

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
February 3 2025
Roger Robach Community Center

Welcome & Call to Order: CCA Board of Directors: Jose Peo, President; Tom Bruce, Vice President; Jon Cahill, Secretary; Rosemary Shaw, Treasurer; Tony Micciche, Director; John Kabrovski, Director; Susan Hyde, Director; and about 29 others

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) – Crime Stats

Officer Blancher reported that there were no issues associated with Polar Plunge and everything went smoothly

A search warrant was executed on seven locations south of Ridgeway, drugs, firearms and cash totaling \$177,000 were seized as part of the search

A question was asked by an attendee as to whether the guns were legal or illegal

Blancher responded that he was unsure but they were most likely illegal

Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19 – Not in attendance

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) –

Announced that a Neighborhood Association grant of \$10k is available, and associations are allowed to apply for it multiple times and receive more than one

They have been looking into the new spa that has caused some public concern. As part of this review, they will check the spa's certifications and licenses and conduct a police inspection. As long as everything is legitimate there. The name has been confirmed to mean "fortune and Health" in owners' language

City Council NW Representative

Bridget Monroe announced that the current bid for the Jetty Port Space fell though so they will be accepting new bids for the space. The RFP for the Parcel and River Street are still in negotiations at this time so no update there.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Local County and State Reps–

Yversha Roman gave a debrief of the county's participation in Winterfest. They brought skates for attendees to use on the artificial ice rink in the park

Attendee asked if skates were rentals

Yversha advised they were free, participants only needed to provide ID collateral

Attendee asked if skates can be available regularly in park

Yversha advised not at this time, skates were borrowed from the city and the county does not have any. She is looking into making this happen in the future thou.

Attendee asked if they will ever reopen the park Concessions

Yversha advised there are ongoing talks but not at this time

Yversha then discussed the upcoming Seneca Park Zoo Renovations. They will total \$100 million and include a tropics exhibit, aquarium and bring back the orangutan.

She also mentioned that the county has had no collaboration or involvement in any of the ICE raids in Monroe County

Ontario Beach Park Planning Committee

Frank Amato gave a few updates.

Harborfest will be June 20-22. Activities include a car show on Saturday, live entertainment, inflatables, food vendors, two tall ships and a boat parade on Saturday

Jazz at the Beach will start in April and run through October. It will be at Tropix on the second Tuesday of the month. The OBPPC is currently working on the schedule

Concerts by the Shore will run from June 4th to August 27th this year on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30pm. Schedule is currently in the works

Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse–

Frank Amato gave a few updates.

The lighthouse will be open May 2nd through October, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1-5pm

They are working on the gift shop inventory and displays

There are plans for garden improvements

The Irondequoit Concert Band will be performing on Tuesday July 15th from 7:15-8:15pm

Charlotte Library–

Manager Catherine Kyle spoke with a few updates

Faxing, Copying and Scanning is available to the public

New adult programs will be rolled out including bracelet making, 3D printing and cricketing

They will be accepting donations for their first Saturday food distributions

Businesses-

Bob Yost from Whiskey River had a few announcements

He is opening a new pizza shop at 4410 Lake Ave. The shop will be open Wednesday through Sundays and will have indoor seating and outdoor seating in the summer. They sell slices, subs sandwiches, plates and wings including Whiskey River's blue and gold

He will be putting in a bid for the port Jetty RFP. His plan will be to open a steak and chop house with national tribute bands, Sunday brunches and live band karaoke. He asked for the community's support in his endeavor.

On June 29th he will be putting together a Rally Around the River Event which will be a drink and food crawl for charity

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report –

Jose discussed the lates Irish memorial update. The O'Rourke Society is willing to pay for a community event board and signage in exchange for the community's support of the Irish Memorial project

Secretary Report –

Last month's minutes are available on the website

Treasurer's Report –

The CCA raised \$244.20 from Roc the Day

New sponsors came aboard including R Reality and the Arbor

COMMITTEE REPORTS / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Beautification

Communications

Community Development

Finance

Nominating & Governance

Programming – First Thursday monthly meetings at Vine and Tap will continue, February 6th at 6 pm at Vine and Tap.

Youth Engagement

Adjournment

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/17/25	Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 pm, Vine and Tap
3/3/25	General Meeting, 7 pm, Robach Community Center
4/19/25	Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch
5/4/25	Kite Flight