



Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

"A Community That Cares"

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2023, 7:00 pm

Roger Robach Community Center

Welcome & Call to Order CCA Board of Directors: Tom Bruce, President; Lindy Litwak, Vice President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; RoseMary Shaw, Treasurer; Tony Micciche, Director; Patti O'Brien, Director

Meeting Protocol: Tom reviewed the expectations for all participants: Keep remarks brief and to the point; respect others' opinions and allow them their time to speak; remember that we are all here for the same reason, and that is to help improve our neighborhood.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Lt. Rich Waldo: Crime report for the month: one robbery (4455 Lake Ave.); two burglaries; one stolen car. No PCIC meeting for January. Audience asked about two deaths at the beach; one was an apparent overdose and one was suicide. These are not considered crimes and do not appear on the RPD Crime Report, so Lt. Waldo had no information on them to share.

Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19 – Capt. Scott Daly: Scott Toley reported that there were a few car fires, two house fires and some ambulance runs. He reminded people to be careful and not go out on frozen ponds and waterways, as they may not be safe. He also asked people to "adopt" a fire hydrant over the winter and keep it shoveled clear for emergency access. They still have CO2 and smoke detectors available; call 311 to schedule an appointment for installation.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – Kelvin Knight: New Administrator introduced himself and said he has a public health background. He likes to take a holistic approach to making communities healthy. He reported that the smoke shop across from School 42 still has their illegal tobacco sign in the window, and they still do not have a business permit to operate. The NSC issued them a cease-and-desist letter some time ago, and there has been no response yet. There has been no activity at the location, other than the tobacco sign. Rumors are that they are moving out.

The audience asked about a property owner on Beach Ave. that has requested a variance to build two houses which will require the clearing of trees. There is concern about coastal erosion that could result from removing trees. The Zoning Board of Appeals will hear the case on January 26th, and specific information about the variance will be posted on the City's website on January 19th. Community members can provide comments after January 19th.

The audience expressed concern (again) about Shoot Your Shot, a sports bar on Stonewood Ave. Complaints have been reported repeatedly about noise levels and parking violations. Kelvin has visited the business owner twice, and Tom Bruce also visited. The goal is to allow the business to operate within regulations but to recognize that they need to be a "good neighbor" to the residents who live nearby.

The audience and board asked Kelvin to prepare a report for the next meeting on the status of the drug house on Lake Ave. (that was raided last summer), as well as whether Jetty at the Port will re-open this spring/summer.

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Kelvin is looking for volunteer opportunities for students from Aquinas Institute who need to do community service. It was suggested that they could help CCA distribute the door hang tags we're currently undergoing. Kelvin can be reached by phone at 585-713-5093.

City Council NW Representative – Jose Peo: The new sports complex at the high school campus will be completed this spring; it will include a public-use track. Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is today; they need support. Toy drive in December resulted in 100 gifts that were dropped off at Taste of the Bahamas. The Charlotte Business Association (CBA) held a mixer meeting last week; Mayor Malik Evans was there. Jose is opening a portal to report zombie properties. He is working with real estate agents on the portal, which will start on January 11th on his VoteForPeo app.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS - OPEN SESSION

Yversha Roman, Monroe County Legislator: She currently represents Charlotte south of Stutson St., but with redistricting plans, all of Charlotte—from Beach Ave. south—will be in her Legislative District 26. With the new ice rink in place at Ontario Beach Park, she is trying to get free skate rentals available a few nights a week. The County budget passed and includes additional funding in the Public Safety Department for the probation program. The County received \$144M from the federal government in ARPA allocations. There are strict guidelines for using these funds; Anna Liss, Director of Development, is responsible for distributing funds. The audience asked about electronic signage at the beach to share announcements. Jose Peo asked Yversha about pushing for a master plan for refurbishing the outside concession areas of the Robach Center. Yversha can be reached at 585-957-5588.

Fred Amato, President of the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society and Secretary of the Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC): The Lighthouse is still scheduling tours all year round; they are applying for a grant to fix the furnace. The Lighthouse also will be participating in the upcoming Lakeside Winter Celebration on February 4th and Polar Plunge on February 5th. On the 4th there will be a heated tent next to the Robach Center with wine and beer tastings, chili contest, vendor booths, and live music offered inside the tent; and snow sculpture contest, food trucks, ice sculpture demo, dog sled demo, and horse-drawn wagon rides offered outside. For the Polar Plunge on the 5th, there will be free shuttle service from Arcadia High School.

The Lighthouse will also participate in Harbor Fest, which will be held on June 23-25 at Ontario Beach Park. There will be vendor booths, rides, car show, food trucks, and more. Details will be coming later.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report: Tom attended the Charlotte Business Association (CBA) mixer/meeting last week. The CCA is working together with CBA to help improve Charlotte. CCA is also working with other neighborhood groups on development issues through the new Charlotte Development Collaborative.

Vice President's Report: Door hangers introducing the CCA are currently being distributed to all residents and businesses in Charlotte. The project is 2/3 completed; thank you to Patty Ceravolo, who personally distributed 1,500 door hangers so far!

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

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Treasurer's Report: December's beginning balance was \$8,972.63. Income from memberships and sponsorships totaled \$835; expenses totaled \$209.08. Ending balance was \$9,598.55. Additionally, there is a balance of \$260.81 left on the NeighborGood Grant (that paid for the door hangers), so the total ending balance for December was \$9,859.36.

RECENT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES / HIGHLIGHTS

Programming – CCA will have a booth at Lakeside Winter Celebration, offering donuts, coffee, hot chocolate and popcorn.

Youth Engagement – JROTC program is very active at NE College Prep High School @ Charlotte Campus; Abelard Reynolds Elementary School No. 42 will have a Spring musical production. Watch for details.

Community Development – Charlotte Development Collaborative is meeting later this month; Community Vision Plan is still in process of being finalized.

COMMITTEE UPDATES / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (continued on next page)

8:10 pm

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/16/23 Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.
2/4/23 Lakeside Winter Celebration, 11 am - 4 pm, Ontario Beach Park
2/5/23 Polar Plunge, 12 pm, Ontario Beach Park (registration begins 9 am)
2/6/23 General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center

8:30 pm **Adjournment**

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