



# Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES February 5, 2024 Roger Robach Community Center

**Attendance: CCA Board of Directors:** Tom Bruce, Vice President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; RoseMary Shaw, Treasurer; Tony Micciche, Director; Lindy Litwak, Director; John Kabrovski, Director (Excused Absent: Jose Peo, President). There were also approximately 25 people in the audience.

**Moment of Silence** to recognize the passing of Joe Carrozzi. He was a retired firefighter in the Rochester Fire Department serving Charlotte and was Chairman of the Ontario Beach Park Program Committee. He was also a long-time volunteer and leader of numerous initiatives for the community, including Concerts by the Shore, the annual Lakeside Winter Celebration, and the summer Harbor Fest.

### CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

**Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Capt. Nathan Cornell and Crime Prevention Officer Vinny Agnone** reported that, in the last 30 days, there were 2 car thefts (cars were left running and unattended) and 1 robbery (7 Eleven). He brought brochures explaining the Child ID program. He warned of several phone scams including Spectrum discounts. **Capt. Gabriel Person** introduced himself; he is the new Deputy Chief of Operations, which includes personnel and recruitment.

Audience expressed concerns about parking issues at the sports bar on Stonewood Avenue after 9 pm; and large groups of homeless people allowed to live on private property. RPD advised that they work to balance compassion and keeping the peace. They partner with agencies providing free services; it takes time to build trusting relationships with those who could benefit from these services. Citizens can get ore information at [rpdhomelessoutreach@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:rpdhomelessoutreach@cityofrochester.gov).

**Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19 – Lt. Lucas Faulkner** reported that Engine 19 was there at the Polar Plunge yesterday. There is more interest from young recruits in the Marine 1 fire boat. Ice rescue training will start soon. Engine 19 responded to an apartment fire at the Charlotte Tavern. They received a call from a mother who said she was going to drop off a baby, but it didn't actually happen.

**Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – Kelvin Knight reported** that the city has received multiple responses from the two recent RFPs for Charlotte, and a finalist has been selected for each. One RFP is to rent and operate the restaurant space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Port Terminal Building, and the other RFP is to purchase and develop the Marina Overlook parcel of land.

**City Council NW Representative – Bridget Monroe** reported that there have been three proposals received for the Marina Overlook property and that the city will solicit more input from the community. Sale of the property is targeted for July 2024.

### NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS - OPEN SESSION

**Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC) – Fred Amato** reported that the Polar Plunge had 2,000 participants and raised \$330,000 for the Special Olympics.



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**Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society** – Fred Amato reported that they received a donation of the steering wheel from the 1881 Florence Yates tugboat that provided river transportation services. The steering wheel is 4' in diameter and will be displayed in the lighthouse museum. The lighthouse tower needs repairs; they have received NYS grant funds for the repairs and will begin the bidding process. They are offering sessions for schools to educate students about the lighthouse.

**CCA's Youth Engagement Committee** – Patti O'Brien reported that Holy Cross School just had their open house. School 42's new Interim Vice Principal Chris Smith has brought his Circle Champion Initiative to the school for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. The program empowers kids to deal with the many issues they face at home. The program at School 42 has 15 students; help is needed from the community to make the program successful. **Doug Escher** reported that he visited School 42 and met with Chris Smith about the program. He was impressed by the positive culture that is evolving at the school with the administration, teachers and students working together with the community. His Dale Carnegie business is donating money to support the Circle Champion program and encourages the rest of the community to do so as well.

**NYS Senator Jeremy Cooney's Office** – Keana Dixon reported that the state budget review is in process. Citizens wishing to provide input or receive information about the budget can call 585-225-3650.

## BOARD REPORTS

**Vice President's Report** – Tom Bruce reported that he is a member of the NW Rotary Club. There are non-profit organizations trying to support the homeless, but some just won't accept the help. He was referring back to the earlier discussion with RPD about the issue of using compassion to build trust. Tom also reported that Winter Fest was successful; more people attended than last year, probably because the weather was great. There are many opportunities throughout the year for people to volunteer to help.

**Secretary's Report** – Sue Roethel reported that minutes from General Meetings and Board of Directors Meetings are posted on the CCA website.

**Treasurer's Report** – RoseMary Shaw reported that the CCA is selling Eclipse 2024 viewing sunglasses as a fundraiser. The glasses come from the Rochester Museum and Science Center and are certified for safety. We are selling them for 2 pairs/\$5, which is the same price as RMSC is selling them. The last issue of the CCA newsletter has been printed and distributed. The newsletter has been discontinued due to production costs and having no volunteers willing to take it over. Annual insurance premium is the primary expense for the month; ending balance as of January 31, 2024 is \$12,543.

## COMMITTEES / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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## Adjournment

### UPCOMING EVENTS (continued on next page)

- 2/19/24 Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.
- 3/1/24 Ice Skating & Stargazing at the Beach Fundraiser, 5-8 pm, Ontario Beach Park
- 3/4/24 General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center
- 3/18/24 Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.

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