



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

February 15, 2006

Vice President, Anne Wilson presided over the meeting. She called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Other board members present were Mike Morofsky and Willie Vinson. Twenty-four members and guests were in attendance, including Jerry Hollister, Candidate for 68th District, who introduced himself and announced his candidacy to fill Virg Bernero's vacant seat.

Lansing Police Department Report: Officer Jason Bock provided CVNA with a Lansing Police Department Offense report map. The map included Moores River Dr to W. Holmes and Waverly to Martin Luther King Blvd. and included the following offenses for a two week period: One robbery, two burglaries, one larceny, and one - damage to property. Officer Bock suggested being a good witness and don't try to Intercede if you see a crime in progress. Notify police first.

Program: Donna Gardner, Director of Volunteer Services and Maureen Potter, Volunteer Services Manager at Ingham Regional Medical Center. The Chi Heart and Surgery Tower, now under construction, is expected to be completed by July 2007.

Ingham Medical volunteers provide 28 different services between two campuses. There are four categories: 1) Interact with patients, 2) Guest Services, 3) Support services such as clerical, filing, film library and 4) Minister to guests such as sew baby hats, blankets, etc. Within these categories, volunteers provide services for three gift shops; they sell popcorn in the cafeteria, drive courtesy coaches from parking lots to the hospital door, volunteer in admitting and the heart center. Volunteers must commit a minimum of 35 hours a year and purchase the required identification shirt or smock for a cost of \$20 - \$35. Volunteer opportunities are available 7 days a week and evenings.

Ingham Medical also has a guest house that provides a safe shelter with warm hospitality to people who have family and/or friends in the hospital. The Macree Guest House is staffed 24 hours a day by volunteers. The cost is \$36 a night.

Joan Bauer, City Council, said she has been a volunteer at Ingham Medical for a number of years and has found the experience to be very rewarding. She said the highest percent of volunteers come from the Colonial Village Neighborhood area.

Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the January meeting was postponed until the March meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Approval of the Treasurer's Report was postponed until the March meeting due to the lack of a quorum. Current balance as of today: \$622.29 + \$17.00 donations - \$29.02 Expenses = \$609.27.

Vice President Report: Anne Wilson thanked Michael Morofsky for bringing treats. She announced that the Bea Christy Awards dinner is scheduled for February 24 at the Lansing Center. Grace United Methodist Church collects food items each month.

Anne announced that she has been a volunteer at Elmhurst Elementary School and PTA. The PTA had a dance Friday to raise money for computers. Their goal is to raise \$21,000. They are seeking donations. They are also collecting Box Tops for Education as a fund raiser. She also said that Ann Granger, Art Teacher, need adult volunteers to help in her class.

President Report: Due to illness, Anita Beavers was absent from the meeting. Her report was included in the Vice President's report.

Area One: Mike Morofsky provided Lansing City Income Tax forms and reported that a coyote was reported seen near Hollyway Park. He also said due to a phone call he is working with Ingham County Road Commission, Public Service, and Lansing City Council pertaining to ice on the sidewalk and the Waverly Bridge.

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 was absent.

City Council: Carol Woods, Joan Bauer and Randy Williams were in attendance from the Lansing City Council. Carol Woods reminded CVNA members of the general election on March 14th to elect a replacement for Virg Benero's position. Two forums will be held pertaining to the City's budget: February 22 at Foster and February 23 at the Pleasant Grove Elementary School. The Mayor plans to present the budget to the Council on March 27th for discussion. The CSO project is scheduled to begin on Michigan Avenue soon. Michigan will become one-way from Clara's Restaurant passed the railroad east to Pennsylvania. The east intersection of Cedar and Michigan will be closed for three months.

Joan Bauer reported that the Barat Company; the largest Forge in the world, is planning a \$7 Million investment in the area. Barat will be doing business with GM. The Federal Forge presses will continue to produce. She thanked CVNA for helping the Council decide on the City's Recycling issues.

Randy Williams reported that he and Carol Wood are members of an Adhoc Redevelopment Committee in partnership with the South Lansing Business Association. He also said the South Side Community Center delivered a report that included a center in West Lansing and one in Southeast Lansing. The Committee is looking into the report and seeking public/private funding. They are hopeful it will get done via the partnership.

Council members wanted CVNA members to know that they were working cooperatively with each other and the Mayor's office in spite of what is being printed in the newspapers.

Michael Morofsky asked the Council about the issue of a raised intersection carried over from last year. Carol Wood of the Council said they don't have enough money at this time. However, as soon as money is available for traffic calming this and other items will be taken care of because they are already approved.

Ingham County Commission: Dale Copedge dropped by and left a ticket to the Bea Christy Award Ceremony. He said he would not be able to remain at the meeting and wanted to donate his ticket to anyone who may wish to attend the Ceremony. Victor Celentino came by and left copies of the 2005-06 Ingham County Directory. He said if CVNA members had any issues for the Commission to please contact him.

Announcements:

March 14, 2006 - General Election

June 17, 2006 - Annual neighborhood garage sale

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next regular meeting will be held March 15, 2006.