

Charlotte Community Association

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 11, 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 7:01 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 27 people in attendance.

Special guests were two ROTC students, Patrick Snyder (senior) and Christian Mendes (sophomore) from the Leadership Academy for Young Men (LAYM). They are among 150 ROTC cadets now at LAYM. Also, Pastor Leonard Banks from Abundant Grace Church gave remarks in remembrance of 9/11.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Officer Jay Blanchard thanked the CCA for a donation to the upcoming annual Police Ball. His report includes:

- New detail at Turning Point Park;
- Sunday is Rochester Marathon; be reminded that some streets will be temporarily shut down;
- Patrol officers reported possible marijuana growing operation in 3200 block of Lake Avenue; investigation showed that locks were changed and tenants were growing 47 plants; landlord was cooperative with investigation;
- Speed enforcement underway with traffic unit on Lake Avenue; Hinchmans offered to have unit in front of their house on Denise Rd.;
- Captain Ray Dearcop reported that Lake Section staffing is full now with a fourth platoon with flexible assignments as needed. He answered several general questions about Snug Harbor.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – Ron Penders reported the following:

- Progress at Snug Harbor: front doors, windows, and sliding rear doors were delivered for five buildings. Inspectors said that five apartment units are occupied with no problems reported. Adjacent property with power line belongs to Greece, not City. Joe Hinchman has been voluntarily maintaining front of that property for ten years; recently he graded and seeded it;
- Mini clean sweeps are available; citizens can organize them and request assistance with tools and materials from Service Center;
- Riverview Apartments on Latta Rd. have been nicely renovated.
- Zombie houses still problematic; Gary Kirkmeier working toward improved processes to ticket banks who own but don't maintain unoccupied properties. Report any issues to Ron.

City Council NW Representative – Molly Clifford reported the following:

- City Council agenda this month includes approval of funding for Alpha St. project to widen Alpha & Meridan Streets where they meet at Beach Ave. Expected start date is Summer 2018; public hearing coming up; question arose about snow removal plans in that area;
- Committee meetings held on front-yard parking situation
- Molly attended ribbon cutting for CYAA ball fields;
- Project to connect Eastman Trail to Riverway Trail through Eastman Business Park; work to start Fall 2017;
- \$1.2M to demolish 75 additional vacant houses; 175 already on the demo list; Molly has list of zombie properties;
- Senator Joe Robach helped secure space at Charlotte HS for Charlotte Colonials semi-pro football team;
- Her Saturday morning coffee chats are starting up again;
- Cannonball Café at Lake Ave./Latta Rd.: CCDC looking for new tenant;
- Tapecon property to be sold; no news since last meeting about it.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Abundant Grace Church – Pastor Leonard Banks thanked the community for donating items to clothing drop. Their Fall Festival is October 7th at 2pm with arts & crafts, music and games.

NYS Senator Joe Robach – Paula Kosiorek reported that Joe attended these events: Summer Concert by the Shore & CCA Scholarship Awards on August 9, CCA Picnic on August 6, Korean War Vets on August 19, Falleson Block Club Party on August 26, Ribbon cutting ceremony at CYAA ball park on August 31, Kodak marquee unveiling on September 7, and ceremony at cemetery for 1st responders memorial section on September 9, and OBPPC and CCA meetings. New grant for \$250K to renovate bathrooms at Ontario Beach Park. Paula is retiring and moving out of Rochester.

Monroe County Legislator Tony Micciche – Tony wrote the resolution to identify zombie properties. There's a county-wide plan to form a shared governance panel; there are 62 municipal agreements already proposed and 62 new ones coming. The carousel will probably be repaired next spring. For relief from Lake Ontario flooding, citizens can call 585-753-1922.

Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC) – Fred Amato reported that the group is pleased with the Concerts by the Shore series this summer. Fall Big Band Dance Series has started with 85 people typically attending.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report:

- CCA Annual Picnic 8/7 debrief – Everyone liked that it was indoors on a Monday night prior to the monthly meeting; we'll use same format next year;
- Falleson Rd. Rock the Block Party 8/25 debrief – Very successful; will follow same format next year;
- Roc Marathon 9/17– Need more volunteers for CCA water station; LAYM sending student volunteers; pirate theme this year; organizers give \$800 first prize to water station with best spirit.
- Best of Charlotte fundraiser on 12/3 – Event runs 2-6 pm at Robach Center; tickets available \$10 per person; goal is to sell 200. Tastings with 12 wineries, distilleries and brewers; chicken wing contest. Nominations accepted for community awards for best teacher, police officer, firefighter, group, volunteer of the year. This event needs to be successful to pay for charrette expenses.

Treasurer's Report: Income for August was \$337. Expenses were \$2,283 (\$824 printing of postcards for membership drive; scholarship awards \$2K (donated funds) and \$1K (CCA funds); Monster Hots catering for

CCA picnic was \$350; Meet the Candidates Night refreshments and hot dog rolls for Falleson Block Club Party). Closing balance on 8/31/17 was \$20,066.86.

Committee Updates:

- **Nominating Committee** – Last call for board nominations; deadline is today. Only nominations received are incumbent board members: Jose Peo, Vice President; Patti O’Brien, Treasurer; Donna Bour-Purdy, Communications Officer; Mary Chambers, Director. Elections are in November; official ballot will be announced at October 2 meeting. Ballot will include approval of Restated Certificate of Incorporation.
- **Charrette Steering Committee** – Port of Rochester/Charlotte Community Charrette Day (community planning day) scheduled on Saturday, 11/4, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm at the Port of Rochester Terminal Building. This is a work day to brainstorm ideas for redeveloping the neighborhood. Open to all; residents and non-residents welcome. Goal is to have 150 participants. Pre-registration is required to participate and requires full-day commitment. Online registration now open on CCA website. Paper registration form included in printed newsletter too and will be available at area businesses soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

9/17 Rochester Marathon
9/18 BOD Meeting, 6:30 pm, Port Terminal Bldg.
9/19 PCIC Meeting at Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Ave., 7 PM
9/21 Safety & Security Committee Meeting. 6pm, walking the Genesee River Trailway, meet at 110 Petten St.
10/2 CCA General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center
10/3 Meet the Candidates Night, 7 pm, Robach Community Center

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm. Minutes submitted by Sue Roethel, CCA Secretary.