



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

July 19, 2006

President, Anita Beavers called the meeting to order. Other board members present were Mike Morofsky, Thelma Dempsey and Willie Vinson. Twenty-two members and guests were in attendance, including Randy Williams and Joan Bauer of the Lansing City Council; Victor Celentino, Ingham County Commission; and Greg Scrimger, Code Compliance Officer.

Lansing Police Department Report: Officer Jason Bock's report included the month's offense map. For the area boarded by Moores River Dr. to Holmes Rd. and Martin Luther King to Waverly, the map showed one burglary and six damage to property. He also said they are investigating seven larceny and damage to vehicles that occurred in one day. A window was left open at Elmhurst School and kids got in. When questioned, the kids said they went in to get cool with air conditioning, but actually that didn't fly when it was noted the kids had pencils and school supplies. In response to a question, Officer Bock said Lansing's curfew is still in effect. 11 p.m. for 13 – 14 year olds, 12 p.m. for 15 – 16 year olds. No curfew for 17 year olds to adult. Accidents are up. Usually happens when warm weather arrives.

A tip sheet, with helpful information, pertaining to how to call the police, which number to call, and when to call was distributed. The 9-1-1 system is designed to handle life threatening emergencies (fire, accident, etc.); Medical emergencies (injuries, heart attacks, choking, etc.); Crimes in Progress (burglaries, fights, etc.) The non-emergency number for the Lansing Police Department is (517) 483-4600, then press #1, 2" on your touch-tone phone. Use this number when you need to report something that is not an emergency. Examples of non-emergency calls include: bicycle stolen sometime during the previous night, a minor accident where no one is injured, to report a parking complaint.

Program: The program speaker was Jack Hill, Lansing's Board of Water and Light, Environmental Health and Safety. He explained how different the Board of Water & Light (BWL) was compared to the privately owned companies like Consumers Energy or Detroit Edison. It is small in comparison, it is publicly owned, The authority to operate comes from the Lansing City Charter, that establishes the BWL as an administrative board of the city, charged with the full and exclusive management of the water, heat, steam, and electric services for the city. All revenues come from rates, not taxes. There are a lot of benefits, but they all come down to three basics: Rates, Reliability and Service. Rates are lower, profits are returned to the community and spurs economic development. BWL service is more reliable and compact service territory means faster restoration. Service is more responsive and they reflect the community's values.

He said the Public utility ownership has served our city well since 1885 and they look forward to continuing that tradition into the future. An electric rate hearing seeking a 1.5% increase in electric rates which equals \$.57 to the average person. Their overall goal is to stay 18% lower than Consumer's Energy. He also reported on lead in water project. The problem is greatest after water sits in the pipes 6 – 8 hours. Okay if run water 3 or 4 minutes before using.

Calls reporting power outage goes into a national database. If you feel you're the only one out of power call because it gives the company an idea how great an area is affected.

Minutes: Minutes were approved and accepted with one correction. Quinton Park should be spelled Quentin Park Neighborhood Association.

Treasurer's Report: Thelma Dempsey presented the budget. Previous balance \$558.12 + \$33.15 income – (\$7.80 + \$50.80) expenses = current balance \$532.67. Minutes were approved and accepted.

President Report: Anita Beavers thanked the flower committee. She said mulch is in and the flower beds are looking good. However, the committee still needs volunteers to help. Janet Anderson was thanked for her help and for creating an information card that explained the garden project. Anita reported on the status of the annual picnic and requested volunteers to help. Workers are still removing asbestos from Elmhurst School, however, they should be finished by the picnic on August 1. \$100 worth of gift certificates have been donated toward Prizes.

Area One: Michael Morofsky demonstrated a radio that could be used during power failures. It has a light and generates its own power because it is operated by a crank. He purchased it from a Catalog and can be found at camping supply stores. Michael reported seeing graffiti spray painted on basket ball courts and reported it to the Police. Kids were last seen there at dusk. He also reported cars on Boston parking in the crossing.

Area Two: Area Rep. Position vacant.

Area Three (Areas of Colonial Village south of Victor): No unusual activity.

City Council: Joan Bauer, suggested that she and Randy Williams were available to help when problems occur. Give either of them a call. She also reported on the status of the golf course public hearings. Each hearing was attended by 50-60 people. Citizens voted overwhelmingly, 400 – 2 not to sell Waverly or Red Cedar Golf Courses. The City Council supports regionalism for the Zoo and voted to place on the ballot.

Randy Williams said litigation is on-going with the Radisson. They are challenging value of property. The Lansing City Council is working with lawyers and the Radisson on this situation. Randy reported on recent police department changes. Team 10 will be affected as they will be losing four more officers to schools and the area will be larger. Subpoenas are being delivered by cadets instead of officers.

The Recent power outage should remind us to be prepared and keep food and a few gallons of water available for emergency. He also said that there has been an increase in gang activity in the City. If you see graffiti , report it to 483-gangs. They are documenting and tracking activity.

Ingham County Commission - Victor Celentino said he received a letter of intent from the Mayor pertaining to placing regionalism of the Zoo on the ballot. There is a deadline of August 22. Waverly Road from Lansing Road north will be resurfaced. Saginaw to Willow has already been resurfaced. Discussions are being revitalized pertaining to regionalizing the airport. He also asked for support in the upcoming elections.

Drawing:

The winner of the drawing was Greg Scrimger, Code Compliance Officer

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 PM. .