

Charlotte Community Association

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 6, 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 34 people in attendance.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Lt. Mark Mura reported that crime is down for October. There was a robbery on 10/11 at the 7/Seven with a suspect immediately arrested, and another robbery on 10/27 on Boxart St.—possible drug deal—with suspects taken into custody. Regarding extra lighting in Abbott's parking lot, can't do more due to residents' close proximity. New pamphlet available for assistance with opioid addiction.

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

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – Ron Penders absent; his office reported that Snug Harbor windows are being installed.

City Council NW Representative – Molly Clifford reported that City Council agenda includes a proposal for mixed housing (189 units) by Pathstone & Eastman Business Park (Ridgeway & Dewey Ave.); West Ridge Business Association is very supportive; public hearing scheduled on 11/9 at 5 pm. NYS tax exemption for Cold War veterans. Funding for homeowner repairs program. Meeting on 11/16 for 6-month evaluation of trial dog park at Cobbs Hill. Project at 103 Court St. includes loan to Morgan Development that is controversial.

GUEST PRESENTER

Daisy Algarin, Director of Neighborhood Service Centers, City of Rochester's Department of Neighborhood and Business Development

- She came from the Business Development office (17 years); her new office is 224B at City Hall; phone 585-428-7111;
- Her job is to centralize and standardize operations across all service centers (i.e. business permit process). She is working with neighborhood associations for funding opportunities and other supports. She brought brochures for handouts;
- She shared draft guidelines of "Nuisance 315" as a mechanism to mitigate code violations and seek abatement; goal is to get property owners to comply, not to shut them down. "315" is a last resort to impose fines and points; RPD's Crime Prevention Officers are the ones who issue nuisance reports; Ron has authority to issue nuisance points.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Votes to approve unopposed candidates for 2018-19 Board of Directors and Restated Certificate of Incorporation:

Motions:

Jose Peo as Vice President – Motion by Tom Riley and seconded by Suzanne Phillips; approved 13-0;

Patti O'Brien as Treasurer – Motion by Rose Mary Shus and seconded by Tommy Borrelli; approved 15-0;

Donna Bour-Purdy as Communications Officer – Motion by Rose Mary Shus and seconded by Fred Amato; approved 17-0;

Mary Chambers as Director – Motion by Donna Bour-Purdy and seconded by Patti O'Brien; approved 13-0;

Restated Certificate of Incorporation – Motion by Joe Hinchman and seconded by Suzanne Phillips; approved 16-0

NOTE: All counts include voting members present + proxy votes.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS

NYS Senator Joe Robach – Thanks to Charrette Steering Committee for organizing the charrette for Charlotte; NYS funding for opioid addiction support; Rochester in competition with other cities for Amazon headquarters; reminder to vote tomorrow in general elections.

Monroe County Legislator Tony Micciche – Rose Mary Shus reported that Tony is unable to attend tonight because it's the last night before the general election tomorrow (he's the Republican candidate for Mayor).

Hidden Pearls Ministry – Lloyd & Mary Elwell from Abundant Grace parish are starting this new ministry for families with special needs for cognitively impaired loved ones. They brought brochures to share. Their meetings are 1st & 3rd Monday of every month at Abundant Grace Church.

Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Society -- Tom Brewer reported that the Lighthouse is closed for season. Marine History Group presenting "Magnetic North" on Saturday, 11/11 at 10 am at Old Customs House, 10 Latta Rd. On 11/18 they'll present a memorial tribute to Dwight Bliss.

Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC) – Fred Amato reported that the Big Band Dance season is done for 2017; April-May 2018 Big Band events are scheduled. Concerts by the Shore 2018 schedule is almost completed. Lakeside Winter Celebration is 2/10 and Polar Plunge is 2/11. Joe Carrozzi is stepping down as chairperson of OBPPC; new chairperson will start in March.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report:

- Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony – Friday, 12/1 at Engine 19; new lights to be installed on 11/9;
- Mini-Clean Sweep – Lake Ave. & River St.; sign painting repair done last month; maybe a community service project for Leadership Academy for Young Men to plant a new tree there;
- CCA Holiday Social – Monday, 12/18, 6:30-8 pm at Whiskey River 2nd floor party room; cash bar; CCA providing appetizers; all are welcome!
- MNBN – Multi-neighborhood group is meeting in Charlotte on 11/9 at the Port Terminal Building.

Treasurer's Report: Membership renewals are due for 2018 and can be made w/ PayPal online or by mailing a check with paper form in printed newsletter. Beginning balance of \$20,571.65 for month of October; income was \$217.40 in membership dues; expenses of \$1,580.68 included purchase of new American flag for Engine

19 Fire Station, supplies for River St. sign work, reimbursements for printer supplies, charrette day food and supplies, and Answering Specliaist fee; ending balance was \$19,208.37. Budget for 2018 in process now.

Committee Updates:

- **Charrette Steering Committee** – Charrette Day on 11/4 was a huge success! Almost 80 participants and over 30 volunteers (largest group ever for a local charrette) representing Charlotte and Greater Rochester. Included residents, businesses, realtors, clubs, towns, neighborhood associatios, organizations, architects, and students. Participants split up into small focus groups to study one of six focus areas: transportation, year-round activities in underutilized spaces, port/marina area, Ontario Beach Park, N. River St., and the Lake Ave. corridor north of Pattonwood. Next steps: Report by Community Design Center Rochester to be presented at CCA General Meeting on Monday, 2/5/18.
- **Programming & Fundraising** – 2nd Annual Best of Charlotte Fundraiser on Sunday, 12/3 at Robach Community Center; now accepting service award nominations;

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Minutes submitted by Sue Roethel, CCA Secretary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/20 BOD Meeting, 6:30 pm, Port Terminal Bldg.
- 11/21 PCIC Meeting, 7 pm, Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Ave.
- 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
- 12/18 CCA Holiday Social, 6:30 pm, Whiskey River, River Street