**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**October 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

**Roger Robach Community Center**

**Welcome & Call to Order CCA Board of Directors:** Lindy Litwak, President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; RoseMary Shaw, Treasurer; Tony Micciche, Director; Patti O’Brien, Director; (*Excused*: Tom Bruce, Vice President). There were 19 people in attendance plus the board.

**CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES**

**Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Lt. Rich Waldo:**

* The 30-day report shows no burglaries, robberies or stolen cars. There were also 2 calls for a domestic dispute. There was a stabbing after hours at 320 Falleson Rd. on 9/25. It’s a 2-family property that could be operating as an AirBNB.
* PCIC meeting is Monday, 10/17 via Zoom.

**Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – Bruce Wilder:**

* ROC the Block is Saturday, 10/15, 11 am – 3 pm, Wilson Foundation Academy, 200 Genesee St.
* Flower City Work Camp is a youth program to get youth volunteering for community service. Call the NSC with any residential work that needs doing, and the NSC will connect with youth volunteers.
* Smoke shop by Seven/11 at Lake Ave at Stonewood Ave. There is a C of O on the property, and it needs inspection to ensure it’s properly permitted to operate. There are regulations for smoke shops which NYS governs. Apparently, the business owner wants to sell cannabis, but NYS will likely deny the request because the business is across the street from a school.
* Ten NW businesses applied for a license to sell cannabis. The NSC sent the applications to NYS. If denied, the NSC will send a cease and desist letter to the business owners.
* Regarding a reported hoarder at 3763 Lake Ave., an inspector visited the property and applied code enforcement. The owner has 27 days to correct the problem. Next step is a ticket; after that, the City can get a court order to shut the property down. Bruce explained the mediation process to remediate in a friendly way, which is preferred.

**City Council NW Representative – Jose Peo (report provided by Patti O’Brien for Jose):**

* Monroe County has approved $800K for renovations to the Robach Center for new windows, doors, and roof.
* Suzanne Phillips attended the Speak to Council session in September to speak in support of the police. Anyone can sign up to address City Council at the monthly Speak to Council sessions; call 953-6833.

**NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

* Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC) – Fred Amato: Winter Fest and Polar Plunge will be on February 4th & 5th, in a tent on the east side of the Robach Community Center. Bathrooms will be available. Next summer’s Harbor Fest will be June 23, 24 & 25. The carousel needs repairs.
* Lighthouse – Fred Amato: The 200th Anniversary celebration took place in August. Family Day was September 18th. They will participate in this year’s ROC the Day fundraiser on November 29th. People can make donations online. The lighthouse will be open through the end of October. They will be meeting with an architect about projects needing attention.
* Charlotte Branch Library – Jennifer Cherelin, Social Justice & Children’s Librarian: Produce distributions through Flower City Pickers; they need donations for shelters.
* Charlotte Business Association (CBA) – Barbara Lake: Next bimonthly meeting is on November 8th at the Port Terminal Building, 2nd floor conference room. They are developing a Youth Commission to help students at the high school with leadership and trades skills. They are looking for employers interested in hiring and mentoring students. They are planning a 2nd annual Christmas event; businesses can donate and/or volunteer to support the event.
* Charlotte Community Development Corporation (CCDC) – Glenn Gardner, Chairman: The organization has been in operation as a 501(c)3 non-profit for 25+ years. The CCDC has previously received a NYS Main St. grant that was used to renovate the Latta-Meech House on the corner of Lake Ave. & Latta Rd. There are 2 apartments on the 2nd floor and commercial space on the 1st floor. Currently there is a salon operating on the 1st floor that is woman- and minority-owned. Mama T’s Catering, also a woman- and minority-owned business, is also renting space in the building. The CCDC purchased real estate on Holcomb St. (sold), Frey St. (for sale), and Stutson St. (for sale). The Frey St. property needs a new roof.

Glenn is also an active member of OBPPC and the CCA’s Community Development Committee. He helps OBPPC organize the summer Concerts by the Shore Series and the summer and fall Jazz at the Port Series. The jazz concerts, held at the Port Terminal Building, drew a crowd of 400-450 to each one. They are broadcast on the 90.1 jazz radio station. The last one for the 2022 seas is October 11th.

* General Comments – Bill Brown: Encouraged everyone to get out and vote, educate yourself, and talk to each other.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**President’s Report – Lindy Litwak:**

* Many Neighbors Building Neighborhoods Coalition (MNBN) – Lindy & Tom attended; discussions centered around safety & security issues; 2 City Council members attended.
* Neighborhood Associations were asked to schedule a presentation for their community by the Police Accountability Board. Lindy scheduled one for Charlotte at the CCA meeting on 11/7.

**Secretary’s Report – Sue Roethel:**

* Minutes are posted on the CCA website.

**Treasurer’s Report** **– RoseMary Shaw:**

* For the month of August, beginning balance was $9,031.90. Income was $445; expenses were $584.26; ending balance was $11,125.13. The funds we’ve been holding as fiduciary for JROTC have been paid out.

**RECENT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES / HIGHLIGHTS**

**Nominating – RoseMary Shaw:**

* Board of Directors approved the slate of candidates as: Tom Bruce for President (unopposed); Sue Roethel for Secretary (unopposed); Lindy Litwak for Director (unopposed); and Tony Micciche for Director (unopposed). Voting by members at November 7th General Meeting was explained. Proxie forms are going out to members before November 7th and can be submitted anytime up until the vote.

**Youth Engagement –** **Barbara Lake and Patti O’Brien:**

* JROTC program continues at North East College Prep High School (NECPHS) as co-ed now, and there are 3 young women in it. OBPPC was included in the ceremony with JROTC when they received the check from CCA for the funds held in fiduciary. There will e a new program to teach JROTC students how to sew in order for them to alter their own uniforms, rather than outsourcing the service. They will also be getting t-shirts identifying them as JROTC. They’ll be doing a mini-clean sweep at the Bill Davis Overlook.
* Breast Cancer walk happening this month will have participants from the NECPHS.
* There is an abundance of clothing and memorabilia from past donations to Charlotte HS, so they will have a sale to raise money for seniors.
* NECPHS starting a Dale Carnegie program to help students interact with each other. Patti’s daughter, who works for Dale Carnegie, will help get this program off the ground. Meeting on October 12th to discuss it and look for grants. They submitted a Wegman’s grant but didn’t get it.
* The Abelard Reynolds Elementary School #42 needs volunteers in the school; you can sign up online. See Patti O’Brien if you are interested.

**Community Development – Sue Roethel:**

* The Community Vision Plan is still being finalized and should be ready by the end of the year.

**COMMITTEES / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

* Beautification
* Business Alliance
* Communications
* Development
* Fundraising
* Governance
* Membership & Outreach
* Nominating
* Programming
* Safety & Security
* Scholarship
* Youth Engagement

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

10/11/22 CCA Community Development Committee, 6:30 pm, Zoom

10/17/22 Police/Citizens Interaction Committee (PCIC), 7-8 pm, Zoom:

10/17/22 CCA Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.

11/7/22 CCA General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center (Police Accountability Board presentation)

**8:20 pm Adjournment**