

COLONIAL VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

June 16, 2010 Attendance 31

Present: Mike Morofsky, Kathy Miles, Mary Bechtol and Anita Beavers.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurers Report: June Kenfield reported that our beginning balance was \$1,772.98. We received \$575 in donations from the envelopes included in the recent newsletter and \$26 from the last meeting. Expenses were: \$65 donated to Meals on Wheels in memory of Paul Kenfield; \$297.70 for the printing of the newsletters; \$75 for a banner congratulating Dr. Graesser on being in practice for 50 years and sundry other expenses for a total of \$476.40. Our current balance is \$1,897.58.

Joan Bauer addressed some positive developments in our area such as car sales being up and the success of Neogen and the expected hiring of more workers when the Accident Fund occupies their new building downtown. She said that the deficit for next year will be 1.7 billion and that we have lost one third of our tax revenue. She is currently Chair of the Higher Education committee. The passage of the Smoking bill and the ban on texting while driving are accomplishments she is happy to have been involved in. Her call to the Mayor's office this week was prompted by the sorry looking condition of the MLK corridor which she feels gives a bad impression of our city. MDOT sprayed herbicide along the street again in May.

City Council: A'Lynne Robinson, our area representative, spoke on the plan by Lansing Police to consolidate all patrol officers in the North precinct and detectives in the South precinct. The Parks millage to be voted on in August is a renewal and addresses maintenance of existing parks. There have been no more sightings of the coyotes along Holly Way but none were caught. Mike Morofsky spoke to Murdoch Jimmerson in hopes that none of the animals would be killed and was told that the matter has been turned over to the police department. Randy Williams, past president, was at the meeting with wife Suzanne and said he was told by a Professor at MSU that the only way to get rid of them is to shoot them or cut off their food supply. The person that was feeding them has been told to stop. A'Lynne said the money to resurface the tennis courts at Elmhurst school has been appropriated but no contracts have been awarded so far.

Speaker: Mark Kriss, director of the City Rescue Mission explained that the mission is celebrating its 100th anniversary next year. He began working there 7 years ago as a volunteer. They are a Gospel Mission with 70 beds and served 90,000 meals last year with what he boasts is the "cleanest restaurant in Lansing". They are open to the general public every day of the year and are currently renovating the old Maplewood school on Cedar to serve as a women and children's shelter. They are largely staffed by men who live there. Their homeless clients increased by 15% this year and 17% are the working poor. Men are usually with them for 9 to 12 months with more residing there in the winter. Women and children are usually with them 3 to 4 months and there are more of them in the summer. They have a budget of \$1.4 million with 90% of the funds coming from donations, 5% from churches and another 5% from grants. They get no government

funding. He asked for prayers to help them in their mission. Anyone interested in volunteering can go to their website info@lcrm.org or call 517-485-0145 for information.

Area 1 Mike Morofsky – Mike reported poison ivy at 2518 Pattengil . A neighbor painted a warning on the fence to avoid it and was reported to the police for graffiti. There is concern that the moving of LPD patrol to the North precinct will hurt response time in our area and Mike expressed that at the precinct meeting. Sgt. K13 has retired and we wish him well. Lou Glatz reported that a white male on a bicycle with a tattoo around his neck was seen casing her neighborhood and is believed to have burglarized a home, taking a laptop and several guns.

Area 2 Mary Bechtol reports that there a lot of vacant houses in her area with some of the lawns being mowed by contractors. The house on Victor and Chatham is operating an illegal car repair shop and has now built a pigeon coop. Greg Scrimger will look into it.

County Commissioner: Vic Celentino says they are looking at a 6 to 7 million dollar shortfall in their budget. They will be having meetings all summer to address that. The city of Mason is taking over maintenance of Raynor Park. The Ingham County Fair is in August. They have approved selling beer at the fair this year which was opposed by 4H. Ingham county Sheriff will be patrolling to maintain safety. Primary elections are August 3rd for the CATA renewal and for the district Library. That is the same night as our annual picnic. On Mondays the admission to Hawk Island Park is free. Vic is still working with Eaton County road commission on repairing Waverly road.

Peg Mauby, from Capitol Area District Library, spoke about the importance of the millage renewal. Many favorable comments were made about the many services offered by the library.

Code Compliance: Greg Scrimger addressed some of the neighborhood concerns. He can be reached at 483-4464 if you have anything to report.

Dr. Graesser was presented with a banner congratulating him on practicing 50 years and explained the “P” diet (nothing beginning with the letter P)he gives to his patients.

Colonial Village Baptist church will be having a carnival on June 25th and an old car show on August 17th.

Anita gave a report on parks and mentioned that they are accessible for the disabled. There was a suggestion the Murdoch Jimmerson come to a meeting to answer questions on that. A drawing was held to give away free Lugnuts tickets. She also reminded us that we need candidates to come forward for the upcoming elections. There will be openings for all officers.

See you at the annual picnic on August 3rd. There will be free hot dogs, drinks and ice cream as well as the obstacle course for the kids. A dish to pass would be welcome. Come meet your neighbors and have a good time.