



Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

"A Community That Cares"

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2024

Roger Robach Community Center

Attendance: CCA Board of Directors: Jose Peo, President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; RoseMary Shaw, Treasurer; Tony Micciche, Director; Lindy Litwak, Director; John Kabrovski, Director; Jon Cahill, Director (Excused: Tom Bruce, Vice President). In addition, there were approximately 25 other people attending.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Lt. Nicole Tamborello of the City's NE Quad is now covering the NW Quad as well, due to staffing shortages. Crime Prevention Officer Jay Blanchard reported that the Memorial Day detail covered 14 hrs/day for the 3-day holiday weekend with assistance from Monroe County Sheriff's Office and NYS Troopers. It was successful and activity was relatively quiet. He said that in the month of May the Lake Section unit also covered the Lilac Festival, and during June they will need to cover downtown. We've been asked to be patient; they're doing their best while they are severely short-staffed. The 30-day crime report shows that there were six motor vehicle thefts. PCIC will be on 6/26 via Zoom.

Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19 – Lt. Falkner reported that they responded to a house fire on Lake Avenue, a kitchen fire on Denise Road, two boating accidents, and the serious motorcycle crash at Lake Avenue and Burley Road this afternoon. Some of their staff attended Boater Safety Day, which included the Marine One boat, U.S. Coast Guard, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, DEC, and U.S. Border Patrol.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – Daisy Rivera Algarin reported that Anna Keller is newly appointed as the NWSC Administrator. The Street Liaison program is changing as well. Highland Planning can no longer do it, so the Cameron Community will now be responsible for covering the NW. Changes to the contract for this coverage will be coming by August. In response to audience concerns about a homeless encampment on Chesterfield Drive, Daisy shared her contact information and asked for an address of the property. She said the City's Housing and Homeless Task Force can investigate.

City Council NW Representative – Bridget Monroe reported that Council approved a lease with Arbor at the Port to manage the Clock Tower space in the Port Terminal Building. Unfortunately, the lease for the 2nd floor restaurant space will not be ready to open for the summer. The City budget review is done and will be brought to the floor for approval on June 18.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS – OPEN SESSION

Cameron Ministries – Jonathan Hardin reported that NYS Congresswoman Sarah Clark hosted a stakeholders meeting, where it was stated that the NW quadrant has the fastest growing number of families and is now leading the city for children needing assistance. He asked Bridget Monroe to investigate the statistics and help get free lunch and other human services for kids in the NW.

RPD substation – Jose Peo said that funding was removed at least a year ago for building a new substation on the parcel at Ridge Rd. West and Lake Avenue to more centrally relocate the RPD Lake

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Section. Last he knew, Mayor Malik Evans had defunded the project and said that the parcel will be sold off. **Daisy Rivera Algarin** added that the parcel is currently halfway through a 2-year remediation of the brownfield.

New business opening soon – Jon Cahill announced that he is opening Vine and Tap at Lake Avenue and Corrigan Street, in the building adjacent to Jose Joe's. The bar/restaurant will feature wine and craft beer from the Finger Lakes. Grand Opening will be Saturday, June 15. More information is on the Vine and Tap website, Facebook and Instagram pages.

Holy Cross – Doug Escher reported that they are planning a big community event on September 15.

Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society – Fred Amato reported that contract work will begin on the lantern room on July 15. The Lighthouse will have a booth at the Greece Historical Society's event on June 17.

Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC) – Fred Amato reported that Concerts by the Shore will begin this week and will be held weekly throughout the summer on Wednesdays. Harbor Fest will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 21-23 featuring a car show, boat parade, professional sand sculpture (of the carousel), sand sculpture clinic and contest, circus acts, bounce houses for kids, live music and food trucks. The CCA will be at the Information Booth and will be selling popcorn, beverages and beach toys.

Turning Point Park – An audience member reported that there is garbage everywhere and large balls of styrofoam in the weeds near the river, which will require a boat to clean them up. She requests that trash cans be provided and picked up on a regular basis.

Welcome to Charlotte on Denise Road – Carolyn Hinchman expressed concern that the welcome sign is missing and asked what happened to it. Tony Micciche reported that the sign has been vandalized a few times and has been repaired and replaced in the past. **RoseMary Shaw**, board liaison to the Beautification Committee, reported that the sign was most recently vandalized again beyond repair, and replacing it was too costly. Plants have been stolen from the garden surrounding the sign as well. The board recently decided to remove the badly damaged sign altogether but leave the posts until a determination is made about possibly replacing and relocating the sign.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report

- Social media chatter has indicated some concern about the CCA being political. Our bylaws expressly prohibit *the corporation* from engaging in any political activities, and the CCA Board has not done so.
- Jose attended a meeting on May 30 of the Monroe County Parks Advisory Committee. The spray park at Ontario Beach Park is nearing completion and will be opening on Father's Day. The carousel will be open on Saturdays and Sundays. Movies in the Park will begin on June 28 with "Atlantis." There is no update on the Irish American Memorial. The Parks Department has

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concerns about having a community bonfire on the beach. Jose attended a festival in Pittsford that featured multiple fire pits along the canal, each one circled by Adirondack chairs. He said he'd like to see this idea happen at Ontario Beach Park. He continues to advocate for a ferris wheel that would offer unique views overlooking the beach and harbor (outlined in the Community Vision Plan).

- Jose and Sue attended a meeting with city staff regarding the RFP for the Marina Overlook Site. The city has been reviewing proposals received and is close to making a decision; they requested the meeting with us to get clarification on what the community wants for the area. Jose and Sue referred them to the Community Vision Plan that has been widely shared and was referenced in the RFP.

Treasurer's Report – Month of May started with a balance of \$12,175. A few memberships came in; Beautification budget of \$1,000 is almost completely spent; Kite Flight took in \$543 minus \$122 expenses. Ending balance on May 31 was \$11,715.

Communication Officer's Report – The board desperately seeks help administering the CCA website, social media pages, and email blasts to members. Training is available if anyone is interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Beautification – See above

Communications – See above

Community Development – See above

Finance - See above

Nominating & Governance – No report

Programming – Help is needed to plan and execute multiple events throughout the year. Harbor Fest is coming up soon, so it's a great opportunity to volunteer. Thank you VERY MUCH to John Kabrovski for all the support that Tropix provides.

Youth Engagement – No report

Adjournment at 8:10 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/17/24	Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.
6/21-23	Harbor Fest, Ontario Beach Park
7/1/24	General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center

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