



Charlotte Community Association

"A Community That Cares"

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 17, 2018 / 75 Stutson St, Conference Room

Call to Order, Attendance, Confirm Quorum

- Meeting called to order by President Jonathan Hardin at 6:30 PM. **In Attendance:** All Board members were in attendance except Jose Peo, Vice President. A quorum was available to conduct business. Guest Brian Labigan.

Floor was given to our guest. Brian Labigan had joined us to discuss the Scholarships which we give out each year. He provided us with forms, information about applicants and the process used by the committee. The committee wants guidance about how to move forward in choosing recipients. After discussion the board agreed that one scholarship will go to a student at the Leadership Academy, formerly Charlotte High, and one would go to a Charlotte resident regardless of the school they attend.

President's Report:

- We have applied for a "Neighborgood" grant in the amount of \$1500 dollars to assist with banner maintenance as well as flowers and other visible items. Thanks to Donna's example, since she wrote the grant that won in 2016 we have submitted a professional request. That being said, since we received that grant it is unlikely we will again so soon.
- Best of Charlotte planning continues, Time and place of next meeting TBD.
- River Romance has been renamed, Roc the River. The plans are being handled by the city, there is no place for us to have a significant part. We will only participate by sharing information
- The Leadership Academy has stepped up yet again, Their ROTC has helped with cleaning at the cemetery and St. Johns Park. This has become a partnership and we need to give back. The academy always needs uniform items, also there is a need for assistance to fund some events such as their Prom. After discussion the board agreed to have a sort of clothing drive at the next general meeting, all members of the community can bring items usable for school uniform dress. Donna to advertise via newsletter and Facebook. We will also do some kind of fundraiser specifically for the Academy, details to come.

Secretary's Report:

- Request for approval of Minutes of Board Meeting 8.20.18 and General Meeting 9.10.18. Linda Litwak moved to accept, second by Patti O'Brien. All affirmative except Sue Roethel who abstained as she had not had a chance to review.

Treasurer's Report:

- Our expenses continue to be high.
- Jonathan mentioned a possibility for shared insurance through MNBN. More to come.

Chief Communications Officer's Report:

CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 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.

- No one has come forward to accept this huge responsibility. We will continue outreach to fill the position and until then the board remaining after Donna's departure, as well as Mary and Tom, will do what they can to fill the gap.

Committee Reports:

- **Community Development:**
 - Vision plan was well received by the community. Our partners in government have suggested we break out those items which they can address, City Molly Clifford, County Tony Micciche, State Joe Robach and Joe Morelle.
 - Copies of plan and an article for the newsletter have gone to Donna.
 - An Op-Ed has been submitted to the Democrat and Chronicle.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jonathan reported about \$550 dollars have been collected for the GoFundMe to replace the flagship sign. It will be closed down shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

- MNBN has requested we give whatever we can for membership to keep this organization viable. Sue Roethel moved we give \$75.00. Patti O'Brien seconded, passed, all affirmative except Jonathan who abstained because of his significant involvement.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 pm.