



Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

"A Community That Cares"

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2024

75 Stutson Street in the Sanctuary

Attendance: Jose Peo, President; Tom Bruce, Vice President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; RoseMary Shaw, Treasurer; Tony Micciche, Director; Lindy Litwak, Director (Absent: John Kabrovski, Director)

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Officer Jay Blanchard reported that the 911 Center dispatcher Paul Dentino passed away and will be sorely missed. Charlotte crime was quiet this month; there were no robberies and 4 vehicle thefts. On Eclipse Day (4/8) Charlotte will have 12 crime prevention officers on duty, plus the captain and lieutenant. Their response will be similar to Memorial Day. Traffic will be busy from noon-6 pm.

Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19 – Lt. Lucas Faulkner reported that in 2023 Marine One responded to 42 incidents, including 2 drownings. So far this year they have responded to 40 incidents, including 2 drowning. Engine 19 responded to a large brush fire and a house fire. On Eclipse Day, RFD Engine 19 and Marine One will be fully staffed. They may have a second boat for water rescues; the water temperature is 39 degrees! We asked Lt. Faulkner about having a community bon fire on the beach. He said the city will need to approve it; he will check with the chief about it.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – Kelvin Knight reported that on Eclipse Day we should expect heavy vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Incidents should be reported to 311. Clean Sweep is 5/4, rain or shine. Charlotte will have clean-up teams at three locations: Turning Point Park, Library, and Pattenwood Drive. Registered participants will receive a free ticket to the Red Wing game that night, plus a free ticket for hot dog and beverage. Jose Peo asked for extra trash containers for Eclipse Day.

City Council NW Representative – Bridget Monroe reported that two vendors have been selected for the Port Terminal Building: 1) 2nd floor restaurant space; and 2) 2nd floor clock tower space. They will be open for the summer season. The city is still in the review process of proposals for the Marina Overlook Site. Three proposals were received. A developer has not yet been selected/announced. She did not know expected timeline.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS - OPEN SESSION

NYS Congress – Courney Renford reported for Congresswoman Sarah Clark is in Albany for budget negotiations this week.

Monroe County Legislature – Yversha Roman reported that her legislative caucus meets on Monday evenings, so that's why she hasn't been able to attend CCA General Meetings. She also reported:

- **Public Utility Implementation Study of RG&E** has passed committee to go to a full Legislature vote. Rochester City Council passed it a year ago and approved \$500K to fund it. Monroe County will now partner with the City to conduct the study at a cost of \$1.5M. An RFP is needed to go out to bid.

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- **Monroe County temporarily suspended a contract with the Community Resource Collaborative (CRC)** that is funded by the County's allotment of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The contract allows CRC to distribute \$7.2M over 4 years to area non-profit organizations (i.e. Cameron Ministries). The suspension came after a recent audit report identified mishandling of \$250K of the funds. Federal and local law enforcement are investigating the situation.
- **Irish Memorial Installation Proposal at Ontario Beach Park** has not yet been presented to the Legislature for approval. The proposal organizers have presented a plan with a model of the monument. They also presented their plan at the December CCA General Meeting and expected the community's support to proceed. Last month the CCA sent a letter to the Legislature expressing concerns on behalf of the community. Yversha will coordinate a meeting with all entities.
- **Monroe County Parks will close at 10 pm this year** (instead of 11 pm) to allow for safety enforcement. Note that this does not include the Robach Community Center or any rented lodges. Would we support having a gated entrance to the parking lot? Discussions will continue.
- **Is Charlotte Pier being considered as a location for cargo shipping?** Yversha said that Monroe County is a pass-through for cargo via planes, trains and trucks, but not (yet) shipping. She will look into this further to find out more information.
- **Call Yversha anytime** at 585-957-5588.

Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society – Fred Amato reported that the Lighthouse will be open this weekend for tours on Saturday, Sunday and Monday (Eclipse Day, 4/8). Solar Eclipse necklaces will be on sale. Bring a chair for eclipse viewing.

75 Stutson Street – Tom Bruce reported that the parking lot will be clear for viewing the eclipse, and indoors will be chairs/tables and large-screen TVs for viewing, along with coffee and snacks served.

Tropix and Vine & Tap – Jose Peo reported that on Eclipse Day there will be a party atmosphere with live music all day on Tropix's outdoor stage, and the CCA will be selling hot dogs, popcorn, coffee, hot chocolate and eclipse sunglasses outside of Vine & Tap (corner of Lake Ave. and Corrigan St.).

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report – Jose Peo stated that he wants to see more community events in Charlotte, such as a May Day celebration with a bonfire, or a Holiday Village in January with the igloos that the City offers for the December ROC Holiday Village downtown. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Eclipse Day on 4/8, Kite Flight on 5/5, and Harbor Fest on 6/21-23.

Treasurer's Report – RoseMary Shaw reported that the month-end balance is \$12,451.

COMMITTEES / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (continued on next page)

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UPCOMING EVENTS (continued on next page)

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| 4/8/24 | Solar Eclipse Viewing in Charlotte |
| 4/15/24 | Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St. |
| 4/20/24 | Pick Up the Parks Day, 9 am-12 pm, Ontario Beach Park |
| 5/4/24 | Clean Sweep, 9 am-12 pm, Turning Point Park, Charlotte Library, Lake Ave/Pattonwood |
| 5/5/24 | Kite Flight, 12-4 pm, Ontario Beach Park |
| 5/6/24 | General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center |

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