



Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

"A Community That Cares"

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2024

Roger Robach Community Center

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

New Appointee to Board of Directors: The board proudly welcomes Jonathan (Jon) Cahill, who has joined as Director in an interim position, completing the term of office which ends December 31, 2024. Jon is owner of the new Vine and Tap bar/restaurant at 4768 Lake Avenue.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Crime Prevention Officer Vinny Agnone reported monthly crime stats: 0 robberies, burglaries or assaults; 6 stolen vehicles; 1 shooting (Britton Rd., Town of Greece). Memorial Day weekend will have same detail as in previous years, with a large police presence on Friday night through Sunday. One car with two officers will be added to cover the beach area from 7-11 pm.

Lt. Nicole Tamburello reported that the position held by retired Lt. Waldo will not be filled, so she is assuming the responsibility of the NW neighborhoods, in addition to her current responsibilities covering the NE neighborhoods.

Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19 – Capt. Scott Daly reported that calls have been coming in from boaters needing assistance. Safe Boating Week is next week with activities near the marina. Engine 19 Firehouse staff have also been conducting hydrant and building inspections.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – Kelvin Knight reported that the annual Clean Sweep and Kite Flight events were held last weekend. The NSC is now monitoring Lake Avenue properties for unsightly high grass and weeds and will be addressing violations with property owners. First step is a citation allowing ten days for mitigation. If violation persists, the owner is issued a ticket. The NSC's coverage is Lake Avenue properties only, so citizens should report any violations on off-streets. The NSC acts as a mini-City Hall; call 585-428-7620 or 311 to report non-emergency issues.

Roof grants were selected by lottery to 20 qualifying homeowners per quadrant. There are no grants available now until the federal funding becomes available to offer them. Lead abatement grants will be open for applications next week. First-time homebuyer grants (\$2-5K) are available. Concerns were expressed from the audience about fairness in the selection process. Information on all grants is posted on the city's website.

Kelvin followed up on Carl Giardino's complaint last month about noise from early-morning delivery trucks at the Stonewood/Lake Ave. 7-Eleven. This issue is not satisfactorily resolved as yet.

City Council NW Representative – Bridget Monroe reported that there are 35 houses in the Northwest Quad that will be receiving new roofs from the Roof Grant Program. Whenever city employees are

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selected for federally funded grants, there is a disclosure form required and extra scrutiny is given to ensure an open and fair process. Grants are administered by a third party.

The Port Terminal Building 2nd floor restaurant space (formerly housing Jetty at the Port) has a vendor selected from the RFP, but their liquor license has not cleared yet. No lease has been signed, and the space may not be operating in time for the season. However, the Clock Tower event space has been leased to Arbor at the Port. (NOTE: A question from the audience asked if we should push the city to re-issue an RFP for the 2nd floor restaurant space because the 2024 season makes 5 years since it was fully operating.)

Council is also working on the Community Action Plan; a vote to pause the Reassessment Plan didn't pass because state funding would be withheld without reassessment; discussion continues on Safe Neighborhoods Plan for emergency medical services; Comprehensive Plan for traffic calming strategies; quality housing; parks and recreation for the Northwest neighborhoods.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS – OPEN SESSION

Charlotte Business Alliance (CBA) is still trying to be active.

Ontario Beach Park Program Committee – Kite Flight was successful, with circus performances as something new this year. CCA participated by selling kites, hot dogs and refreshments as a fundraiser. Harbor Fest in June will also feature the same circus performances, as well as sand sculptures. The Summer Jazz Concert Series at Tropix has begun on second Tuesdays. Concerts by the Shore Series will be held every Wednesday starting in June. Flyers are available listing all dates and performances.

Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society – The grounds were cleaned up by volunteers during United Way Day of Caring. The museum and tower are now open for the season, featuring the new Florence Yeats tugboat display. Bids are in and a contractor selected for renovations to start in July, pending board approval. The lantern room will be closed for two weeks during renovation.

Monroe County Parks Department – The annual Pick Up the Parks Day was held on April 20th, and CCA board members and a large group of volunteers from RIT cleaned up at Ontario Beach Park. She noted that the recent improvements to the playground and newly installed spray park are wonderful additions. The concession building will not open until a vendor is approved.

Turning Point Park – It was reported that trash bins by the trailhead are overflowing and need to be picked up on a regular basis. The Riverway Trail is heavily used throughout the year, but especially now that the weather is nicer.

BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – CCA purchased a large coffee urn for events such as Kite Flight, which took in \$500. The Eclipse Day took in \$789. Ending balance for the month was \$12,175.72.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (continued on next page)

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Adjournment

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/20/24 Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.
6/3/24 General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center