



Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

"A Community That Cares"

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2023

Roger Robach Community Center

ATTENDANCE: CCA Board of Directors: Tom Bruce, President; Lindy Litwak, Vice President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; RoseMary Shaw, Treasurer; Tony Micciche, Director; Patti O'Brien, Director. Additionally, there were approximately 15 people in the audience.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Crime Prevention Officer Vinny Agnone reported that the 30-day crime map for Charlotte showed no burglaries or robberies; there were 3 stolen vehicles. There were a few "menacing arrests" (involving weapons threat), but they were domestic in nature and did not pose a threat to the public. Traffic detail was on Lake Avenue last month but now has been moved to W. Ridge Rd. The reorganization of RPD begins on October 9th, which eliminates the Central Section. This does not affect the Lake Section unless those officers from Central are redirected to Lake Section.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – Kelvin Knight reported that a door-to-door COVID survey started last Friday. The survey is conducted by the Urban League to educate people about vaccines. Water line replacement work is not done yet. It will be suspended for winter and will resume next spring. Details are available on the City's website. Stores illegally selling cannabis products without a NYS permit will be shut down.

City Council NW Representative – Jose Peo reported that pavement work in the neighborhood should be done by the end of the month. Leaf pickup is late in November; get leaves raked up and to the curb. Twenty abandoned homes in the Northwest Quad will be put on the market for first-time home buyers. Let Jose know of any zombie homes that need to be included. Rochester Housing Development runs the Home Project Program. The Charlotte Branch Library will receive \$600K for a new roof and windows. An RFP was issued to find a new vendor to take over the restaurant space on the 2nd floor of the Port Terminal Building. Deadline for proposals is October 31st. Jose questioned the Commissioner of Environmental Services about the unprofessional work that has been done on sidewalks in the neighborhood. According to RPR (professional services) legislation, a hired engineer is supposed to represent the local citizens, but the company that was hired to do sidewalk repairs has not done a good job and, therefore, is not serving the neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS – OPEN SESSION

Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC) – Fred Amato reported that ROC the Riverway will be held October 6-8, with Charlotte events only on the 8th from 11 am – 3 pm at the beach. The Lighthouse will be open all weekend for tours. The final concert in the 2023 Jazz at the Beach Series will be held next week. Programming will be planned for the Full Solar Eclipse visible in Rochester on April 8, 2024.

Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society – Fred Amato reported that the Lighthouse will be open until the end of October. They have two new displays: posters of the Carousel in 1905 and the Charlotte fire. They have received grants to replace electronic equipment (2 computers, a printer and TV display).

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Charlotte Village Historical Society – Dorothea de Zafra Atwell reported that four of the six board members are ill, so they are on hiatus until everyone is well.

U.S. Representative Joe Morelle's Office – Christopher Rosario introduced himself as the new Community Affairs Liaison.

BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – RoseMary Shaw reported that it is time now to renew your CCA membership for 2024. For the month of September, the beginning balance as \$8,756; total new income was \$150 (membership dues) and total expenses were \$372 (newsletter, web maintenance, and community outreach event at School 42); ending balance was \$8,534.

RECENT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES / HIGHLIGHTS

Nominating Committee – RoseMary Shaw reported that the positions up for election this fall are: Vice President, Treasurer, Communications Director, and 3 Director seats. Lindy Litwak, currently serving as Vice President, will stay in that seat through 2023 and then move to a Director seat through 2024. Patti O'Brien, currently serving as a Director, will not seek re-election to the board. However, she will continue to serve the CCA on the Beautification, Scholarship and Youth Engagement Committees.

The committee received and vetted nominations, and the board approved the following slate of candidates to be elected by the membership* at the November 5th CCA General Meeting for a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025:

Vice President: Jose Peo

Treasurer: RoseMary Shaw

Communications Director: no nominations received

Director: John Kabrovski

*Paid members for at least 30 days are eligible to vote, and they must vote in person or by proxy.

Youth Engagement – Patti O'Brien reported that she will start working with Doug Escher at Holy Cross School. She has been volunteering at School 42 and will attend their Open House on October 3rd. Changes are coming again for the former Charlotte High School campus. RCSD has announced that Northeast College Prep HS will be closed at the end of this school year, and the building may be turned into a junior high school. Next summer, School 42 will get a working kitchen for the cafeteria; the building has not had one since it opened. The former Charlotte High School campus needs asbestos abatement, but that can only happen when other work needs to be done that will disrupt the asbestos.

Community Development – Sue Roethel reported that a new RFP for development of the Marina Overlook Site at the Port should be coming out very soon. It will have a section explaining the Charlotte Community Charrette that was held in 2017 and a link to the new Community Vision Plan that was released in March 2023. Sue asked Christopher Rosario to express our gratitude to Joe Morelle for his support of the charrette that resulted in five years of post-charrette work to create the Vision Plan.

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COMMITTEE UPDATES / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/8/23 ROC the Riverway, 11 am – 3 pm, Ontario Beach Park
10/16/23 Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.
11/5/23 General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center (**ANNUAL BOARD ELECTIONS**)

Adjournment

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