CCA Secretary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/15 BOD Meeting, 6:30 pm, Port Terminal Bldg.
- 1/16 PCIC Meeting, 7 pm, Aquinas Institute, Dewey Ave.
- 2/5 CCA General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center – POST-CHARRETTE REPORT
- 2/10 Lakeside Winter Celebration, 11 am – 6 pm, Port Terminal Bldg.
- 2/11 Polar Plunge, 12 pm (registration 9-11:30 am), Ontario Beach Park/Robach Community Center