



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA) February 18, 2009

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other board members in attendance were Evelyn Bush, Mary Bechtol, Michael Morofsky, Emily Bourne, David Tkaczyk, and Kathy Miles. Thirty-six CVNA members and guests attended the meeting including City Council Member Carol Wood, City Council Member A'Lynne Robinson, and Ingham County Commissioner (District 6) Dale Copedge.

Program Speakers: Ms. Jessica Yorke from 'Walk and Bike Lansing' provided information on walking and biking trails throughout the Lansing area and encouraged attendees to take advantage of these areas in the coming months. Ms. Laurie Perkins from the Michigan Historical Museum presented the "Great Times Great Lakes" slide show to attendees and encouraged visitation the Michigan Historical Museum. The slide show included very interesting information on the great lakes. Jackie Schraft, Colonial Village resident provided flyers from the Ingham County Health Department that included various services, contact names, and contact phone numbers. Anyone wishing to get a copy of the flyer can contact Jackie Schraft or Anita Beavers for more information.

Lansing Police Department: The Lansing Police Department did not provide a report this month.

Minutes: January 21, 2009 minutes were accepted with no amendments necessary. Minutes from the February 18, 2009 Board Meeting will be recorded and filed.

President's Report: Anita Beavers presented an application for a memorial for Nancy Young who passed away last year. The intent of the application is to create a memorial for Nancy to be placed at Elmhurst Park. She also provided information about a Community Health Day on March 20th at the Lansing Center. This event will provide a free breakfast and '3 rappers with a message'.

Vice Presidents Report: Evie Bush visited Elmhurst school, learning that Laura Evans will be at the school in March providing multiple presentations about community events and needs. Evie provided an unofficial report that Elmhurst score exceptionally well on the recent MEAP testing. The school is also in need of popcorn poppers on Friday mornings. Those who may be interested can contact Evie directly or they may contact Elmhurst school for more info.

Treasurer's Report: CVNA holds a balance of \$400.54. There were donations at the last meeting of \$60 and expenses for prizes for the Christmas Lighting Contest in the amount of \$45.00.

Area Representatives Reports:

Area One Representative Michael Morofsky reported that he plans to attend the hearing of the individual who was shot by LPD last year and will get additional details on the case. He also reported that there was a possible raid on MLK near the fish store at a motorcycle club called The Highway Men. This raid is believed to be regarding the transportation of methamphetamines or a possible murder for hire. Mike also contacted the individual who owns the parking lot east of Fantastic Sams (MLK and Holmes Rd.) regarding large potholes in the parking lot. Pictures were presented to show the seriousness of the potholes. Finally, Mike reported that a resident had part of her sidewalk torn up by Parks & Rec clearing snow, and this was reported to Council Member A'Lynne Robinson.

Area Two Representative Mary Bechtol reported no business.

Area Three Representative David Tkaczyk reported no business.

Lansing City Council: Carol Wood dropped in to say hello to the attendees at the meeting, and also announced her bid for Mayor of Lansing in 2009. A'Lynne Robinson thanked everyone for their well wishes during her recovery from surgery. She also provided a re-cap of her Second Saturday's meeting, which included Maria Irish (city assessor). They discussed property assessments vs. home values, taxes, etc. Maria Irish plans to have community meetings to discuss these same issues. Ms. Robinson discussed the possible snow removal ordinance that would take effect January 1, 2010. The council is aware of the issues related to this law and is currently debating the specifics of the ordinance. Ms. Robinson reported that there has been a letter to address Rule 16 at city council meetings, which would move public comment to the end of the meeting. There are two job positions available – one is at Jackson Public Schools as a Federal Finance Assistant and the other is within the City Council as a Principal Clerk. Those interested can check out the website or HR office for details. Finally, Ms. Robinson commented on the possible protocol for council meetings due to the recent incident at a city council meeting involving an individual who was restrained by Lansing Police after coming into the pit and interfering with the meeting as scheduled.

New Business & Announcements:

- The annual Bea Christy Award Dinner is 2/27 at 5pm at the Lansing Center. Tickets are \$16.
- L&L store manager attended the meeting and personally thanked CVNA for the certificate of recognition awarded at the January meeting.
- The annual garage sale will possibly be earlier in June this year. A permanent date will be set at the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.