

## CCA meeting notes of October 6, 2014 (Robach Center)

President Mike Parker opened the meeting:

-Update on the Lake Avenue resurfacing project. Bids going out in the winter of 2014-15 and the project will start in 2015 and be completed in the summer of 2016. Project runs between Merrill Street and Burley Road.

-By-Laws ballots were collected and Mike asked for a volunteer to tabulate the votes along with Jean Carrozzi. Sue Miller volunteered.

-CCA received a letter from the city regarding the Hincer/Corrigan project. Public meeting will be held in the Waterside room at the port building on 10/27 at 6:30pm. Several streets will be widened and/or evened out.

-celebrating the 87<sup>th</sup> birthday of member Bob Paradise today; the group sang and offered congratulations and applause.

**-Brian Labigan from the Nominating Committee** spoke about nominations for President, Secretary and two directors. Also looking for a Treasurer (appointed) for the next year. He requested that members email their nominations to [charlottecommunityassociation@gmail.com](mailto:charlottecommunityassociation@gmail.com) by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Brian also noted that getting more people involved makes the community grow and the CCA welcomes new members. Anyone who signs up tonight will be contacted. Any questions regarding committee responsibilities should be directed to the gmail address.

The CCA is looking for volunteers to serve on our various committees. Anyone interested should email [info@charlottecca.org](mailto:info@charlottecca.org). Here is a list of the available committees and sign-ups from tonight's meeting:

- 1) BY-LAWS committee- Volunteer-Sue Miller
- 2) FINANCE committee- Christine Ridarsky, chair
- 3) MEMBERSHIP committee- Pam Postgate, chair. Volunteer Sue Crandall
- 4) NOMINATING committee- Brian Labigan, chair. Volunteer- Sue Roethel
- 5) PROGRAM committee- Brian Labigan, chair. Volunteer- Diane Kron
- 6) COMMUNICATIONS committee- Christine Ridarsky, chair. Volunteers Sue Roethel and Susan Kendall
- 7) BEAUTIFICATION committee- Linda Paruta, Chair
- 8) SCHOLARSHIP committee- Jean Carrozzi, Chair (retiring- has chaired this committee since 1988)

**Lt. Gebhardt from RPD**- thanked the group for the outpouring of support for the RPD and the family of Officer Pierson. No patterns to report between Flower City Park and the lake. PCIC meeting at Aquinas on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Reminder to secure 1<sup>st</sup> floor of your house now that the weather is changing.

**Presentation by Engineer Kip Finley and Jett** on a proposed Dunkin' Donuts to be constructed on the Frank Messina Valero gas station site at the corner of Denise and Lake. They presented a proposal and solicited comments/input from the members. They wanted to get our thoughts and ideas before going to the Zoning Board, a comment which those in attendance applauded heartily. The plan is to operate a drive-thru restaurant between the hours of 5am and 10pm. They wanted input from the community on appearance of the building, indicating that they have flexibility of design. They are a locally owned company which operates 18 franchised locations. Exit only on Lake Avenue, two driveways on Denise Road. They can be contacted at 248-2440. They will come back to the CCA before going to the Zoning Board. They are looking for a letter of support from the CCA.

Comment made about the Patrick O'Rourke Bridge anniversary on October 4<sup>th</sup> - it was a great event. Another comment made from a member who sent a letter to the City criticizing the planning. It drew few people because few people were informed that it was even happening!

**Jean Carrozzi from the Ontario Beach Park Program Committee**- Joe wanted to thank the community and the CCA for their help this past season, especially Sean Schiano and Mike Parker. There were 13 concerts this past summer and only one was called due to rain. The OBPPC received only one complaint all season long. Eighteen Big Band Dances are planned for the spring and fall. The OBPPC is an all-volunteer group and brings family-oriented entertainment to the port and the beach.

**Jack Foy from Holy Cross**- church had a successful fundraiser, raising in excess of \$610,000. Battle of Bulge veterans will hold a Veterans Day ceremony at the port building on Tuesday, November 11 at 11:00am. Jack has been asked to attend the celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne Belgium in December of this year.

**Sean Schiano from the Beautification Committee**- Thank you to Frank Borelli and his OB Park crew; thank you to Beautification Committee, especially Trevor and Donna Purdy and Sarah Schiano for their work on the Abbotts flower beds.

**County Legislator Tony Micciche** spoke on County activities. There is a clean-up day for Seniors on 10/25 and anyone interested in participating should call Flo Dorsey at 753-6463. The county received a \$44,000 grant for 127 new vests. The gazebo at Ontario Beach Park is in the process of being reconstructed. Meet with Tony the last Saturday of each month at Tim Horton's on Lake at Ridge at 10am.

**Charlie Ennis for Dewey Corridor Neighbors**- meeting with Supervisor Bill Reilich (Vision for the Future) on Wed. Oct 22 at 7pm Aldersgate church on Dewey.

**Paula Kosiorek from Senator Robach's office** noted that NY rebate checks are being sent out to individuals with incomes between \$40-200K with children. Question as to why checks were not issued for those whose income was less than \$40K and she said she would look into it. Paula came to help the OBPPC unload 300+ pumpkins on River Romance weekend. Senator Joe attended the O'Rorke Bridge anniversary celebration and the ALS walk at Ontario Beach Park. Good attendance at the Wellness Fair at Greece Town Mall.

**Steve Golding from the City** and **Tom Marchetti** addressed questions on the marina and the port project. The marina project is on schedule. Pike is working at the south end of the site, but the basin is on hold until the floating docks get designed. Anticipated opening of the marina is fall of 2016.

Steve said that there were 192 comment cards received at the meeting at Charlotte High. Comments are still being reviewed and responses to all questions will be posted on the city's website next week. The Memorandum of Understanding was posted on the website today. The next step for the developer is the site plan review, a Zoning meeting and another meeting with the CCA to review the final plan. Sue Miller said that there had been a change in the funding plan and she wanted clarification in writing. Steve indicated that this could be done. There is no date yet for when this will go to Council, because the Environmental and Planning Commissions have to also weigh in on the project. Question asked about why such a low evaluation for the property and Steve answered that the appraisal was done by an outside firm, not city staff. Question from the audience about why the city is moving ahead despite opposition and Steve answered that the development schedule is not cast in stone- it can be changed. Even though some property will be sold to Edgewater, the city will maintain ownership of the green space and the open space between buildings. No plans to move the boat launch- it will remain open, but parts will be repaved next season.

**Carl Giardino** requested a new appraisal of the land considering all of the improvements that were made to date. He also suggested that we need a Communication Board near the firehouse that announces events. Someone suggested a twitter feed for events as well. Carl also mentioned that there was a break-in at Otto's and at Lake Haven- the police did not mention this. Mike will ask why when he attends the PCIC meeting.

There are still a lot of questions about this project i.e. public access to private land, public space should be written into the zoning code. There were also questions about the public boat launch. Someone asked if we should post a meeting in the City paper.

**Chuck Stechna for Councilmember Carla Palumbo** said that he is accepting applications for Flower City Work Camp until November 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for the article in the CCA newsletter, because he has already received four applications. Call 428-5982 with any nominations.

By-Laws- Vice President Christine Ridarsky thanked those who responded and voted. Changes are needed to update the by-laws and the committee worked on these changes since last February. The ballots were counted and verified by Christine, Jean Carrozzi and Sue Miller and the vote was as follows: From the ballots that were handed out and mailed to members, 103 valid ballots were received: 45 voted to APPROVE and 58 voted AGAINST so the proposed By-Laws WERE NOT approved.

Comment made that the current by-laws are in effect and that at any meeting, paid members can make a motion. A motion was made and passed to move this year's election to December

A motion made to waive the eligibility rule for board members for this year's election. Discussion ensued and was tabled because most of the members had left for the evening. Vote started at 9:30 pm and it was agreed to not continue the vote. It was suggested to start the November meeting with motions rather than waiting until the end of the meeting.

--Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

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