

Minutes CCA Coalition Meeting Monday August 4, 2014 6:00pm – 7:00pm

President Mike Parker called to order at 7:05pm. There was a moment of silence for Joan Farr, Jim's wife who passed away last Sunday. Thank you to Tracie and Alexandra from Kneads and Wants Bakery who brought in baked good treats to share with the group.

Old Business:

- CCA will be providing the cooks and Joe Carrozzi from OBPPC providing the food for Night Out Against Crime tomorrow, August 5th.
- CCA picnic at 5:30pm on August 13th. Scholarship will be given away before the concert.

New Business:

- City will be scheduling a new public meeting for the "road diet" Lake Avenue corridor by St. Bernards/Cemetery
- Turning Point Park project will be getting underway shortly and will include a new bike trailhead by Brewster Park.
- Garden tour in northwest quadrant on Saturday, August 16th. Participating gardens are listed in our newsletter.

RPD- Kelly O'Hara spoke about National Night Out. Meet at Jay Street and caravan to the beach for a picnic. Clare Stortini commented on traffic jam after the NOLA's event. Mike Parker said that there is a new manager at the 7-11 at Stonewood and he was hoping to attend Night Out. No PCIC in August- next meeting will be September 16 at Aquinas.

Sgt. Ben Melos from Mo Co Sheriff's Department spoke about sheriffs patrolling Ontario Beach Park while RPD takes care of Lake Avenue. They work with RPD as needed. Dogs are not allowed on pier. Very seldom will deputies evict noisy people from the shelters- they will go over and ask folks to turn the volume down. **Kathy Strauss** mentioned starting up PAC-TAC for neighbors to walk and help keep an eye out.

-Lighthouse tower will close on August 12th for repairs and waiting for new lens to be installed. Marine History meeting at Customs House on August 9.

-Pam Postgate from Stutson Block club spoke about how beautiful Stutson Street looks now that the project is almost finished. City did a terrific job.

-SPEAKER KIMIE ROMEO spoke on water quality in Genesee River and Lake Ontario and initiatives of the Lake Ontario Lakewide Action Management Plan (LAMP), a statewide action plan for the lake. She brought

handouts and will be happy to come back and speak again on the topic. Check out additional info on www.lakeontarioforum.org

-COUNTY LEG TONY MICCICHE took the time to acknowledge **JOE MORELLE** and asked him to come up to speak to the audience. Tony talked about the pump that the County will install in the pier to solve the algae problem. He followed up on the request to see about replacing the railings on the gazebo and spoke to Parks director Larry Staub- railings will be installed in late fall. Tony is doing a ride-along with RPD. The air show will be 8/16 & 8/17. Tony has a Town Hall meeting the last Saturday of the month 9-10am at Tim Horton's on Lake Ave.

-PAULA KOSIOREK from Senator Robach's office spoke about the Eastman Business Park filling up. Joe will attend the ribbon cutting for the new Charlotte bakery on Friday 8-8-14. Joe will be at the CCA picnic. Joe will sponsor a Wellness Fair in September.

PORT PROJECT UPDATE: Steve Golding from the City, Bob King, Stephanie Benson and John Oster from Edgemere Development. SPEAKER GREG WEYKAMP from EDGEWATER RESOURCES did the Powerpoint Presentation on the places he visited or was asked to go visit because folks would like to see some of their styles incorporated in the port development. Places Greg visited included Chautauqua, Skaneateles, Cobourg, Sackets Harbor, Sodus Point and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Greg presented the pluses and minuses of each site and presented what he would like to use in the Charlotte design. The project will be done in phases. Phase 1 hotel will include 40-50 rooms and a restaurant. There will be 15-25 condos & Townhouses.

Comments from the audience after the Edgewater presentation:

-some residents were not happy with the prospect of cutting down trees in the park to open up the view from the CSX bridge

-Greg was asked if the Edgewater financing was in place. Steve Golding from the City of Rochester replied that neither developer (Edgewater or Morgan Management) had the funding completely in place for the RFQ. It is common to get a commitment for financing after designs are presented and a proposal has been accepted.

-comment from a resident that she is looking forward to a hotel where her out-of-town guests could stay

-some were not happy with the height of the hotel

-comment from Kathy Strauss that everyone's voice can be heard either here at the CCA or at City Council meetings

- comment that Edgewater was trying to work with the community. We won't see progress unless we work with them
- comment that no one would want to stay in Charlotte in a hotel in the winter. Greg responded that a critical mass of people is necessary for the project but there will be snowbirds living at the port the same way they do elsewhere.
- comment by Greg that the hotel has been reduced by 30% but the height helps to pay for the other amenities people are looking to see in the development.
- comment that shops should come in before a hotel or housing
- comment that Charlotte needs a hotel. I look forward to putting my family up right here rather than having them stay up on Ridge Road
- comment that other developments in the area are vying for the same residents and their purchase prices are lower. Greg responded that there is a demand.
- Last comment was in the form of a question- Does Greg believe this project will succeed? The answer was YES.

Greg will be back in September/October to present the plans to the community for the parcel.

There was also a comment directed at the CCA board which was read at the microphone. She resented the fact that the three groups (CCA, POCMA and CCDC) wrote an editorial for the newspaper and these groups are attempting to speak for the entire community. Charlotte Strong was started because the CCA does not hear our voices. She felt that Charlotte Strong must not be excluded from meetings with the city and the developer. Charlotte Strong went to Council on July 22 with 52 people; they presented signatures on a petition to stop the project.