

## **Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Minutes for 11/18/09**

Present: Evie Bush, Mike Morofsky, Mary Bechtol, Kathy Miles and Anita Beavers  
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 35 in attendance

### **Speaker**

Barb McMillian and Peggy Smith gave a presentation on the Wharton Center. It was built in 1982 and has recently been renovated. There are 4 theaters in the complex and a variety of arts are represented in their programs. In addition to concerts they feature plays, speakers, dance and a slate of programs for children and families as well as outreach programs to the school district.

They have many ways for people in the community to become volunteers, such as becoming docents. Barb mentioned that if a group purchases a block of tickets for a program, they can receive a discount. Tickets can be purchased over the phone, online or through their website. The gift shop has recently been expanded and also more women's restrooms have been added. For more information on programs or services or to volunteer, contact 1-800-WHARTON or go to WHARTONCENTER.COM

### **Police Report**

Jason Bock passed out crime maps and there was discussion on the large number (17) of burglaries in the south end. He cautioned everyone to be vigilant about keeping houses and cars locked as this time of year is an especially active time of the year for crime. Jason was presented with a card and a gift certificate for his service and as congratulations on his October wedding.

Josh Traviglia was introduced as a new officer. Josh has attended Waverly High School, LCC, and Ferris College and graduated in May from the LPD Academy. He was hired in August and is enjoying being on the LPD.

Mike Morofsky discussed a report by a neighbor on Gordon that kids are drinking Robitussin and Jason will follow up on that.

**Minutes and the Treasurers** reports were read and accepted.

### **Area One**

Mike Morofsky reported graffiti on the Citgo station at Colonial Village and the city is supposed to remove it. Sidewalks in front of L&L and on Loraine have been repaired. The vacant house at 1600 Gordon has been purchased and attempts are being made to get the new owner to do clean-up. The CSO meeting scheduled to be held at the Mayor's office regarding the basement flooding of neighbors on Lorraine, Rundle and Boston after street construction was cancelled by Dean Johnson of the City. Terry Hodges will continue to try and obtain information and a hearing.

### **Area Two**

Mary Bechtol complimented the neighbors in the Victor/Pattengill area on the lovely upkeep of yards. Anita Beavers said that graffiti on one of the yield signs on Boston and a pothole that was reported have been fixed.

### **Vice President**

Evie Bush attended the opening of the new Senior Center at Hill and was very impressed with it. She said the pool is beautiful and will offer lessons and exercise classes as well as open swim sessions. Fees are \$2 per person or \$10 for a family. They will also be offering classes in painting, quilting and dancing and more. There is a gym, game room and the auditorium has been refurbished. Brochures on services can be obtained through Lansing Parks and Recreation or by going to the receptionist at the facility.

Sue Sulzman, Principal at Elmhurst, thanks the neighborhood for keeping an eye out around the school. A bare wire was noticed and reported by Mike.

### **President**

Anita Beavers announced that on Tuesday, December 1, the Lansing Food Bank will be offering food at the Black Family and Child Institute on Genesee. The Lansing Neighborhood Council needs volunteers to help the elderly with repairs. If you are interested, call 393-9883 or [lansingneighborhoodcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:lansingneighborhoodcouncil@yahoo.com).

There will be a meeting on December 10 at the Community Mental Health Bldg. at 812 E. Jolly Rd. in the Atrium from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm to discuss the impending release of mentally ill prisoners into the community. A film will be shown and after there will be a question and answer period. Dinner will be provided and there is no charge. RSVP to Judy Hazle at 346-8238 or email [hazle@cecicmh.org](mailto:hazle@cecicmh.org).

The Garden Club of Lansing will be selling wreaths and bows on December 5 from 9 am to 5 pm at Scott Gardens. There will also be a raffle for a gingerbread house. For details call 323-0264. Businesses on Martin Luther King Blvd. will be selling V.I.P. discount cards. Cost is \$15.

Two volunteers are needed for the calling committee and two new people to take care of refreshments at the meetings. The liquor license has been granted for the new building at the corner of Martin Luther King Blvd and Holmes. Logan Auto Center is under new ownership and she says the mechanic is very experienced.

Donations at the November meeting are given to Grace United Methodist Church. They are very generous and do not charge us rent for holding our meetings there. If you have mittens or coats you can donate to the church, they will find good homes for them. They are also collecting food for the needy.

A student has been hired to put up the annual bows along Boston. Anita introduced Suzanne Salay who will be helping to redo the CVNA website. Grants are being written to obtain funds for the website, brochures and the newsletters.

### **New Business**

Mike Morofsky suggested that we send a delegation to the church on Mt. Hope to make them aware of the pending liquor license at the party store on the corner of Mt. Hope and MLK. The purpose would be to inform them that they have the right to oppose it, if they wish, since they are within 500 feet of it. A vote was taken and approved. Anita and Mike will be contacting them.

Kathy Dunbar, Lansing City Council, told us that the Liquor Commission has many more licenses to grant and that unfortunately, most of them are being opened in the south end. Churches or schools located within 500 feet of the proposed establishment have the potential to object and block it. Unfortunately citizen objections alone do not determine the outcome. Kathy also said that the church is located in the Moores Park Neighborhood Assoc. and they could be contacted.

### **County Commissioner**

Victor Celentino told us that the Board of Commissioners passed their budget in October by the agreement of all to take a reduction in pay and agree to furlough days. He and three others will also be giving up 3 per diem pay days. They accepted the Sheriff's recommendations and two patrol officers' jobs were saved. There will be the same number of officers on the road as last year.

Paving on Waverly to St. Joe will be finished in the spring. Willow north to Grand River and Waverly from Old Lansing Rd. to Moores River will not be done until 2011 due to lack of funds. Waverly south to Mason should be done by 2012.

Negotiations to get Eaton and Clinton counties to contribute to the support of Capitol City Airport are still ongoing but with little success. Putting in a sidewalk along Waverly by Moores River is being considered and negotiations by Lansing Township to acquire access from property owners are being worked out.

### **City Council**

Kathy Dunbar informed us that BWL is donating land by Hill in conjunction with WILX for a garden. It is hoped that fresh produce grown there can be donated to the Meals on Wheels program and the Lansing Food Bank. Soil is currently being tested at the site.

Meals on Wheels is seeking volunteers to help deliver meals to senior citizens in our area. Some people have been on waiting lists for months because there are not enough drivers. If you can help out once a week or even once a month, please contact Greater Lansing Meals on Wheels at 887-1460.

### **Election of Board Members**

Newly elected 2010 Board members: President, Anita Beavers; Vice President, Evie Bush; Secretary, Kathy Miles; Treasurer, June Kenfield; Area One, Mike Morofsky; Area Two, Mary Bechtol; Area Three, Bill Matt.

2009 CVNA Board members proposed eliminating several Association meetings. The number of meetings would be reduced to eight per year. The proposal was passed and in the future, there will be no meetings in July, August (picnic), December or January.

The meeting was dismissed at 8:50 p.m.

