



Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

"A Community That Cares"

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES August 7, 2023 Roger Robach Community Center

Attendance: CCA Board of Directors: Tom Bruce, President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; RoseMary Shaw, Treasurer; Tony Micciche, Director; Patti O'Brien, Director (Excused: Lindy Litwak, Vice President). Besides the Board, there were an additional 22 people attending.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Capt. Nathan Cornell and Crime Prevention Officer Vinny Agnone reported that in the last month there have been 10 vehicles stolen; 1 burglary (Pollard Ave.); 2 assaults (4575 Lake Ave. tower apts. and 1900-block of Lake Ave.); 1 robbery (on street by firehouse with no witnesses). Anyone can review crime statistics reported online on Crime Mapping.

Patti O'Brien thanked RPD for putting the light in front of the known drug house on Kemphurst at Lake Ave. It has been very effective in a deterring traffic there. Captain Cornell said that the Vice section of RPD placed it there and will remove it whenever they're ready to do so.

Doug Escher reported that RPD did a walk-through tour with him at Holy Cross Church to talk strategies that parishioners can do to protect their cars from break-ins while they're attending church services.

John Kabrovski, owner of Tropix, reported that his business had another break-in last week (4th one this year) at 3:30 p.m.; an arrest was made this time. He reminded people that RPD can make arrests, but they cannot control how soon perpetrators are released from custody; many of them are repeat offenders. He urged people to reach out to their NYS legislators with concerns about bail reform. **Tony Micciche**, former Monroe County Legislator, advised that Tuesdays are lobby days in Albany from January-June, so that is an opportunity for people to let their representatives know how they feel.

Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19 – Dave Sidorenko reported that there were 160 calls for service last month. Marine One (rescue boat) went out on 10 calls. The detail for July 4th weekend went smoothly.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – Kelvin Knight reported that the NSC's events for the summer are completed. (Note: The CCA is planning an annual Charlotte Neighborhood Outreach event at School #42 in September that is typically supported by the NSC, but Kelvin said that information has not been communicated to the NSC yet.) Kelvin was asked about and said he had no new information on the Beach Ave. property where two houses are to be built where a single house has been torn down. Audience also asked what can be done about "hoarder houses" where junk is piled up everywhere. Specifically, there's a house on the corner of Beach Ave. & Wilder Terrace. Kelvin will investigate.

City Council NW Representative – Jose Peo reported that legislation this month has nothing specific to do with Charlotte. He mentioned that roadwork in the neighborhood will continue until the end of Fall and that sidewalk repairs still need to be addressed. Look for white painted markings indicating where sidewalks have buckled more than 1 ½ " rise; only those areas will be repaired. He also said that Jetty



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has finally vacated the 2nd floor restaurant space in the Port Terminal Building, but there has been no RFP issued yet to find a replacement vendor. Also, LDR is still not sold (Note: People can check the City's website to monitor ownership of the property). Jose Joe's is still not open. Tropix is open Wednesday to Sunday.

Bill Brown asked about the status of an audit on how the City used Recovery Act funds it received from the federal government. Jose said that City Council approved the allocated funding, but the City has not contracted with an auditor yet; it needs an RFP to select one.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Charlotte Youth Athletic Association (CYAA) - Brian Labigan reported that the organization just completed its 70th year of summer baseball; Brian has been involved with CYAA for 33 years. It's an independent league, not Little League, so it focuses on teaching kids not only baseball skills but teambuilding and good sportsmanship. Approximately 100 kids participated in the summer league, but numbers have gone down since the pandemic. A Fall league will start after Labor Day on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:45-7:30 pm. All kids are welcomed; anyone can join!

Annual Scholarship Awards – Brian Labigan, chair of the CCA's Scholarship Committee, reported that this year's award will be presented this Wednesday, August 9th at 6:45 pm at the Gazebo in Ontario Beach Park, just before the Concerts by the Shore begins. The CCA offers 2 annual scholarships—each worth \$2,000—given to an eligible high school senior who is heading to college in the Fall. The CCA Scholarship goes to a resident of Charlotte attending any area high school; The Edward Watson Scholarship goes to a student attending the local high school in Charlotte, which currently is the Northeast College Preparatory High School. Brian does extensive outreach to guidance counselors at the local and area high schools, from February – June. Unfortunately, there were no applications received this year for the CCA Scholarship and only one application for the Edward Watson Scholarship.

Jazz Concert at the Beach Series – Tom Bruce reported that the concerts are held monthly on the first Tuesday at Tropix.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report – Tom Bruce reported that the CCA Board regretfully had to cancel participation in this year's National Night Out Against Crime event due to miscommunication to and from the Northwest Neighborhood Service Center. Traditionally, the CCA has hosted the annual NNO picnic at the beach after the car parade with RPD and RFD through all of the Northwest neighborhoods. Tom sent a written message to Kelvin Knight at the NSC and to City Councilman Jose Peo about our disappointment. He expressed our desire for the Charlotte community to continue honoring the police and firefighters throughout the year.

Secretary's Report – Sue Roethel reported that all approved meeting minutes are posted on the CCA's website at <https://charlottecca.org/>.

Treasurer's Report – RoseMary Shaw reported that 75 Stutson St. (Tom Bruce's business) has renewed its sponsorship. Also, the board approved a non-budgeted expenditure for supplies by the Beautification Committee. That committee, chaired by Linda Paruta, has consistently provided outstanding effort in keeping Charlotte gardens beautiful. The ending bank balance for July was \$8,755.76.

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RECENT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES / HIGHLIGHTS

Nominating – Fall 2023 Board of Directors Election Cycle – RoseMary Shaw, board liaison to the Nominating Committee, reported that the deadline is fast approaching for nominations to serve on the board for a 2-year term beginning January 2024. The CCA Bylaws state that nominations are accepted until the end of the CCA's General Meeting in September, which is 9/11/23 this year. Nominees are then vetted by the Nominating Committee, which includes Suzanne Phillips, chairperson, to be sure they meet the requirements for eligibility. Eligible candidates are then recommended to the Board of Directors for approval to be on the Fall Election Ballot. The official Ballot is announced at the October General Meeting and then voted on at the November General Meeting. To be eligible to serve on the board, nominees must be a paid member in good standing for at least 30 days prior. The CCA Board of Directors can have up to eleven members, but only three of them may be non-residents of Charlotte. Currently there are two members who are non-residents, but both are Charlotte business and property owners.

Youth Engagement – Patti O'Brien reported that the Community Garden at School #42 has vegetables growing this summer. A fence was installed around it to keep the deer out because they ate all of the raspberries and blueberries.

COMMITTEE UPDATES / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/9/23 Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony, 6:45 pm, Gazebo @ Ontario Beach Park
8/14/23 Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.
9/11/23 General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center – **Deadline for Board Nominations**
(NOTE: Meeting is on 2nd Monday due to Labor Day)

Adjournment at 8:15.

Minutes submitted by Sue Roethel, CCA Secretary.