



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

January 16, 2008

President, Anita Beavers, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other board members in attendance were Mike Morofsky, Mary Bechtol, Evelyn Bush, Thelma Dempsey and Willie Vinson. Forty-nine CVNA members and guests attended the meeting, including Carol Wood and A'Lynn Robinson, Lansing City Council; Josh Hovey, Staff Assistant, Mayor's Office; Victor Celentino and Dale Copedge, Ingham County Commission.

Lansing Police Department Report: Officer Jason Bock and his co-worker Officer Trevor Arnold attended the meeting and reported on activities in the area. A map of the area between Moores River Drive & Holmes Rd. and Pleasant Grove to Martin Luther King Blvd. showed two robberies and eight burglaries. All in all, Officer Bock said the CVNA area looked pretty good. He reported that the recent burglary that took place on Hollyway was still being investigated. It appears two men, dressed in hooded sweat shirts (one dark one silver in color) driving a black SUV drove up in the drive way, jumped the fence into the back yard and entered the house through an open French door. The owner had left the back door unlocked by mistake. The incident was witnessed by a neighbor who called the police. The witness was unable to describe the burglars due to the hooded shirt they wore. The police responded quickly and secured the house before the owner returned. Only one item was taken (a big screen TV).

Program: Ken Szymusiak, Director of South and Outer Core Lansing, Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) of the City of Lansing was guest speaker. He reported: Power Station is now on-line and there has been significant investment in the area under the industrial category. Barns Aero Space with 57 new positions and eight Mil investment; S&S Tool and Die has relocated into south Lansing; Cool Solutions Tech. builds cooling systems has moved into the area; and X-G Sciences has moved into the Quality Dairy Complex on S. Washington St. Lansing is the only area in Michigan that posted job gains in 2006. The LEDC is working with small business owners, Small Business Development Assoc, Micro Enterprise and others to help small business owners find financing and be successful. Lansing offers tax breaks on new investments only. After his presentation, Ken responded to questions from the audience.

Minutes: November 21, 2007 meeting minutes were accepted as presented. No December meeting was held due to the holidays.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Thelma Dempsey reported that the balance from the last meeting was \$344.19. Current balance is \$443.19 which included \$249.00 donations and adjustment from 12/12/06 and expenses of \$150.00. The report was accepted as presented.

Vice President Report: Evelyn Bush, Vice President, and Immediate Past Vice President Anne Wilson thanked everyone for participating in the Holiday Lighting Contest and presented prizes to the winners. See attachment for photos. First prize went to John and Nancy Norris, who have lived on Mt. Hope for 29 years. Their sleigh and Santa have delighted children and adults for many years. Second went to Fred and Susan Skidmore who live on the corner of Peggy Place and Hollyway. Third place went to Jon and Marion Wilford on Peggy Place and fourth place went to Frank and Kaye Siwek on Pattengill.

President Report: Anita Beavers

CVNA needs volunteers to help on various committees. The telephone calling committee, the refreshment committee and other committees are in need of helpers. Call 882-1500 to volunteer. Anne Wilson and Anita Beavers volunteered to serve food to police officers who worked Christmas Eve., 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the South Precinct. Thirty-five LPD and 2 Ingham County Sheriffs were served. Anne Wilson continues to work on a few committees. The Southside Community Center Research Committee is moving ahead according to plan and Elmhurst School is planning a dance February 8. Volunteers are needed. Contact Sue Saltzman at Elmhurst School.

A new store, Hidden Treasures, on Pennsylvania Street will hold their grand opening first week in February.

Area One: Michael Morofsky, Area Representative, distributed copies of an updated calling list. He spoke of a law enacted last year that he referred to as a castle doctrine pertaining to protecting your property. He was interested in getting additional information. He reported that a house on Gordon had a lien on the property, but everything else appeared to be quiet.

Area Two: Mary Bechtol, Area Representative, reported all was quiet in Area Two.

Area Three: Vacant – to volunteer contact Anita Beavers – 882-1500.

Lansing City Council – Carol Woods reported: The Lansing City Snow Clearing Ordinance requires snow/ice be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours. Tickets will be issued. Residents who may need assistance can contact the City. Noise Ordinance: If noise can be heard across or outside property lines it is in violation of the Noise Ordinance. This also applies to construction. The State of the City Address will be January 30, 6:00 p.m. with speech beginning at 7:00 p.m. Hill Auditorium on Wise Road. The Ruth Hallman's Birthday with Chili and Soup Birthday Party to benefit neighborhoods and the Lansing Police Department, "Problem Solving Overtime Fund" will also be held January 30, 2008 noon to 6:30 p.m. at IBEW 665, 5205 Pennsylvania. Suggested donation amount is \$10.00. New Council members have received their assignments. Brian Jeffries is President and Derrick Quinney is Vice President.

A'Lynn Robinson will serve on the inter governmental committee. She will hold meetings to discuss issues unique to neighborhoods foreclosure issues. CVNA members are invited to attend. Meetings will be held the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Homes Road strip mall. Owner of the mall has donated meeting space for the committee.

Ingham County Commission – Victor Celentino reported new officers and committees have been assigned. Also, the Lansing Airport now has several non-stop flights. The Juvenile Justice committee is seeking two representatives to attend meetings.

Lansing City Mayor's Office – Josh Hovey, Staff Assistant to the Mayor announced the Mayor's State of the City, Save the City, will be held at Hill on Wise Road January 30. Refreshments will begin at 6 p.m. and speech at 7:00 p.m. It will be broadcast live on WILX, Channel 10. The Mayor has created Community Partners in Health. He challenged other Mayors to a fitness challenge. He invited the community to join him at 9:00 a.m. south entrance near Panara's Rest. to walk the mall. The winner will receive \$3,500 toward a fitness center or park.

Topic for the next meeting program will be Neighborhood Watch Program.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50 PM.