



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

April 20, 2005

Vice President Anne Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present were Mike Morofsky, Greg Kozak and Willie Vinson. Thirty-eight members and guests attended.

Lansing Police Department Report: Officer Jason Bock reported on neighborhood activities and provided an updated information map for review. A bike was stolen on Poxson. The young man was caught. Officer Bock also reminded everyone to be careful as it gets warmer and lock doors when outside, even when doing yard work, and the phone number, 483-4600, is also good for after 5 p.m. calls to the precinct. Residents were given an opportunity to report activities on their street and received suggestions for resolution of the problems. Resident at 1729 South Hollyway reported seeing homeless men living in the woods behind the Drop Forge property. These men were reported to jump the fences of the homes in the area for easy access to the street. Officer Bock was aware of the situation and reported that the property is privately owned. The owner is reported to have given permission for them to stay on the property. However, the owner has been asked to sign a trespass letter. Once signed, the police will be able to make arrests. The homeless have been given two days to vacate the property and given advice on where to go to get help.

Guest Speaker: Ron Lott, President of Lansing Park Board, said the current, 3 – 5 year park mileage will expire this year. The mileage is up for renewal in the August primary. They are not asking for an increase. The mileage is a five year mileage that will become effective in 2006 through 2010 and will amount to 1 mil (The same amount everyone is currently paying) Revenue will be used for maintenance of area/community-wide parks like Frances Park, The River Walk and neighborhood parks.

Mr. Lott addressed the rumor that Potter Park Zoo, South Washington Skate Park, and pool costs will go up this summer. He said that is a rumor. A decision has not been made.

Minutes: The February minutes were approved and placed on file with one correction. Craig Baylis's name was misspelled. It should be changed from Baylor to Baylis.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved and placed on file. The total budget today is \$564.04 and it includes a \$136.80 donation from Robert Dowding, Keller & Williams Realty.

Vice President Report: Anne Wilson thanked Brian Jeffries and other volunteers for providing treats and drinks. Anne read correspondence received, including a survey submitted by the Human Society pertaining to the survey of cats in the neighborhood.

President Report: Anita Beavers report was read by Anne Wilson.

Area One: Mike Morofsky reported all was quiet in his area.

Area Two: (Mt. Hope south to Victor and Pleasant Grove to Boston) CVNA is still seeking a volunteer to serve as Area Representative for this area.

Area Three: Greg Kozak one item pertaining to 3040 Boston Street – north side of the street

Committee Reports: Elmhurst Elementary School meeting. The school is looking forward to working with volunteers from the Association. They are short on parental support. Anne Wilson and Anita Beavers will attend the meeting. Need reading tutors and help for the safety patrols to help kids get safety across the street. One child was hit by a car recently. The Association is checking with AAA and community to purchase bright or orange/yellow slickers for the school.

Bylaws Committee - June Kenfield reported on the status of the Bylaws Committee. A meeting is scheduled to be held, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday night to discuss recommendations. A draft will be brought to the next meeting for review and discussion. A final copy will be provided the following month for a vote.

CVNA Newsletter – The May edition of the newsletter will soon be ready for delivery. Volunteers are needed to distribute the newsletter.

MOPS – Mothers of Preschoolers, at Grace United Methodist Church, are in need of childcare help. Call 482-5750 for additional information.

Lansing Relay For Life – The theme for this year’s Relay is, “Wild West.” CVNA has teamed up with Averill Woods, Lewton/Rich, Quentin Park and Sagamore Hills Associations as one team. The name of the new team is Southside Settlers in keeping with the Relay theme. The team is working on recruiting volunteers and sponsorships to provide supplies, food and support. The Southside Settlers will be offering foot prints and stars for \$1.00 donation and luminaries bags for a donation of \$10.00 to raise funds. A goal of \$2,300 has been set.

City Council: City Council members Brian Jeffries reported on the status of the City’s budget. They have until May 16 to address the \$7 mil short fall and pass the City’s ’06 budget. The City Council held two public meetings and another will be held on Monday night during the City Council Meeting. He said they still need to hear from citizens as to their priority for funding.

Randy Williams, 3rd Ward, reported a liquor license application has been submitted for a Holmes and Waverly Road. It is up for review and may be opposed. Another has been submitted for a Jolly and Waverly location. He also reported on the status of the Revitalization Study for the Holmes & Pleasant Grove and Martin Luther King and Holmes Road intersections. A preliminary report has been received from MSU Students and will be reviewed by the Board.

Ingham County Commission – Dale Copedge reported the River Trail will soon be connected to Hawk Island Park due to matching Federal money received.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM.