

# Charlotte Community Association

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 4, 2017, 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 7:00 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; Tommy Borrelli, Director; and Matt Juda, Director. There was a quorum of the board to conduct business and about 30 people in attendance.

### CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

**Rochester Police Department (RPD)** – Officer Jay Blanchard reported that crime is down overall from last year. He reminded us to keep our vehicles locked and don't leave valuables in them that are visible. Be mindful of surroundings when using ATM machines. There is no PCIC meeting in December; the next one is January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19** -- Building inspections are completed. The team is gearing up for winter ice rescues. We are reminded to check carbon monoxide and smoke detectors to be sure they're working properly. Call 311 if you need a replacement. Be mindful of fire safety with holiday decorations. The squad has a new version of Narcan, the drug that saves overdose victims, and this new version works twice as fast and helps save lives.

**Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC)** – Ron Penders gave an update on the former Ira Jacobsen Legion Post property on St. John's Park. The owner is doing outdoor yard work and some repairs inside but is waiting for a tenant to rent it before doing major renovations. The property looks good. Ron also reported that Snug Harbor renovations are progressing. Windows and doors are in, and siding is in process. The CSX property behind W. Parkway Blvd. has standing water by the railroad tracks that causes a problem with mosquitoes. The City is negotiating with CSX for access to the property to implement pest control. The greenspace at River Street & St. John's Park will be updated next spring. Ron is working with the City horticulturist to install two new trees that will later be maintained by students from the Leadership Academy for Young Men as part of their community service. Ron will include Linda Paruta and the Beautification Committee on his plans. Also, the signage that CCA installed by the O'Rorke bridge is damaged and needs repair. Ron will contact Marie Poinan to get information about the materials used in the original installation.

**City Council NW Representative** – Molly Clifford thanked the CCA for Best of Charlotte and Tree Lighting events; both were great. She reported that City Council is updating the ethics code and is voting to accept an easement from Lee Selover for the City to plow/clean around the bollards near his property on Lake Ave. There will be a public hearing about the Alpha St. project on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Port Terminal Building. The second location for a dog park has not been determined yet. Proposals include the Charlotte Village Green near Spanish Gardens Apartments, Turning Point Park, or Maplewood Park. City Council membership changes in January with three new members.

## NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS

**NYS Senator Joe Robach** – Patti Anthony reported that Joe is having a workshop for senior citizens about avoiding scams. It's on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am at Gates Town Hall.

**Monroe County Legislator Tony Micciche** – County budget vote is December 12<sup>th</sup> for a proposed \$1.4 billion. Property tax rate stays at 8.99% and dissolution of LDCs continues. It also includes two new programs: The Excel Center, a continuing education program, and Make Monroe Home, an initiative to help residents rehab zombie homes, returning them to private ownership and the tax rolls.

**Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC)** – Fred Amato reported Lakeside Winter Festival is on February 10<sup>th</sup> and Polar Plunge is on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The 2018 schedules for the Big Band Dance Series and Concerts by the Shore are now posted on the OBPPC and CCA websites.

## BOARD REPORTS

### President's Report:

- Board Appointment – Former board member Matt Juda has been appointed back to the board to fill one of the two vacancies for Director; Matt will complete the term which ends 12/31/18;
- Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony debrief – 12/1 at Engine 19; Good attendance; great event!
- Best of Charlotte debrief – 12/3 at Robach Community Center. Very successful with much bigger crowd and local restaurants participating; event has outgrown Robach Center, so it'll move to Port of Rochester next year;
- Restated Certificate of Incorporation – Approved in November; attorney filed it w/ NYS
- Post-Charrette Report to Community – Scheduled CCA meeting on 2/5/18 will be dedicated to presentation by Community Design Center Rochester and Charrette Steering Committee.

### Vice President's Report:

- Instagram now used for advertising events; follow us there and see event photos; Celebrate City Living uses Instagram too;
- CCA Holiday Social – Monday, 12/18, 6:30-8 pm at Whiskey River 2<sup>nd</sup> floor party room; cash bar; CCA providing appetizers; all are welcome!

**Treasurer's Report:** Monthly income for November was \$1,463.48 and expenses were \$2,044.19. Preliminary figures for yesterday's Best of Charlotte fundraiser: \$1,940 pre-sale tickets; \$850 tickets sold at door; \$2,790 overall intake. Next month will have more detailed report. PayPal available to open or renew membership.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. Minutes submitted by Sue Roethel, CCA Secretary.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/18 CCA Holiday Social, 6:30 pm, Whiskey River, River Street
- 1/9 CCA General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center
- 1/22 BOD Meeting, 6:30 pm, Port Terminal Bldg.
- 2/5 CCA General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center – POST-CHARRETTE REPORT
- 2/10 Lakeside Winter Celebration, time TBD, Port Terminal Bldg.
- 2/11 Polar Plunge, 12 pm, Ontario Beach Park/Robach Community Center