



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

February 16, 2005

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present were Anne Wilson, Thelma Dempsey, Mike Morofsky, and Greg Kozak and Willie Vinson. Forty-one members and guests attended.

Lansing Police Department Report: Five LPD officers attended the meeting including Officers Jason Bock, Sarah Noland, and Lt. Craig Baylor. A print-out showing activity in the neighborhood that warranted police response was distributed. Officer Bock reported a robbery incident on Cooper Street. Patrols have been stepped up in the area. Teenagers were caught shop lifting merchandise from L&L Food Center and thanks to members of the Neighborhood Watch all were arrested. Lt Craig Baylor reported in place of Captain Lawrence. He suggested neighborhood information can be found on the LPD Web Site along with other misc. information such as the Police volunteer program and citizen's patrol. There is also an area for submitting area problems and where historic information can be easily found. The Web Site is www.lansingpolice.com. Pat Hayden, Officer Hayden's wife wrote a book called, "*About the Badge*" which contains good information about Lansing.

Guest Speaker: Officer *Robert Tucker*, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, monitors all Neighborhood Watches in Lansing and works directly with Watch Captains. He explained the difference between activities of Neighborhood Associations and Neighborhood Watch Programs. While working cooperatively together, Neighborhood Watch Programs handles smaller individual problems while Associations handle larger problems that have an impact on the community at large. Neighborhood Watch window and street signs are available. Anyone interested in reenacting or starting a Neighborhood Watch should contact him at the South Precinct (517) 483-4469 or (517) 483-4600. Email: rtucker@ci.lansing.mi.us

Minutes: The January minutes were approved and placed on file.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved and placed on file. Current balance is \$437.13. Income \$27.00 + \$94.20 transfer of Beautification Grant. Expenses \$50.00 (Donation to American Red Cross for Tsunami Relief)

Vice President Report: Anne announced the nomination of Evelyn Bush (Evie) for the Bea Cristy Award. This annual award for outstanding neighborhood volunteers will be held at the Lansing Center February 18th. Evie has been a treasured member of CVNA. Some Board members will attend the dinner to support Evie. Anne will attend a seminar, Power of We, put on by the Ingham County Health Department. They are interested in establishing community liaison to share information. The result of the meeting will be reported at the next CVNA meeting.

President Report: Anita announced receiving the following: A petition from Oldham reference South Side Community Center; In-home Health Care Flyer; Reo Newsletter; A notice from the Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development Committee. The notice pertained to MSU students doing a study at the corners of Holmes and Pleasant Grove, Holmes and Waverly for development purposes.

The American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, will be held again this year. The Association is looking for a Chair to coordinate efforts. The dates are: June 25 and 26, 2005.

Area One: Mike Morofsky continues to work on code violations. He referenced his on-going problem with Woodbine and Marion Street Traffic Calming measures and volunteered to assist residents in Area 2 in the absence of an Area 2 representative.

Area Two: We need an area rep. Please call Anita if you would like to volunteer.

Area Three: Greg Kozak reported he had not been contacted pertaining to any problems in his area. If neighbors encounter problems contact Greg at (517) 887-2901.

Committee Reports: June Kenfield reported a committee of five have been formed to review and revise CVNA's By Laws. Christmas bows have been removed.

City Council: City Council members Carol Wood, Randy Williams and Brian Jeffries were in attendance. Carol Wood announced that all Bea Christie nominees are invited to attend City Council meeting on February 28. A public hearing will be held on 3/7/05 to discuss a five year plan for parks department. Topics will include Parks, Community Centers and River Walk. March 7th. Randy Williams announced that the Lansing School District added Wainright School to the list of schools slotted to be closed. City Council issued a resolution to delay the decision until 3/17 to give Wainright parents the same opportunity as other schools to make comments. Brian Jeffries announced a Revitalization Project meeting has been scheduled for March 10 and that the following two new neighborhood groups have started: Foster & Oak Park.

The City Council is also looking into safety issues concerning unconnected sidewalks. The primary area of concern in this neighborhood is Pleasant Grove to Holmes. \$100,000 has been redirected to the MLK corridor for new business development. MSU is doing a study of the following areas: Holmes & Pleasant Grove, Holmes & Waverly and Holmes & Jolly Road.

Legislative Update: Joe McDonald of Virg Bernaro's office brought a supply of the new Michigan Travel Magazines for distribution. He reported on several house bills: 1) Boarded red tag houses process 2) Kevin's Law (Mental Health Law) passed 3) Worker's Rights Bill newly introduced.

South Lansing Community Development Center Report: Kathie Dunbar announced that Family Fun Day will be held 3/12/05 from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Hill Center. CVNA members were invited to come and enjoy the free food and vendors. "Taste of the South Side" an event planned, 5/6/05 from 5 – 8p.m., at Hill Center. The cost is \$1.00 for adults and free for children. Many South Lansing food vendors have agreed to participate. Ribbon cutting ceremony for a new business, Trish's Fashions, 4500 Holmes & Martin Luther King Blvd. Plaza is scheduled March 4th.

Code Compliance: Greg Scrimger continues to monitor for code violations. Call him if you have concerns.

County Commission Report: Dale Copedge attended meeting.

Neighborhood News and Announcements: Anita Beavers announced that the North Precinct was collecting funds for the little Buckner girl that was recently killed on Saginaw Street. Mike Morofsky suggested the Association support the Precinct's request and make a donation to the Buckner Family Children. June Kenfield made a motion that was seconded and passed to donate \$25.00 to the fund.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held the weekend of June 25 & 26 at Eastern High school. The Kick Off of the event will be March 23.

CVNA President received a copy of Reo Newsletter and a petition from Oldham reference the South Side Community Center.

Door Prize Winner: Mary Ann Wilford – Gift Certificate from Subway

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.