



Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

"A Community That Cares"

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES December 5, 2022 Roger Robach Community Center

Welcome & Call to Order CCA Board of Directors: Lindy Litwak, President; Tom Bruce, Vice President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; RoseMary Shaw, Treasurer; Patti O'Brien, Director (Note: Tony Micciche, Director excused due to illness). Approximately 15 people + Board in attendance.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Lt. Rich Waldo: One robbery (car theft) on Alonzo St.; one burglary on Afton St. There will be no PCIC meeting in December or January. Lt. Waldo took questions from the audience about Shoot the Shot Sports Bar on Stonewood Avenue and about fights at the NE College Prep School. Lt. Nicole Tamborello said that night shift officers have gone to the bar several times and that they are actively trying to respond to multiple complaints about excessive noise. Lt. Waldo reiterated what he said last month that RPD does not handle parking violations; those complaints should be directed to the Parking Office in the Department of Environmental Services. Parking is not an offense that allows nuisance points to be given. The community is asked for patience on these issues because RPD's higher priorities are shootings and other violent crimes in the NW neighborhoods. **It was suggested that the community come together and talk to the bar owner to address ongoing issues.**

Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19 – Capt. Scott Daly: The rescue boats are out of the water now for the winter. Marine One had 40 calls this year. Regarding complaints about occupancy code violations, those should go to the Fire Safety Division of RFD. Regarding old fire extinguishers, they can be refurbished or replaced at Rochester Fire Equipment Co. at 64 Marshall St.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – Daisy Rivera-Algarin – Calvin Knight, a former code enforcer, is the new NWSC Administrator; Anna Keller will continue as Assistant Administrator. Daisy said that nuisance points can be given based on a referral from RPD for noise violations, disorderly conduct, and overcrowding. Points go against the building (property owner), not the business. **She suggests face-to-face communications to resolve issues.** Mad Flavors Smoke Shop sign has been removed. They were issued a cease and desist letter by the City for selling cannabis, which is still illegal in NYS. They are now operating solely as a vape and tobacco shop. Daisy said this is very common now throughout the City, with more than three businesses per quad **selling cannabis. The City is shutting down ten shops that are operating without a license. She offered to have a legal advisor come to a meeting and speak about the laws on this topic.**

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society – Fred Amato: They had their annual Christmas sale last weekend; will have a booth at Winter Fest in February. They received a \$20K grant to do repairs on the property.

Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC) – Fred Amato: Winter Fest is on February 4 starting at 11 am in a tent next to the Robach Community Center. There will be a chili contest, snow and ice sculptures, food truck, wagon rides and dog sled. The annual Polar Plunge is on February 5 at noon;



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registration opens at 8:30 am. Shuttle buses will run from Greece Arcadia School from 8:30 am – 1 pm. They've asked for clarification from the Parks Dept. about the use of bathrooms on the 1st floor of Robach, as they are currently being renovated.

BOARD REPORTS

President & Vice President's Report – Tom Bruce: Annual Tree Lighting event was very successful. The Engine 19 Fire Department was open, and the CCA had refreshments after the ceremony, which included the All In Brass Band (students) and blessings of peace from the Lake United Methodist Church and Holy Cross Church. Volunteers are needed to distribute door hang tags throughout the neighborhood for the CCA membership drive. Volunteers can sign up with either Tom or Lindy. On November 30th, Tom, Lindy and RoseMary attended a Charities Symposium given by NYS Attorney General Letitia James and NYS Assemblymember Sarah Clark. The event was a training session for board members of non-profit organizations to help them understand their roles/responsibilities and complying with their legal obligations.

Treasurer's Report – RoseMary Shaw: Beginning balance on 11/1 was \$9,033.05; total income (through membership dues) was \$265; total expenses (operating and committees) was \$325.42; remaining balance of grant funds is \$260.81, so total month-ending balance on 11/30 was \$9,233.44.

RECENT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES / HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Engagement – Patti O'Brien: Patti and Sue attended the Fall Open House in October at Abelard Reynolds Elementary School No. 42. Patti and Barbara Lake attended Turkey Bingo in November at NE College Prep (NECP) High School @ Charlotte Campus. Food boxes with turkeys were given out to families, and a Thanksgiving dinner was prepared by staff and students. Patti said the kids want to be involved in the community. Patti also reported that NECP students (cheerleaders and JROTC) helped at yesterday's event hosted by the Charlotte Business Association (CBA). They did setup and cleanup and also helped with food service.

Community Development – Sue Roethel: The CCA's Community Development Committee is now working with representatives from each of the other major community groups to plan for the City's next RFP for development of the Marina Overlook Site at the Port of Rochester. The City wants us to work with any potential developers, so we are planning to have an information session in February that they can attend to learn about the community's vision for that area. Sue said that anyone interested in serving on that committee should contact her.

COMMITTEE UPDATES / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS (continued on next page)

12/19/22	Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.
1/5/23	CBA Meeting & Mixer, 4-7 pm, Arbor at the Port, Port Terminal Building (RSVP please)
1/9/23	General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center
1/16/23	Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.
2/4/23	Lakeside Winter Celebration, 12-4 pm, Ontario Beach Park
2/5/23	Polar Plunge, 12 pm, Ontario Beach Park

8:20 pm Adjournment