

**Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
(CVNA)
April 18, 2007**

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Anita Beavers, Secretary Thelma Dempsey and Area 1 Representative Michael Morofsky. Other Board members had commitments out-of-town. Twenty-nine members and guests attended the meeting including Josh Hovey, Special Assistant to the Mayor; Gregg Scrimger, Code Compliance Officer; Officer Kim, Lansing Police Department.

Lansing Police Department Report

Officer Walt Kim gave a report. The crime -mapping flier was not available. We continue to have a safe neighborhood. He will check on complaints regarding a low scooter speeding through the neighborhood. Neighbors reported a car driving fast continuously circling the Rock Way traffic circle. We were reminded to watch out for each other and to report suspicious activity.

Program

Gary Heilig from the MSU Extension Service gave us information about soil testing and lawn, flower and tree care. The following are reasons to test our soil: to determine plant nutrient needs, to learn the PH of the soil, to save money by knowing what products to buy, to protect water quality. Cost of soil testing is \$10 - \$12. Results may be available the same day or it may take up to two weeks depending on the work flow. The Extension Service has equipment available to borrow. Approximately two cups of soil are needed. Spring is the time to divide perennials and treat pre-emergence crab grass. Mr. Heilig distributed a brochure for an upcoming seminar on treatment of Japanese Beetles, grubs and moles. The session will be held on Wednesday, June 6th, 6:30 – 8:30 PM at St. Davids Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing, MI 48917. The program fee is \$20 per person. Contact information: Gary L. Heilig, Hilliard Building, 121 E. Maple, Mason, MI 48854. Phone: 676-7207 E-mail: Heilig @ msu.edu

Minutes

The March 21st meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Thelma Dempsey presented the monthly report. The current balance is \$388.67.

Committee/Project Reports

No reports.

President's Report

Anita Beavers thanked the members who volunteered to make the monthly calls to remind residents about monthly meetings and events. She asked that members consider becoming Board Members at the end of the year. Some Board Members will not be seeking re-election.

CVNA received a grant from the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Board for \$342 to help fund our annual picnic in August.

The semi-annual newsletters are ready to distribute. Volunteers are needed to help bundle and deliver.

The Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held Saturday, June 16th.

Vice President's Report

No report.

Area Representatives Report

Michael Morofsky reported that he is working on housing code issues with Greg Scrimger, City Code Compliance Officer.

City of Lansing Code Compliance

Gregg Scrimger gave a late report to the President.

Lansing City Council/Ingham County Commission

No report. Council/Commission members were required to attend another function.

Lansing City Mayor's Office

Josh Hovey, Special Assistant to the Mayor, reported on the following:

Brochure containing information on the new 211 phone number for linkage with human needs resources. This number is not yet available from cell or pay phones.

Letter Carriers Food Drive will be held Saturday, May 12th. Leave non-perishables you wish to donate by your mail box.

The Diversity Event will be held Saturday, May 19th at Eastern High School.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was contacted regarding Reid Machinery and the orange smoke in the air. It was determined by DEQ that the smoke was the result of cutting metal (iron oxide) which is non-toxic by DEQ standards. (Some neighbors continue to be concerned about this issue and are making additional contacts.)

The Mayor's Walk will be held on Saturday, June 2nd on the Lansing River Walk beginning at Potter Park and ending at the Dodge Turner House.

The Grand River Clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 21st and an I-496 Clean-up along St. Joe and Main Streets will be held on Sunday, April 22nd. Volunteers are needed for both events.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

There is a new postal regulation that prohibits letter carriers from leaving packages too large to fit in the mail box unless the resident is home to receive the package. If you wish to have packages left by your mail box, leave written permission for your letter carrier.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.