



Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

"A Community That Cares"

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2024

Roger Robach Community Center

Attendance: CCA Board of Directors: Jose Peo, President; Tom Bruce, Vice President; Sue Roethel, Secretary; RoseMary Shaw, Treasurer; Tony Micciche, Director; Lindy Litwak, Director; John Kabrovski, Director; Jon Cahill, Director. Additionally, there were approximately 25 people in the audience, plus RPD, RFD, and NW NSC presenters.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Crime Prevention Officer Vinny Agnone reported these crime stats for the month of June: three motor vehicle thefts (one was a repo) on Camden St., Lake Ave., and Lighthouse St.; one robbery on Hewett St.; one burglary on Pollard St.; and one shooting in the beach parking lot at 1:26 a.m. **Captain Nathan Cornell** reported that RPD has been meeting with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and other agencies to troubleshoot safety issues at the beach. There will be more devices put into service in the future, including the large, bright towers of lights. New cameras are installed at the northeast corner of the parking lot that provides a live feed. Last Friday, there was a traffic safety check point at Lake Ave. and Corrigan St. for five hours. RPD issued 70+ tickets and made 2 arrests. About half of the tickets were issued for seatbelt violations. At the beach each evening there are two RPD officers and four Sheriff's deputies. On Wednesdays (concert night) RPD will increase coverage to four officers. Monroe County Executive Adam Bello has begun a discussion of gating the beach parking lot.

Concerns were expressed about trouble at the beach that seems to happen after the 11 p.m. shift change. Capt. Cornell advised that citizens should call in any signs of trouble. Regarding electric bikes and scooters in the park, those calls should be made to the Sheriff's Dept. because the County is responsible for Ontario Beach Park. For concerns about drug house activity, citizens can call RPD to request an investigation by patrol officers. If they find evidence of illegal activity, the case can then be elevated for a special investigation. For concerns about excessive speeding on Lake Avenue, speed control details are held regularly; these are grant funded.

Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19 – Lt. Tom Hodges reported that they are still conducting building inspections, and they have responded to 12 distress calls so far this year. Harbor Fest went well, and having the extra boat helped. Marine One was to lead the boat parade, but they were called out to a fatal jet ski accident.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) – Anna Keller introduced herself as the new NSC Administrator. She has worked for the City of Rochester for eight years, previously as the Assistant Administrator for the NSC, and prior to that in the Zoning Department and as a Project Developer for downtown. She is an alumna of RIT. Anna said that complaints from landlords are keeping them busy, now that landlord contact information is required for every rental property. Her office also handles grant programs for landlords and homeowner-occupied properties, and lead abatement, as well as being responsible for code enforcement and law enforcement for quality-of-life concerns. Her office of eight people is located at 400 Dewey Ave.

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City Council NW Representative – Bridget Monroe reported that the City budget passed 5-4 (she voted in the affirmative). American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will be entirely spent before the grant ends. The City-owned parking lot at Lake Ave. and Stutson St. has been sealed and striped. Sidewalk repairs are still going on. Regarding the RFP for the Marina Overlook Site, there has been no announcement yet about a proposal/developer chosen. Regarding the RFP for the 2nd Floor Restaurant Space at the Port Terminal Building (space formerly leased to Jetty at the Port), there will be no lease ready to reopen it this year. The City's website has been updated; GIS on properties can be found there for Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) violations. A new committee will be established to design and execute the Vision Zero Plan (zero traffic-related deaths).

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS – OPEN SESSION

NYS Assemblywoman Sarah Clark's Office – Courtney Renford reported that their office is moving to 500 Helendale Rd. in East Irondequoit (14609). NYS has ended co-pays for insulin. There is now a direct deposit option for STAR and HEAP benefits.

Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC) – Fred Amato reported that the next event in the Summer Jazz Concert Series is Tuesday, July 9th at Tropix. The concerts are well-attended. Last week's Wednesday Concert by the Shore was cancelled due to rain; the series could be extended for a week to make it up. Harbor Fest went well and drew big crowds each day.

Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society – Fred Amato reported that their booth at Harbor Fest received heavy traffic, but they had to close up early due to wind that took down their booth tent.

Charlotte Youth Athletic Association (CYAA) – Brian Labigan reported that the 71st baseball season is underway with 100 kids participating. The County maintains/upgrades the fields, and the City provided the concession stand. Brian expressed gratitude to them and to the local businesses and organizations that sponsor the baseball teams.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report – Jose Peo said he met with Jenna Knopf, one of the organizers of the Rochester Jazz Fest and ROC Holiday Village about how we can attract more people to visit Charlotte. He shadowed her at Jazz Fest, and they are discussing some ideas. Jose also has been meeting with City and County people to get support for CCA hosting an event in September that would feature a bonfire on the beach, food trucks, music, and attractions for family fun. This event will require many volunteers to put it together.

Charlotte t-shirts are now on sale as a fundraiser for CCA. There are currently two colors—light blue or orange—to choose from, and sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2XL. Prices are \$17 each or 2 for \$30.

Secretary's Report – Sue Roethel reminded everyone that all General Meeting and Board of Directors meeting minutes are posted on the CCA website.

Treasurer's Report – RoseMary Shaw reported that income for June included one new membership, and Harbor Fest sales took in \$433. Expenses included Venmo and PayPal fees of less than \$2, and Harbor Fest supplies of \$184. The CCA donated \$250 to JROTC to help pay for students to attend

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summer camp and attend a Red Wings game. JROTC students helped us at Kite Flight and Harbor Fest. Also expended was \$240 for the initial t-shirt order for 60, with sponsor Eric Bourgois covering the cost of setup artwork. So far sales have brought in \$459. Ending balance for the month of June was \$11,523.

Communication Officer's Report – RoseMary Shaw reported that updates to the CCA website are in process, focusing on the Committees page and volunteer opportunities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Beautification
- Communications
- Community Development
- Finance – **RoseMary Shaw** is looking for ideas to replace the need for financial support from memberships and sponsorships, particularly since the newsletter is no longer being published.
- **Nominating & Governance** – **Sue Roethel** made the announcement of open positions on fall elections 2024 ballot for Board of Directors, and she explained nominating process. Open positions are President, Secretary, and three (3) Directors seats. This is the first call for nominations that can be submitted to infocharlottecca@gmail.com. Sue also advised that the CCA bylaws are in need of revisions. She asked for volunteers to review/update the bylaws and make recommendations to the Board of Directors that will then need to be approved by members. **Suzanne Phillips** serves as chair of the Nominating Committee and will also serve ad hoc to review the bylaws. Two other people volunteered for ad hoc review of the bylaws: **Jon Cahill** and **Sue Hyde**.
- **Programming** – **Jose Peo** and **Jon Cahill** called for volunteers to help organize the annual National Night Out Against Crime (NNO) picnic, plus the first-ever fall bonfire on the beach event scheduled for September. Jose wants to see a bigger NNO event in Charlotte.
- **Youth Engagement** – **Brian Labigan** reported that the Scholarship Committee has received only one application for the annual Edward Watson Scholarship (deadline was June 30th). The Committee, including **Brian Labigan, Tom Brewer** and **Virginia Lyons**, will review and score the application. If accepted, the recipient will be announced on August 7th at a Scholarship Awards Ceremony held at the gazebo just prior to the Wednesday Night Concert by the Shore.

8:10 pm Adjournment

UPCOMING EVENTS (continued on next page)

7/15/24	Board of Directors, 6:30 pm, 75 Stutson St.
8/5/24	General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center
8/6/24	National Night Out Against Crime (NNO) Annual Picnic, 6:00 pm, Ontario Beach Park
8/7/24	CCA Scholarship Awards Ceremony, 6:30 pm, Ontario Beach Park Gazebo

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