

Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

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CCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES August 4th, 2025 ROGER ROBACH COMMUNITY CENTER

Welcome and Call to Order: CCA Board of Directors: Jose Peo, President; Tom Bruce, Vice President; Sue Hyde, Secretary; Tony Micciche, Director; John Kabrovski, Director; Jon Cahill; Communications Director; and about 25 residents plus presenters.

CITY OF ROCHESTER UPDATES

Rochester Police Department (RPD) - Lt. Tamburella

Lt. Tamburella started by saying she would not answer questions about the dog attack or the homeless guy (referring to the recent attack by a loose dog on a group of children and teachers on the playground at the beach park that bit two children and a teacher). She indicated that we should contact Captain Greg Bello for more information on that incident. She did indicate that we should call 911 to report homeless people or unleashed dogs or a city specific homeless outreach team like the NW Neighborhood Service Center at 400 Dewey Ave. She added, its illegal to camp indefinitely on city property. Panhandling is illegal but RPD will not arrest a panhandler if there is no reason to do it; she talked about 'arresting with a purpose' - if the officer can get them to agree to accept help, services and resources, they will arrest them. If not, they leave them alone unless they commit a crime. Call 911 if you find an encampment on city property.

Within the last month, a traffic detail on Lake Ave. handed out 44 tickets, most for speeding. RPD does not chase cars or motorcycles traveling at high speeds because its too dangerous and could result in injury or fatality.

No burglaries or robberies to report.

Found deceased individual in the woods near 60 River St.

July 26th, had a 'walk on block' with the Mayor around the Charlotte area.

The airplane crash near Maplewood Park is being investigated.

Mary Shaffer, Director of the Encompass Resources for Learning Summer Program, was in the audience and very graciously offered a to update us on the dog attack at the beach the Friday before our meeting. She was supervising 90 students along with 20 teachers on the playground that day and her group was attacked. Their trip to the beach is an annual event that they all look forward to. An unleashed gray pit bull started running in circles on the playground, scaring the children and they began to scream which made the pit bull even more aggressive. A little girl was chased toward a fence by the dog and Mary yelled at her to stop which she did and the pit bull stopped sniffed her and was chased away. A 6-yr old girl was bitten 5 times and the brave teacher who scooped her up to protect her was also bitten. Another young boy was bitten as he tried to run up the slide ladder to escape being attacked. Other teachers and students were ok but traumatized. All the staff were heroes as the teachers surrounded the children to protect them from the aggressive dog and Mary

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chased the dog across the street. I'm sure their bravery and smart actions saved other children from being bitten. The owner was a homeless man, camping out in a yellow tent behind Tropix on City property. Police, paramedics and Animal Control responded to the call. According to Mary, NY State law considers animals property so the dog could not be picked up without a Court order. No one knows the medical condition of the dog so everyone who was bitten had to be tested. Dog is now under quarantine but will be released back to its owner if he pays a fine and gets it licensed, even though it's a danger to society. Mary said her next step would be to visit the Mayor's office. She also emphasized that the City laws must be changed to protect everyone from attacks like this one and ensure dangerous animals are removed from public access.

Rochester Fire Department (RFD) Engine 19- Captain Todd Hodges

No one was present to report from Engine 19.

Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) - Anna Keller

Elissa Rossi - Elissa covers Lyle Ave. to Charlotte area. She's hoping to create a business networking group for NW businesses and planning to host a North West mixer.

Michael Maxwell reminded us about the National Night Out event at Ontario Beach Park on Tuesday, August 5th at Sandpiper Pavilion from 6-8 to honoring local law enforcement.

Anna discussed the massage parlor at 3353 Lake Ave. She indicated that it had successfully acquired the documentation required to open and she and RPD would be inspecting the interior prior to their being allowed to open up. Jose expressed his concern regarding mispronunciation of the business's name and its close proximity to the school across the street. Anna agreed to discuss his concerns with the owners.

City Council NW Representative - Bridget Monroe

Bridget was very concerned about the dog attack at the park that Mary Shaffer discussed with us and volunteered to look into it further. After discussions with community leaders, the homeless man residing in a tent behind Tropix has voluntarily moved on and the wooded area has been cleared out (trees and shrubs removed).

River St. realignment is still on hold and there are no updates on the area across from Mr. Dominic's. There have been no concerns regarding Airbnb's brought to council. City does not provide certificates to those wanting to open an Airbnb and no process to apply for a short term permit rental. There are no city restrictions against Airbnbs or VRBOs. City has not addressed them in terms of certificate of occupancy for short term rental even though a landlord renting an apartment or home for long term must have one.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Kevin Kelley, City Planning, Mayor's office-

Kevin updated us on the Genesee River Trail feasibility study which is focused on connecting the city to Lake Ontario on both sides of the Genesee River. There are 17 miles of trail and it is 75% complete. They are planning 40 projects to fill in the gaps. They are completing cost estimates to help them determine which projects to move forward with and are asking for the public's feedback.

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To find out more detail, go to www.cityofrochester.gov/grt-study. Some Charlotte beach projects include: signage improvements, new trail creations, and connecting the current bike path to the beach pier via the parking lot (creating a tree-lined bike path through the parking lot behind Vine and Tap all the way to the pier). Comments from CCA participants included concerns around safety issues with so many cars in such a small area and concerns about removing parking spots to create this path area. Also, the comment was made that we need more electric car chargers in this area. To provide more feedback, please access the website and scan QR code.

Ontario Beach Park Program Committee

Fred Amato attended the meeting but did not report due to the limited time left. Thank you, Fred.

Community Organizations

Emilia Delveccio from the Land Mark Society Historic Preservation Office in the Warner Bldg. attended our meeting and said that they host a fundraiser tour every year and next year hope to feature homes and gardens from the Charlotte area. It's the first weekend in June and she is hoping to have 1,000 attendees. They are looking for 5-10 historic and unique homes. They provide staff to run the open house with volunteers in each room. Please let us know if you think your house qualifies and would be interested in being one of the homes in the tour.

President's Report - Jose introduced the reason why "Rediscover Charlotte" will be the new approach to our marketing and publications next Spring. Our goal is to attract college students and others who may never have visited our community to the beach to take advantage of all we have to offer...More to come...

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Dave Steklenski, our new Treasurer, has a standing conflict on the 1st Mondays of the month but Jose will be providing treasury reports on his behalf in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Beautification - Sue Hyde shared an update from Linda Paruta the Leader of the Beautification team. Linda would like to thank all the volunteers, and city and county workers who have done such a wonderful job planting and maintaining our gardens and pots this year. A special thanks to Big John and Amy and John and Debbie Smith for all the time they spend caring for our gardens. She finally feels like we have enough volunteers to truly keep the flowers looking beautiful despite the hot, dry summer we are experiencing. A special thank you to Linda too, who does such a great job getting the materials we need, organizing the volunteers and doing a lot of hands on work as well. Thank you for your many years of service.

Communications

Youth Engagement-CCA Edward Watson Scholarship Program - Scholarship money will be awarded Wed. at the concert at the beach.

Finance-

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Nominating and Governance

Programming - First Thursday after the General Meeting monthly event Planning Meetings are held at 6 pm at Vine and Tap. Everyone is welcome to attend and your first drink is on the CCA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

08/05/2025- National Night Out- 6-8 pm Ontario Beach Park

8/18/2025-BOD Meeting, 6:30 pm, Vine and Tap

9/20/2025 Bonfire- Tentative 6 pm

09/27/2025-Saturday- Octoberfest - 2-8 pm Tropix

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