



## Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA) July 16, 2008

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other board members in attendance were Evelyn Bush, Michael Morofsky, Mary Bechtol, Thelma Dempsey & Willie Vinson. Twenty-eight CVNA members and guests attended the meeting including, City Council members Carol Wood, Kathy Dunbar, and A'Lynne Robinson, Greg Schrimger, Code Compliance Officer; Sarah Nolen, Police Department Neighborhood Watch & Officer Jason Bock.

**Program:** Program Speaker: Kathy Johnson, Head Librarian, Capitol Area District Library (CADL). The City of Lansing, Ingham County Board of Commissioners combined the Lansing School District and District Library to form the current Capitol Area District Library. The current downtown location was not originally intended to house a library and there are serious infrastructure problems. It is not large enough and they don't have enough space for new books, training rooms (computer training & internet classes), meeting space for group meetings. The CADL lacks the funding to make necessary changes. A mileage combined with private funding is expected to pay for much needed changes. A mileage proposal (\$94 mil) has been included on the August 5 ballot and they are asking for CVNA member support. This mil equals \$46 a year more for a \$100,000 home.

Future plans include five new locations, building renovations, new computers, and new furniture. The downtown location will receive a new building. The Mayor and the City Council are looking for a site big enough. The Impression Five Museum will be located in the same space. The South Lansing building will expand to double size; Foster will receive renovations and new furniture; Meridian, Mason, Williamston will receive a new buildings.

**Minutes:** June minutes were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted: Income \$361.16, expenses \$250.56, Current balance \$939.91.

**Committee/Project Reports:** Anita Beavers reported there will be no August CVNA meeting due to the Annual CVNA's picnic. It will be held August 5 beginning at 6 p.m. She presented a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

**President's Report:** Anita Beavers reported on the status of CVNA's neighborhood sign. The sign was damaged during the recent storm. It was repaired, but now needs to be replaced because it has gone missing. A police report was made. Price bids have been taken from three companies. A new sign will be purchased thanks to an anonymous donation of \$500, a \$300 grant from the Lansing City Community Use Fund, and CVNA.

Craig Young's wife Sandra passed away a week ago Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations go to Colonial Village Neighborhood Association. Sandra was very fond of flowers & gardening. In her honor, the Association voted to have a plaque placed in one of the flower beds that the Association maintains.

### **Area Representatives Reports:**

**Area One Representative** Michael Morofsky reported a problem getting the grass mowed. The SBC Ameritech building is only being mowed bi-monthly. It is no longer being mowed weekly. He has reported this and other problems to Greg Schrimger, the Code Compliance Officer. Michael also mentioned that nothing has been reported on the shooting that took place on Lenore. He said his neighbor has recovered.

**Area Two Representative** Mary Bechtol reported that after the recent storm, she noticed the increase of a strange looking bug she could not identify. She contacted Irene Cahill, MSU Extension, who told her to catch a bug and she would come look at it. It was identified as a European Chafer. A hand out (MSU CAT Alert) is available at MSU.

**Area Three Representative** position is still open. CVNA is seeking a volunteer to fill this position.

### **Lansing City Council:**

Carol Wood said the City Market Complex issue will be discussed at the Monday night Council meeting.

- Grant process allows for redevelopment & clean-up of contaminated sites. They will move the grant further ahead to Development and Planning. Hearing - August 4. A copy of development agreement is on line.
- Market's move to Lou Adado Park
- Call or send a letter encourage administration to make sure properly cared for – funding for snow/lawn mowing important.
- The Council is supposed to have an opinion from City Attorney on Golf Courses soon.

A'Lynne Robinson reported on the status of storm debris pick up. She said standing water issues also addressed and resolved. Call 517 483 4191 if have a problem that is not being resolved; Grant money approved for construction/renovations at Francis Park; Still working on cell tower ordinance. The plan will rule on how/where to place cell towers. She also thanked everyone for participating in the neighborhood-wide garage sale and announced the next 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday meeting will be held August 9 (10 am – noon). She also updated everyone on the Davis Park plan.

### **Ingham County Commission Reports:**

**South Lansing Community Development Association:** Kathy Dunbar, representing SLCDCA distributed a brochure, "Discover Lansing", which will be distributed to all tourist areas, convention centers and realtors for open houses, etc.

### **Neighborhood Watch:**

### **New Business:**

MSHDA (Michigan State Housing Development Association) is offering low interest home improvement loans to single-family homeowners for replacing a roof, installing new siding, adding insulation, replacing a furnace, installing a ramp, remodeling a kitchen. No income limit.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.