



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

June 21, 2006

President, Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM. Other board members present were Mike Morofsky, Craig Kozak, Anne Wilson, Thelma Dempsey and Willie Vinson. Thirty-one members and guests were in attendance, including Carol Wood, City Council; Officer Jason Bock; Kathy Dunbar, City Council and Director, South Lansing Community Development; Dale Copedge, Ingham County Commission; Joe McDonald, Mayor's Office; and Greg Scrimger, Code Compliance Officer, were also in attendance.

Lansing Police Department Report: Officer Jason Bock provided the Association with a copy of the Lansing Police Department Offense map for the period of May 13 – June 13, 2006. The map showed the following offenses for the area of Moores River Drive to W. Holmes Rd between Martin Luther King Blvd and Pleasant Grove: Assault – 1, Burglary – 1, Larceny – 8, Damage to Property – 3, MultiCrime – 2. Officer Bock cautioned neighbors to be careful and close garage doors and keep doors locked because more people are out due to the warm weather and not all of them can be trusted. He asked residents to remember that if fireworks leaves the ground and make excessive noise, they are illegal. If caught it is a misdemeanor and there is a \$500 fine. Kids must be accompanied by a parent if lighting fireworks. He asked for help. He said if you notice anything that does not seem right, report it to the police.

Program:

Gary Kregelka, Attorney with Bodwin and Fuzak, was unable to attend the meeting due to illness in his family. The Wills and Trusts discussion will be rescheduled at a later date.

Minutes: The Association voted to approve the minutes of the May meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Thelma Dempsey read the treasurer's reports. Current balance as of today is \$558.12. Donations received: \$210.25. Expenditures: \$313.65. Expenditures included the purchase of a two sided sign to advertise the annual picnic and garage sale and the printing of the May Newsletter.

Vice President Report: Anne Wilson thanked Michael Morofsky and L & L for refreshments. L & L wanted to let everyone know that Zoo Days are coming and asked members of CVNA to support the Zoo. The Annual CVNA picnic is scheduled to be held August 1, 2006 on the patio of Elmhurst School on the corner of Pattengill and Gordon Avenue. Volunteers are needed. The Association is still waiting to hear from the Board of Water and Light for bottled water donation. Although school is out, the PTA is still collecting Box Tops for Education. The next turn in will be October. Currently asbestos is being removed from the school; however, the work is expected to be completed by the picnic and/or the primary.

President Report: Anita Beavers thanked all the volunteers who help distribute the CVNA's newsletter. The annual garage sale weekend took place this past weekend. A two sided banner was purchased which will serve two purposes. One side will advertise the garage sale and the other side will advertise the picnic. The banner was placed on the corner of Mt. Hope and Martin Luther King Blvd. The two sided banner is re-useable year after year.

Quentin Park Neighborhood Association also participated in the neighborhood garage sale. The Quinton Park homeowners who participated gave CVNA \$2.00 each to help with expenses of advertising and the banner. The Association president informed CVNA that ten households participated. Two of those homeowners received bad checks that turned out to be stolen. Both incidents were reported to the police.

Area One: Mike Morofsky said he has been successful in working with the Code Compliance Officer to take care of a few code compliance issues, such as uncut grass, at boarded up houses in his area and graffiti on the gas station. Contact him if you have questions or issues to discuss.

Area Two: (Mt. Hope south to Victor and Pleasant Grove to Boston) CVNA is still seeking a volunteer to serve as Area Representative for this area.

Area Three (Areas of Colonial Village south of Victor): Greg Kazak apologized for his absence at previous meetings due to illness. His area has been pretty quiet with the exception of uncut grass at a few foreclosed homes. He is working with the code compliance officer. Greg, Anne and Anita attended the Liquor Control meeting to contest the request for liquor license at the 1910 Meat Market on Holmes and Pleasant Grove. After a visit to the store, however, he has changed his mind. Even though the façade

has not been changed, he feels the store has been cleaned up and changed on the inside. It is a full service grocery store with fruits, vegetables, fresh cut meats, and a variety of ethnic foods. Greg encouraged everyone to stop by the store to check it out. He said the liquor license issue can be revisited during the next CVNA meeting.

City Council: Carol Wood, Lansing City Council, said there will be two public forums on golf. The two forums will be held: Red Cedar Golf Course - June 28, 2006 (7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.) at the Foster Community Center, Room 213, 200 N. Foster, Lansing, Michigan and the Waverly Golf Course – June 29, 2006 (7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.) at UAW 652, Auditorium, 426 Clare St., Lansing, Michigan. Carol also reported on the status of CSO project and economic development since the end of 2005 – 2006 which has developed 1462 new jobs and has kept 800 existing jobs. She asked everyone to support Common Ground which is coming up soon and reported on the changes to the Hollister Building.

Ingham County Commission: Dale Copedge gave an update on the Zoo Task Force. The Task Force is looking at several options for the Zoo: Regionalism with Delta and Eaton Counties, Mileage on the ballot and raise non-resident prices. Dale also reported that the paving of Waverly Road has been moved up three years from the railroad tracks to St. Joseph and Saginaw to Willow.

South Lansing Neighborhood Council: Kathy Dunbar, Director, gave CVNA an update on the economic development taking place in the Holmes and Pleasant Grove area. Here reported included statistics that were compiled on the demographics of the area, the home owner rates and leakage factor (money being spent outside the area because stores and services not readily available.) The statistical survey showed a need for (1) a full service restaurant, (2) A grocery store and (3) a fresh fruit and vegetable market in the area. Changes in the area include: The Bad Habits store, located on the corner of Holmes and Pleasant Grove, has been sold. The new owners are cleaning up the store. Also, the pool hall is closed and the location has been converted to a fresh fruits and vegetable store. Stop by and check it out. The owners of Ida's BBQ plan to rehab and re-open in the same location.

Kathy also announced that Hill Vocational School Print Shop has an agreement with the Neighborhood Council and is willing to print newsletters and other items for a reasonable price.

Committee/Project Reports

The neighborhood flower committee and Julie Koelsch, Chair, has been successful in obtaining donations from Smith Floral, VanPeenans Hyacinth House, Shirley Schram and other individual donations of flowers and money. The Board thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and complimented them on the beautiful and colorful traffic circles and traffic islands they created. Information cards were created by Janet Anderson. Cards were distributed to neighbors and people in cars who stopped to question volunteers as they did their work. The card contains information on how to volunteer to help with the beautification committee.

Announcements:

Joe McDonald, Special Assistant, Office of the Mayor, thanked Dale Copedge for the excellent work he is doing on the Zoo Task Force and extended accolades to Greg Scrimger, Code Compliance Officer for his excellent work he has been doing with red tagged houses in the area. He also announced that the Lansing City Market has a few new vendors.

John Artis, Jr. introduced himself and announced his candidacy for Ingham County 6th District County Commissioner.

Dylan and Lisa Greer invited the membership to a "choose your own neighbor" open house. He said he and his wife flip houses and they wanted to give the neighborhood an opportunity to choose their new neighbors. For information go to: www.fsbomichigan.com.

Drawing:

There were two drawings. Thanks were given to Carol Wood, City Council Member, who donated tickets to two Lugnut games (four tickets each). Drawing winners were: Pat Zud and Willie Vinson.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 PM. .