

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
March 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; also, there were approximately 23 people in the audience.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) –

Memorial Day coming up, they will be following same plan as usual headed by Captain Cornell. Heavy Police presence Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Will be collaborating with troopers and county sheriffs.

PCIC Meeting will be on March 19th over zoom.

Last week the RPD attended Lyell Ave Community Association's Coffee with a Cop event. Citizens came together with cops at the Lyell Dunkin Donuts to discuss the neighborhood. RPD would be willing to do one of these in Charlotte if the CCA is interested.

Question: Citizen asked about the incidents involving BB Guns shooting out business windows on Lake Ave

RPD advised that they are investigating but it is difficult due to it happening at night from moving vehicles. They asked any citizens with information to please let them know via 911, any info will aid in the investigation. It has happened on multiple nights at different locations along Lake Avenue

Question: Citizen asked if car thefts in the Northwest Quarant are down

RPD advised yes but they don't have the exact statistics with them. They will advise on those stats at the PCIC meeting.

Recruitment is low, they are below sworn number by 100 officers. RPD is working on initiatives to increase recruitment. These include offering higher pay for officers, hosting internship programs, benefits packages including paid bachelor's degree tuition and visiting schools and community organizations to promote the RPD as a career.

Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19 –

Fireboat will go back in the water end of March or early April

This month's incidents that the fire team responded to included

- a possible overdose of two people in a vehicle, vehicle sped away when responders arrived
- an assault where multiple people were injured including one individual whose chest was injured by an impalement device
- a car fire near the nursing home, no one injured
- a family was stuck inside their apartment due to a frozen door

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) –

Nia Grant recipients will be announced in the next couple weeks. The CCA was one of the first organizations to turn in their application

A citizen brought up concerns about Charlotte not receiving the adequate care, treatment and attention compared to the rest of the city. Specifically in relation to snow removal when we are hit with lake effect. The NSC advised that any citizens who have those concerns should reach out to them with details, and they will advocate on our behalf to the city

City Council NW Representative –

No updates on port, lake Ave parcel or river street alignment

Jose asked about the \$400,000 that was set aside for community organization outreach and the plan Bridget advised that they are just in the starting phases, no information yet and it needs to be discussed as part of the budget

County Parks

Carousel woodwork will begin soon, refinishing, replacing rotten wood and updating lighting

They will be fixing the patio on the Beach Ave side of the Rohrbach Center in April. The building will be shut down during construction to the public

An illegal party in the Rohrbach center was shut down two weeks ago. Park staff observed the illegal party and the RPD assisted in shutting it down

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES / COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Charlotte Library– Library will be hosting programs on AI and AI education. They are also selling passes for the lighthouse, memorial art gallery and the Rochester Museum and Science Center

Bob Yost– Opening Whiskey on the Deck in the upstairs of the port building. Will have concerts, food, patio, and brunch. Opening set for May or June depending on liquor board. Thanked everyone who made phone calls on his behalf.

O'Rourke Society– Gave a presentation and update on the Irish Memorial project and their plans. They emphasized that they want to work with the community to create something everyone can enjoy and be happy about, not just the Irish. They are willing to take all of the community's concerns into account and incorporate anything into the memorial that the community would be interested in. The main thing they offered was to pay for an electronic community board/sign to advertise Charlotte events at the beach. In exchange for implementing any community wants and asks, they wanted the communities support for their project

The community and citizens in attendance expressed their disapproval of the project. Regardless of what the O'Rourke society has to offer, those in attendance are not interested in having the memorial here in the park.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report –

The CCA is working on a new logo, it will be presented at a future meeting for a yay or nay vote

Vice President's Report – none

Treasurer's Report –

Closing balance as of March 1st 15,040.34

COMMITTEE REPORTS / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Beautification

Communications

Community Development

Finance- A lot of new sponsors this year, a list can be found on the table during meetings

Nominating & Governance

Programming- Planning meeting at Vine and Tap, March 6th. Easter Egg hunt on April 19th

Youth Engagement

Adjournment