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## Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes July 18, 2007

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On July 18, 2007, President Anita Beavers called for the Pledge of Allegiance and invited everyone to enjoy the ice cream, cup cakes, and brownies while an informal meeting was called to order. Board members Anne Wilson, Thelma Dempsey, Michael Morofsky, Mary Bechtol and Willie Vinson were present. Thirty members and guests were in attendance. Also in attendance were Carol Wood and Bill Matt, Lansing City Council; A'Lynn Robinson, Lewton Rich Neighborhood Association; Victor Celentino, Ingham County Commissioner; and Greg Schrimger, Code Compliance Officer. Refreshments were provided by June Kenfield, Evie Bush, Anne Wilson, and Mary Bechtol.

A brief meeting was conducted prior to the Ice Cream Social. Minutes of the June 20 meeting were accepted as presented and CVNA's Treasurer Thelma Dempsey presented the monthly report. The current balance is \$377.73 which includes a \$50.00 donation from Council member Carol Wood.

**President's Report** — Anita Beavers reminded everyone about the Picnic – Tuesday, August 7, 2007 – (6 – 8 p.m.) at Elmhurst School on Pattengill and Gordon Ave. Contact June Kenfield (517) 882-2983 or Anita Beavers (517) 882-0015 for additional information and to volunteer:

- Picnic is free; however, donations will be accepted. Approximately 200 – 250 attended in the past.
- Need volunteers to help set up, clean up, provide dishes to pass or make donations to cover expenses
- New this year will be the City's Obstacle Course

**Vice President's Report** — Anne Wilson reported that Bill Matt, City Council, invited Colonial Village to join other Ward 3 Neighborhood Associations in the July 4 parade downtown. Everyone received a T-shirt with wording, "Ward 3 & Loving it." They walked and chanted this slogan. Representing CVNA was Anne Wilson and Anita Beavers who joined the parade. They had a great time.

**Area Representatives Reports** — Area 1 Representative Michael Morofsky said in addition to working on a few code compliance issues with Mr. Schrimger, he met with the Mayor and Mr. Ambrose, the Mayor's representative, pertaining to three area Railroad crossings that need repair. He was referred to the Public Service Committee, chaired by Kathy Dunbar. He plans to meet with Ms Dunbar soon. Michael is also looking into a problem with the yield sign located on Lenore and Pattengill and weeds growing up in front of the AT&T building.

Mary Bechtol, Area 2 Representative, reported she has a very good area. No complaints or problems reported to her.

Area 3 Representative, Greg Kozak, resigned from the board. The Board is looking for a replacement. The area is located south of Victor and includes Holly Park.

**Ingham County Commission** — Victor Celentino mentioned the increase in animal abuse cases in our community. Animal Control is being inundated with complaints. Ingham County is working with Karen Chadwick, Animal Control, to rectify the situation. He is chair of the finance division and they are working on the County budget.

**Lansing City Council & Mayor's Office** — Carol Wood said she can't attend CVNA's picnic because she is running for re-election to the City Council. She updated the Association on the poor working conditions of the Lansing City Police new radios. She also reminded everyone that she is running for re-election.

Bill Matt, Lansing City Council, is still working on Lansing's Housing and parking ordinances. The Housing ordinance has to do with rentals, landlords, property and licensing. Sixty percent of the red tagged houses are for sale and/or managed by the bank. He will continue to keep the Association up to date on these issues.

**Announcements** — A'Lynn Robinson, Lewton-Rich Neighborhood Association board member, introduced herself and announced she was running for Lansing City Council Third Ward.

**Code Compliance Officer** - Greg Schrimger reported he continues to work with CVNA Area Representatives on complaints pertaining to grass and weeds cutting issues and Railroad crossing repairs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. everyone was encouraged to stay and enjoy the ice cream social.