

Minutes May 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Anita Beavers at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members in attendance were Evelyn Bush, Michael Morofsky, David Tkaczyk, Kathy Miles and Mary Bechtol.

Lansing Police Department - no report.

President's Report: President Beavers stated that there would be a short agenda because of the program that would be taking place.

Minutes: The April minutes were approved.

Treasurers' Report: The April report held a balance of \$605.29 and the balance as of May 20th is \$650.09. The report was approved as given.

Vice President's Report: Evie Bush announced the Elmhurst School picnic and stated that the school is looking volunteers.

Area One Report: Mike Morofsky reported that because of budget constraints, the Forestry Department would be unable to help with problem tree limbs that are hanging over the city sidewalks. Mike offered to cut them himself if the homeowners would request his assistance. He also discussed the year old shooting that happened on Lenore street and his efforts to receive an incident report.

City Government Reports: There were none.

Program:

Willie Vinson facilitated a program for Design Lansing entitled "Workshop in a Box." The purpose of the program is to get feedback on how we visualize our neighborhood and Lansing 5 - 10- 15 and 20 years from now.

The audience made self introductions and named one thing they liked about the city. They were asked to think outside the box to visualize Lansing's

future and to make suggestions on what they would like to see. Kate Koskinen from the City of Lansing assisted Willie by posting all of the suggestions on a bulletin board. Evaluations and other information was completed by CVNA members present and were collected so that this information could be returned to the City for input. Willie thanked everyone for their input.

Rick Kibby from the Parks and Recreation Board said he was happy that everyone was in agreement on the use of the River. He said that the Parks Department was starting a five year plan this year and will be reaching out for input.

Ken Szymusiak, Director of the South and Core Lansing for the Economic Development Corporation has hired a group to study future development for the south side of Lansing which will coincide with the Master Plan. He said times are financially tough but Lansing is doing much better than the rest of the state. Lansing has 8.4% unemployment rate compared to 13% in other areas of Michigan . Ken also reported that he is working with Hobart on the outbuilding (gun shop) which he intends to take down this summer.

There was a discussion on the building under construction on the corner of MLK and Holmes. It appears it will be another liquor store. It was moved and supported that a resolution be sent to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission asking that this license transfer not take place. Motion Carried. A petition was passed around for signatures opposing the granting of a liquor license for this venue.

Joe McDonald from the Mayor's office discussed the Tip 411 web-based text message service where you can anonymously report a crime or suspicious activity to the Lansing Police Department. He passed around cards with the complete information on it.

There were reminders of the following events:

Garage Sale - June 6

Annual Picnic - August 4

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.