



Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

"A Community That Cares"

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2019, 7 pm

The Roger Robach Community Center, 2nd Floor

Meeting called to order by Vice President, Sue Roethel at 7:05 pm. **CCA Board in Attendance:** Secretary Rose Mary Shaw, Treasurer Patti O'Brien, Director Linda Litwak. A quorum of the board was in attendance to conduct business. There were approximately 30 members and guests in attendance.

Welcome; Pledge of Allegiance, Sue Roethel made mention of why President Jonathan Harden could not attend.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Capt. Dearcop

- In the past month there have been two burglaries with no pattern. 6 car break-ins and four larcenies.
- Speaking to a bigger issue, there was an incident at Dunking Donuts at Stone and Denise. Two armed suspects approached a Yukon in the drive thru. The driver of the Yukon left the scene and the suspects drove off in the car which was later found and had drugs in it. Arrests have been made. Investigator Muscato is continuing the investigation.
- Member Suzanne Phillips question Capt. Dearcop regarding an individual who has been mentioned several times on the Charlotte Crime Facebook page. He is breaking into cars, and approaching house and people looking for money. It is understood that he needs help but what can police or probation do to get him the help he needs? Tony Micciche mentioned that he is also active in Greece, and that he has spoken with GPD as well. RPD is aware and are looking for answers.
- Patti O'Brien relayed a message from Jonathan Harden that he had personally sat and watch the Sunoco Station at the corner of Denise for several hours. He asked that the cameras be put back on the site to deter drug activity which is clearly happening.
- A general discussion regarding noise and speeding on Lake Ave.
- One member mentioned that he appreciates the job that RPD is doing in trying to keep cars and motorcycles in check.

Rochester Fire Department

- Received a second alarm fire and 60 River Street. (Tower) some tenants had to be helped.
- Have done four rescues from the river, one of those passed.
- New UTV is getting frequent use.
- Inspections on multiple unit dwellings continues.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) - No Report

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City Council NW Representative – Molly Clifford

- On the Council agenda for this month:
 - St Bernard's Renovation to include 13 additional units. They are all income based and the developer is seeking loans and PILOT.
 - Bicycle Registration, concern enforcement
 - Gary Kirkmeyer being promoted to Commissioner of Neighborhood and Business Development.
- There are caution signs regarding school, motorcycles and so on available at the NSC.
- Police Accountability Board will be on the ballot as a referendum. Under this proposal the Board will be responsible to City Council and will be allowed to discipline officers.
- Molly invited all to attend Fall Picnic at the Lexington Ave. community farm on 9/22. Flyers are on the table.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

Fred Amato for OBPPC and Lighthouse

- Concerts by the Shore is complete for this year the crowds were great and we had no rain outs.
- Big Band Concerts have begun every Wednesday at the Robach Center. Schedules available on the table as well as websites and social media.
- ROC the Riverway @ Ontario Beach Park: This is a four-day event, but Charlotte activities will all be on Sunday. Oct 6 from 11 to 3.
- Ham Radio Group was very happy about the turnout for their event at the Lighthouse.
- Lighthouse has produced a new brochure and rack card.
- Christmas Wreath sale will continue this year.
- Attendance at the lighthouse is good, several special tours and a few weddings.

Senator Robach- State Senate

- Glad that the park bathroom project which was a collaboration of state and county is finally complete.
- Annual Women's Health Fair, October 5, Greece Ridge Mall
- Regarding the highlights of the session which is now complete particularly items the Senator finds troubling.
 - No cash bail meaning everyone just gets an appearance ticket.
- Proposal to just let anyone who reaches the age of 55 out of jail regardless of their crime or sentence.

Assemblyperson Jamie Romeo

- New office is 1800 Hudson Ave. Phone 467-0410
- Early voting will take place in Monroe County
- There are funds for homeowners being affected by the high water. Contact office for details

Tony Micciche- County Legislator

- Schools open, enrollment county wide at a new low.
- A new workforce development center is to be built next to the new MCC Campus.
- Home improvement grants and loans are available to qualified homeowners. Contact 752-2000
- Attended the Library Centennial Celebration.

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Pat Conner-Library

- Read a thank you email sent to CCA for our sponsorship of their Centennial event.

Member Suzanne Phillips spoke regarding postings regarding Rat problems at several businesses and residence. Councilperson Clifford and Legislator Micciche directed the needed agency.

BOARD REPORTS

President's and Vice President's Report:

- Jonathan Hardin has arrived after attending a Planning Commission meeting regarding Plan 2034 with other MNBN neighbors. He stated that the commissioners also had several questions but that they do plan to vote on the plan next month. Any comments should be submitted quickly.
- Sue Roethel reported that Jose Peo has formally resigned his position as Vice President. The board has appointed herself to fill that position for the remainder of the term which will end in December 2019.
- We are still seeking new board members as well as committee chairs. A handout was provided to anyone interested about responsibilities of the board members.
- CCA in 2019 will elect a Vice President, Treasurer and two Board Members for two-year terms. The office of Communications Director remains vacant.
 - According to the By-laws the deadline for submitting nominations would have been September 9, 2019, however the board did not send notice prior as would be the norm.
 - We have candidates self-nominated as follows, Sue Roethel for Vice President and Patti O'Brien for treasurer. Susan Grodensky stood to self-nominate as a board member.
 - Opening discussion on whether to extend the nomination period.
 - ✓ Linda Litwak proposed an extension to allow anyone interested to come forward.
 - ✓ RoseMary Shaw proposed we move forward with the calendar as set by our by-laws. Vacancies on the board can be filled at any time by appointment of the board.
 - ✓ Discussion ensued. Some people expressed interest had they known. Again, vacancies, which are many, can be filled at any time. Questions regarding what some of the positions entail.
 - ✓ Fred Amato who helped to write the by-laws for the 501C suggested it was better to not vote to override the by-laws if it can be avoided.
 - ✓ The consensus of the board was to move ahead with the calendar as set out in by-laws. Ballot to be announced at October Meeting, Ballot and proxy will appear in the November/December newsletter. Voting will be at November meeting.
- Rochester Marathon 9/22 Leadership Academy is taking the lead. Anyone who wishes to help can join us at Lake and Pattonwood.

Treasurer's Report:

- Patti O'Brien reported Income of \$48.63, expenses of \$3,100.64 (scholarships). Ending Balance \$14,507.78.

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Committee Reports:

- Community Development Committee Report:
 - Members have met with Joe Robach and Larry Staub regarding updates to Robach Center and a Skating rink. County is suggesting Miniature golf instead of skating rink.

Adjournment – 8:35 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/16/19 BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Location TBD
- 9/22/19 Rochester Marathon
- 9/22/19 Molly Clifford hosting Community Picnic, Lexington Garden, 1-3 PM
- 10/7/19 General Meeting, 7PM, Robach Community Center
- 10/8/19 Candidates Night, 6:30 PM, Robach Community Center
- 10/21/19 BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, Location TBD
- 11/4/19 General Meeting, 7PM Robach Community Center
- 11/18/19 BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Location TBD
- 12/1/19 Best of Charlotte, Robach Center
- 12/2/19 General Meeting, 7PM Robach Community Center
- 12/16/19 BOD Meeting, 6:30 PM, Location TBD

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