



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

February 21, 2007

Secretary Willie Vinson called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Willie announced that our meeting did not have a quorum present so we would not be voting on motions. She announced that President Anita Beavers was not present due to a death in the family; Vice President Anne Wilson was in Florida; Area Representatives Mary Bechtol and Greg Kozak had other commitments. Board members Thelma Dempsey and Michael Morofsky were introduced. Twenty-eight members and guests attended the meeting including Joe McDonald, Special Assistant to the Mayor, Dale Copedge Ingham County Commissioner and Gregg Scrimger, Code Compliance Officer.

Lansing Police Department Report

No report. No officers were available to attend our meeting.

City of Lansing Code Compliance

Gregg Scrimger reported that there are currently 561 red-tagged homes in the City of Lansing; 52 homes in the south Lansing area basically bordered by Moores River Drive, Waverly, Holmes and Washington. The City has instituted a new tagging system: red tags designate unsafe; yellow tags designate substandard; green tags designate utility problems. Joe McDonald gave examples of how issues have been resolved by linking owners with existing resources. Several landlords who have not complied after repeated warnings have been jailed.

Program

Our speaker was Janis Mason, Network Coordinator for Womenheart of Lansing. This organization is affiliated with the National Coalition of Women with Heart Disease headquartered in Washington, D.C. Janis shared her personal story of heart disease. Support groups are located at both Ingham Regional Medical Center and Sparrow Hospital. Sparrow provides blood pressure, cholesterol and triglyceride readings for \$10. Heart disease is the #1 killer of women. One half of the female population will die of heart disease. Janis discussed the risk factors and symptoms and emphasized that women's symptoms are more subtle than men's and are sometimes not diagnosed correctly. She supplied printed information available at our brochure table.

Minutes

The January 17th meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Thelma Dempsey presented the monthly report. The current balance is \$324.04.

President's Report

Willie Vinson thanked CVNA for nominating her for the Bea Christy Award. She gave information regarding the recognition event/dinner to be held on February 23rd at the Lansing Center. The event is open to the public. Tickets are available for \$16. This is an event organized by the Lansing Neighborhood Council to honor outstanding neighborhood volunteer efforts.

Willie passed sign-up sheets for committee involvement and emphasized that it takes all of us to make CVNA successful.

Vice President's Report

No report.

Area Representatives Report

Michael Morofsky reported that the Citgo Gas Station on Mt. Hope was robbed a week ago. Walks have not been shoveled at vacant houses on Boston Blvd. Joe McDonald will follow-up to determine who is responsible and see that the walks are cleared. Another safety concern is a woman in our area who has been running stop signs. If you see this happening, get her license plate number and report her to the Lansing Police Department.

Ingham County Commission

Dale Copedge announced that Matt Meyers is the new Ingham County Comptroller. There are eight candidates for the Fair Board Director position. Interviews are currently being held. The City of Lansing and Ingham County are close to an agreement on the future management and funding of the Potter Park Zoo.

Lansing City Mayor's Office

Joe McDonald gave a progress report on the formation of a Southside Community Center. The City of Lansing and the Lansing School District are working toward coordinating a site at Hill Center on Wise Road. Plans include a dedicated area in the building with its own entrance. Some re-tooling will need to be done to accommodate the proposed community center.

The beautification of Michigan Avenue will be 80% funded with Federal and State monies. A question was asked regarding the renaming of Michigan Avenue. Joe responded that Lansing leader and long-time volunteer Duane Vernon is proposing to rename Michigan Avenue "The Avenue of Michigan – Gateway to the Capitol". The change would be costly and at this point there is not adequate support for the change.

The "Neighborhoods in Bloom" project may be reinstated with neighborhoods having the opportunity to obtain at little or no cost flowers and plants for public areas.

The Point After restaurant on MLK has been sold. No details are available for release.

Kathy Dunbar is assisting with a survey to determine the shopping habits of residents on Lansing's southside to determine what products/services could be made available locally rather than spending our money in another part of the City.

Old Business/New Business

Willie described the duties of the CVNA President and commended Anita Beavers on her efforts. She also thanked Paul and June Kenfield for helping to set up and making coffee and Anne Wilson for the cookies served at the meeting.

Drawing

Dale Copedge won a \$10 gift certificate to Pizza Hut.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.