



Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

"A Community That Cares"

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 2023

Roger Robach Community Center

Attendance: Board of Directors: Tom Bruce, President; Lindy Litwak, Vice President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; RoseMary Shaw, Treasurer; Patti O'Brien, Director. (Tony Micciche, Director, excused) Additionally, there were approximately 25 people in the audience.

Moment of Silence observed to recognize the passing of Jean Carrozzi, a former CCA board member and long-time, very prominent and active member of the Charlotte community. She will be missed.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD): Lt. Rich Waldo reported that, in the last 30 days, there have been 2 burglaries and 5 stolen cars. Memorial Day had RPD presence at the beach. National Night Out Against Crime event will be in August. Lt. Waldo announced his retirement on July 7th.

Citizens expressed concerns about ATVs and dirt bikes on the streets and sidewalks. Tom Bruce was interviewed by Ch. 10 last week about safety at the beach, and he will be again be interviewed by Ch. 10 tomorrow. He suggested that the beach parking lot be closed after hours and/or charge for parking. RPD suggests citizens call 911 to report specific incidences and call the mayor to express general concerns about public safety.

John Kabrowski, owner of Tropix, reported that his business has broken in four times recently. The perpetrators were teenagers with shovels, coming in during an event and trying to break into rooms inside the building. Captain Nathan Cornell said he would look into it. He said that RPD's ability to respond continues to be impacted by the reduction of officers without replacements. For example, there are only nine new recruits in the next officer training class.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC): Kelvin Knight reported that the City's new computer system is not allowing them to retrieve information that has been uploaded, and therefore, he was unable to prepare for questions. He did say that the homeless encampment on the railroad tracks has been taken care of and that vacant properties on Lake Avenue not being maintained by the owners are being addressed. He is aware of the concerns of homeowners in the Historical Preservation District along Beach Avenue about coastal erosion from the removal of trees. Kelvin also announced that he has summer interns who can help with special assignments such as door-to-door distribution of flyers.

City Council NW: Jonathan Hardin reported for Jose Peo that legislation is in process authorizing a 1-yr. lease agreement with UGI Energy Services, LLC to occupy 2,651 sq. ft. of office space on the 2nd floor of the Port Terminal Building. UGI has been leasing this space for several years, so this would be a renewal of their lease.

Board Secretary Sue Roethel asked Jonathan to report back to Jose our ongoing concerns about the City's continual allowance of the closed restaurant space on the 2nd floor of the Port Terminal Building,

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and also that the City informed us today that a new RFP for development at the Port will be issued sometime this summer.

OPEN COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Port of Rochester & Charlotte Vision Plan (March 2023): Sue Roethel moderated questions and comments from the audience. There were no concerns expressed at this time, but Sue advised that the Vision Plan is meant to be organic and that it will need to change over time as the community's needs grow and change. She invited anyone interested in addressing the recommendations offered in the Vision Plan to get involved with the CCA's Community Development Committee and the Charlotte Development Collaborative group.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS / OPEN SESSION

Frank Keophetlasy introduced himself as a Democrat candidate running for City Council NW Quadrant. He lives in Lyell-Otis neighborhood and is a former Monroe County Legislator. His platform is focused on community safety and jobs.

Contance Patterson introduced herself as a Democrat candidate running for Rochester City Court Judge. She currently works in the DA's office and wants to focus on community safety, mental health resources, and accountability in the criminal justice system.

Businesses: The Char-Pit remains closed and is for sale; Brothers Chicken & Waffles is closed and will not reopen; and Jose Joe's will reopen this Thursday.

Ontario Beach Park Program Committee: Fred Amato reported that the Carousel is now open for the season. Concerts by the Shore will start this week and will be every Wednesday throughout the summer. Monthly Jazz Concerts are at Tropix on the second Tuesday of each month through October. Harbor Fest is coming up on June 23-25 and will include a sand sculpture contest, car show, boat parade, food trucks, vendors and carousel rides.

Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society: Fred Amato reported that two classes from School 42 visited for Education Day.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report: Tom Bruce will meet with Monroe County Parks Department about the installation of the new spray park. Also, the CCA board has established a new ad hoc committee to investigate electronic signage on Lake Avenue for public announcements of events happening in the neighborhood. The new Signage Committee has an approved Plan of Work and now needs a community volunteer to chair it.

Vice President's Report: Lindy Litwak reported that there will be a ROC2024 Solar Eclipse Community Meeting on June 16th, 3-4:30 pm at 75 Stutson Street. The community will be informed about the Greater Rochester Region's plans for the April 8, 2024 event and how Charlotte can participate.

Treasurer's Report: RoseMary Shaw shared a budget report for May 2023. Total income for the month was \$2,893; total expenses were \$879; ending balance was \$8,882.

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RECENT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES / HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Engagement Committee: Patti O'Brien reported that a community garden has been installed at Abelard Reynolds Elementary School No. 42; more plants will be coming; purpose is to teach students about growing food. The community garden is available to anyone in the community. There are three raised beds of fruits and vegetables. Fencing will be installed. Monroe County Water Preservation and Cornell Cooperative Extension have assisted with the installation. There is a family picnic tomorrow at School 42. As previously mentioned, kites were distributed to students at School 42 and Holy Cross Elementary School. Patti is working with Doug Escher at Holy Cross School.

Scholarship Committee: Patti O'Brien reported that applications are still being accepted for the 2 scholarships, each for \$2,000, to a graduating senior going on to college or trade school in the fall. The CCA Scholarship is awarded to a Charlotte resident attending any school, public or private. The Edward Watson Scholarship is awarded to a student attending NE College Prep High School (former Charlotte High School campus) who resides anywhere in the City of Rochester. Scholarship application materials are posted on the CCA website (www.charlottecca.org), and the deadline for submission is June 30th.

COMMITTEE UPDATES / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/16/23 ROC2024 Solar Eclipse Community Meeting, 3-4:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.
6/19/23 Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.
6/21/23 Police-Citizens Action Committee (PCIC), 7 pm, Zoom (request link from RPD)
6/23-25/23 Harbor Fest, Ontario Beach Park
7/10/23 General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center (**NOTE 2nd Monday due to holiday**)
7/17/23 Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.

8:25 pm Adjournment