



**Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
(CVNA)
May 19, 2010 (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)**

General Attendance: Twenty-two, including Board members Anita Beavers, Evelyn Bush, Michael Morofsky, William Matt.

Program: Speaker, Lance Queen, Assistant Coordinator Tuesday Tool men & Tool mobile, tool library, Home owner education resource organization (H.E.R.O.) did not attend meeting.

Minutes: April meeting minutes were accepted as written

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$1,572.98. Treasurer's report was accepted as read. The current balance Include monthly donations and expenses of: \$200.00 donations (In memory of Nancy Young and Paul Kenfield plus \$35.00 collected at the April Meeting minus \$163.00 expenses (misc. office supplies, website expense, Paul Kenfield funeral flowers.

Plant Exchange: The first annual plant exchange was held prior to CVNA's regular May meeting. Anita Beavers said, "it was not as successful as hoped, however, will try again next spring." Volunteers will be thinning plants in the round-about and traffic circles. Contact Anita Beavers if you wish to obtain Daisies, Day Lilies, and Hostas.

President's Report: Anita Beavers thanked the newsletter delivering crew for a fantastic job. A request for donation and envelope was included in the newsletter. The response has been exceptionally successful. A final report will be provided at the next meeting. One suggested use for the funds being considered is to put rubber mulch in the flower bed under the neighborhood sign. Neighborhood-wide garage sale will be held June 5. It was noted that the date may interfere with school graduations and parties.

In response to neighbors concern about unkempt empty homes in the neighborhood, Anita suggested that residents follow the process already in place. First determine if the house is in foreclosure, the realtor or bank's hands. Call the realtor or bank and explain that if the yard is not kept up they will receive a citation and fine. If no success there, contact City of Lansing Code Compliance and let them take care of it.

CVNA's Neighborhood picnic is scheduled for the first Tuesday in August which is Primary not National night out. Volunteer are needed. Please consider signing up. Two more people are also needed for the refreshment's committee. Call Anita. Four Lug Nut Baseball tickets were raffled off to Bill Matt and Cathy Binder.

Vice President's Report: Elmhurst school will hold its annual Spring Carnival in June.

Area Representatives Reports

Area One : Michael Morofsky attended a meeting with Public Service about flooded basements in houses on Rundle, Loraine, and Quentin which the residents believe is a result the completed CSO project in that area. Dean Johnson informed Michael and residents involved that an integrated wet water control plan is being considered for approval to evaluate this kind of problem. The date for the CSO project for Cooper, Poxon, and Woodbine has been moved to 2015.

The Martin Luther King Blvd. median was sprayed last year with weed killer to control grass and weed growth. Michael and a couple residents in area one planted a ground cover in the median between the Skywalk and Woodbine to try it out and alleviate the need for spraying to control the grass. The ground cover has yellow blossoms. Michael contacted Joan Bauer to request holding off spraying in this area to try the ground cover option. Michael also talked to Critter Control about the Coyote problem in Holly Park. They have not been able to catch them yet. Murdock Jamerson said he will notify the police. Michael also presented some photos

showing the condition of the yard at 2518 Pattengill. It was mowed Monday and again yesterday, but still looks bad. He also said he is thinning out his "Spider Wort" which blooms mid spring to mid fall. Contac him.

Area Two Representative Anita Beavers gave Mary Bechtol's report. She said she had nothing to report.

Area Three Representative Bill Matt said his area was doing well then reported on the Ingham County budget shortfall. They were asked to cut \$80,000. County parks are considering raising park and parking fees to \$3 - \$4.00. They also oversee Potter Park Zoo. Kevin Folka is now the new President of zoo's advisory board. The Advisory Board has been making sidewalk repairs, fixing leaking buildings, creating new exhibits. Zoo mileage is up for renewal in November to extend the five year mileage. This is not an addition.

Lansing City Council Reports: Carol Wood provided a handout concerning sex offenders screening proposed by City Council Committee as part of Parks and Recreation facility rental process. The Lansing City Council Committee on Public Safety will be discussing its concerns and potential policy changes related to the requirement that all individuals applying for the use of a City of Lansing Park Rental be screened through the Michigan public Sex Offender Registry (PSOR). The purpose is to ensure that they are doing their best to provide safe facilities for residents. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2010, Foster Center Board Room, 200 N. Foster Street, Lansing, MI 48912. Call Diana Bitely, Administrative Secretary 517-483-4177 for more information.

Other Amendment changes under consideration are: The state's fireworks ordinance is in the works. It appears the state HB5999 has passed House, but stalled in the Senate. If this passes, Public Service will create an ordinance to specific use. Also, a state statue was passed on Medical Marijuana without much definition. The City Public Safety's meeting Tuesday, 5/25/10 at 12:45 p.m. in City Council, to discuss how Lansing will interpret the ordinance.

Council Woman Wood also discussed the budget. She said she signed it because she wanted to get back to full time government. There is a difference between raising property taxes 4/10th of a mil or 5% reduction of employees. The police union contract was ratified. They were to come up with 1.9 mil in concessions to balance their portion of the budget. They came up with \$177,000 in concessions instead. Therefore, she said there is no guarantee officers won't be laid off in July. She said the rumor that detectives will move to the south precinct and officers move to the north precinct is true. The purpose is to have the detectives and officers all in one place to work together better and to avoid duplication. Decision has not yet been made.

The parks mileage is coming up in August. There should be language that addresses what residents have been saying at all input meetings. "Take care of what you have before building something new." The language must be in by Monday to be included in the August primary.

Anita was asked to keep track of volunteer work in street circles, boulevards and flower beds. Ms Wood said these statistics will be valuable in the planning and budget process.

Code Compliance: Greg Schrimger said the new owners working on the house located at 1124 Mt. Hope have been given special permission to work on the place up to midnight until June. A request for demolition within 60 days for the house at 1125 Mt. Hope has been submitted to Public Safety. They are three weeks behind in schedule. He expects it to go to public Safety by June 8 to receive an answer within 60 days. Empty house at 2700 Fairfax was broken into and copper pipes missing. Greg is working with the company.

Meeting adjourned