

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 18, 2023, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.

Attendance: Tom Bruce, President; Lindy Litwak, Vice President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; RoseMary Shaw, Treasurer; Tony Micciche, Director; Patti O'Brien, Director; **Invited Special Guest:** Jose Peo, Vice President-Elect

NEW BUSINESS

Farewell to Patti O'Brien – She is stepping down from the board after completing 9 years' service. Patti has served as a director, secretary, treasurer, vice president, and board liaison to several committees including Beautification, Programming, Scholarship, and Youth Engagement. She is a long-standing resident of Charlotte and has been an active member of the CCA for more than 40 years. Although she will no longer be on the board, she will continue to be active on the Youth Engagement Committee. We are very grateful for her dedicated service to the community.

School #42 has new Saturday Program – Patti reported that Chris Smith, Interim Vice Principal, is running a new program on Saturdays to support K-6 students in developing skills of kindness, empathy and nonviolence. There are 250 students in the program, which needs donations for t-shirts and bags. Doug Escher's Dale Carnegie company is donating \$500. Can the CCA donate some funds? Patti will invite Chris Smith to attend the January CCA general meeting to present on the program.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree Lighting Ceremony on 12/1 – Very successful and well-attended, with approximately 50 people (more than last year). We gave away confetti poppers to kids; remaining stock of unused poppers can be used at next year's event.

Plan of Work for 2024 – New committee POWs were re-developed, combining some together in order to reduce the number of committees down from 12 to 5. Proposals include combining Beautification, Community Development, and Electronic Signage Committees into one new one called Community Enhancement. Another proposal combines Nominating and Governance. Another rolls Scholarship into the Youth Engagement Committee. Another combines Fundraising with Membership/Sponsorship & Outreach into a new Finance Committee that will focus on multiple ways to fundraise for sustainability. Communications stays the same, as does Programming. The only committee that will be dropped and is not rolling into one of the new proposals is Safety & Security. That committee has been inactive for several years and has no volunteers interested in maintaining it.

Budget 2024 – Cannot be completed until all committee budgets are approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meeting re: coffee shop at the Port – Tom and Jose will meet on January 2nd with Bob Scott of the Sister Cities Program to discuss the possibility of a new coffee shop going into the space on the south side of the Port Terminal Building that formerly housed the International Customs operation.

LDR-Char Pit – Tony reported that the property has been sold for \$650K, but no other information is available.

RFP Status – Jose reported that there have been no proposals received yet for neither RFP for the Port Terminal Building 2nd Floor Restaurant Space, nor for the Marina Overlook Site.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of minutes – Sue motioned to approve the minutes for the General Meetings on 11/6 & 12/4 and the Board of Directors Meetings on 10/16 & 11/20; RoseMary seconded; motion approved 6-0.

Meeting adjourned.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 1/8/23 | General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center |
| 1/15/23 | BOD Meeting, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St. |
| 1/18/23 | Ice skating/Stargazing Fundraiser, 5:00 pm, Ontario Beach Park |