

Charlotte Community Association

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 2, 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. **Board Members in Attendance:** Jonathan Hardin, President; Jose Peo, Vice President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; Patti O'Brien, Treasurer; Donna Bour-Purdy, Communications Officer; Mary Chambers, Director; and Tommy Borrelli, Director. There was a quorum of the board to conduct business and about 38 people in attendance.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Lt. Mark Mura reported on a fatal shooting incident in Abbott's parking lot at 4791 Lake Ave. at 1 am on 10/1. Businesses are responsible for what happens in and around their business; City owns the parking lot where the crime was committed. The crime is under investigation. Capt. Ray Dearcop explained the protocol and processes that RPD follows; other units were involved (Greece Police & Sheriff's Dept). Cameras installed in that area will help with investigation. Businesses are not required to notify RPD when they're having a special event that would gather a crowd; however, each business should have its own emergency evacuation plan.

Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19 – Four officers attended; we are advised to check CO2 and smoke detectors.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – Ron Penders reported that he received questions about businesses' responsibility to clean up in front of their property; specifically, a call came in to DES about Lakesiders and Nola's (Roc Shrimp Co.) regarding trash, litter, cigarette butts, etc. He said that property owners (and tenants) are responsible to keep the area clean. Call the NSC at 428-7620 with any complaints. Goal is to have voluntary compliance. County is responsible for cleaning trash from parking lots after an event. Regarding monitoring of sound levels, Roc Shrimp now has a sound curtain; a sound booth and meter in parking lot next to outdoor music automatically alerts Ron if sound goes over the 95 dB threshold. The public could request a reduction of that limit.

Regarding Snug Harbor, new owners have painted over the graffiti. New windows, doors, and siding received for five buildings. Certificate of Occupation will be granted one building at a time. It was noted that stockade fence is falling down on west side; Ron will follow up with owners on that.

City Council NW Representative – Molly Clifford reported that the October City Council agenda includes vote to fund local traffic violations bureau to assist with NYS bureau. Also, a vote on the Fund Balance Policy, which sets aside at least two months' funding in reserve to pay bills. Molly also reported that litter is an issue everywhere. Enforcement & education needs to be a higher priority. She is pursuing a surcharge on single-use plastic bags; funds raised can go toward street cleanups. Monthly coffee dates are 1st of every month, but October's meeting will be 10/14 instead because she's out of town this Saturday.

ANNUAL ELECTION BALLOT & VOTING PROCESS

Nominating Committee Presentation:

- Slate of candidates for 2018-19 Board of Directors: Jose Peo for Vice President; Patti O'Brien for Treasurer; Donna Bour-Purdy for Communications Officer; Mary Chambers for Director;
- Annual Elections at CCA General Meeting on 11/6: Ballot includes Board candidates and approval of Restated Certificate of Incorporation; all paid members in good standing can vote in person at meeting or by proxy (form included in newsletter);
- Two remaining Director vacancies may be appointed by Board of Directors at any time on interim basis to complete term; both seats are up for election in 2018.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS

NYS Senator Joe Robach – Collection to aid hurricane victims in Puerto Rico; Thanks to Brian Labigan for helping to secure \$300K grant for concession stand & bathrooms at CYAA ball fields; Working with County Manager Cheryl Dinolfo and Legislator Tony Micciche to upgrade bathrooms at Ontario Beach Park and repair the carousel; Charrette “is a great vehicle to get your opinion in the official rhetoric;” Applications deadline for Lake Ontario flood relief was October 1st; Paula is retiring.

Monroe County Legislator Tony Micciche – Regarding the litter issue, Alabama fines people \$500 for littering; He's working on the Brooke Stagle initiative with Dustin Wilcox (D).

Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC) – Fred Amato reported that the Fall Dance Series continues and attendance is higher than last year; River Romance booklets are available.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report:

- Roc Marathon 9/17 debrief – 20 CCA volunteers at water station;
- Chief Ciminelli's PCIC meeting 9/20 debrief – Jonathan asked about fatal shooting in Charlotte on Sunday; citizens are instructed to call 311, 911 or Ron Penders with concerns; General city-wide information was covered;
- MNBN meetings 10/5 & 10/12 – Group is organizing a Safety & Security Committee and writing by-laws;
- Meet the Candidates Night 10/3 – Cancelled because only one candidate committed to attend; all others declined. This event was for School Board and Sheriff candidates; Mayoral and City Council candidate night was held in August before the primary.
- New Event: Holiday Social on 12/18 – Board meets 3rd Monday of every month; December meeting cancelled in order to host a community holiday gathering at a local restaurant. It will be on 12/18, 6:30-8 pm; location TBD.

Vice President's Report: Donations for Puerto Rico – accepting donations on Saturday at Parcel 5.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance of \$20,066 for month of September; income was \$893.33 for memberships & sponsorships; expenses of \$388.54 included Patrick Printing for the newsletter, a deposit for Painting with a Twist event (Spring 2018), Hostgator for web host, reimbursements for Roc Marathon supplies, and monthly Answering Specialist fee; ending balance on 9/30/17 was \$20,571.65. Budget currently being assembled for 2018.

Committee Updates

- Charrette Steering Committee – Registration is open on CCA website for 11/4 event at Port of Rochester; flyers & paper registration forms to be distributed to area businesses; press release sent to local media with details;
- Community Development – Jonathan & Sue attended NBD Open House on 9/27 at City Hall; met Daisy Algarin, newly appointed Director of Neighborhood Service Centers;
- Membership & Outreach – plans for info table at Port Terminal Bldg. during River Romance on 10/8;
- Programming & Fundraising – Best of Charlotte tickets now on sale for \$10 each;
- Safety & Security – Three people showed up to walk River Trailway on 9/21; group moving to quarterly meetings instead of monthly due to lack of participation;

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Minutes submitted by Sue Roethel, CCA Secretary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/6-8 River Romance (see City of Rochester website for details)
- 10/16 BOD Meeting, 6:30 pm, Port Terminal Bldg.
- 10/17 PCIC Meeting, 7 pm, Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Ave.
- 11/4 Charrette Day, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Port of Rochester Terminal Bldg. (registration required)
- 11/6 CCA General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center – ANNUAL ELECTIONS
- 11/20 BOD Meeting, 6:30 pm, Port Terminal Bldg.
- 12/1 Tree Lighting Ceremony, 6:30 pm, Engine 19
- 12/3 Best of Charlotte, 2-6 pm, Robach Community Center
- 12/4 CCA General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center