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## Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

*March 16, 2005*

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President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present were Anne Wilson, Thelma Dempsey, Mike Morofsky, Greg Kozak and Willie Vinson. Thirty-eight members and guests attended.

Lansing Police Department Report: Det. Sgt. Linda Doherty-Wright and Officer Jason Bock reported that surveillance has been increased in the Cooper Street area as a result of the robbery that took place there last month. Officers on duty are working with the Cooper Street residents to capture the assailant. Sgt. Wright thanked neighbors for their support and announced she recently received a promotion. Her replacement, Sarah Noland, is on sick leave and Sgt. Wright or Officer Bock will continue to attend meetings until Officer Noland returns. There appeared to be a disagreement between Michael Morofsky and Sgt. Wright which surfaced during the meeting. Because it was of a personal nature, they will resolve the issue and keep it separate from Council meetings.

Guest Speaker: Jamie McAloon Lampman, Director, Ingham County Animal Control (ICAC), was introduced by Ingham County Commissioners Victor Celentino and Dale Copedge. After some details about herself and her educational credentials, Ms Lampman discussed ICAC's accomplishments. 5,632 animals reported lost, down from 6,000 the year before. Over 600 animals adopted out due partly to more outreach, volunteer programs, increased enforcement and the new adoption policy of pay one fee which includes adoption, pet neuter/spa. ICAC inspects kennels and responds to complaints of animal cruelty and stray animal complaints. Find more information about State's Tether Law, Barking Dog complaints, Dog License Fees, animal rescue, micro chips for pets, and other ICAC duties and responsibilities on its Website: [www.ingham.org/ac/home.htm](http://www.ingham.org/ac/home.htm).

Minutes: The February minutes were approved and placed on file with one correction. Craig Baylis's name was misspelled. It should be changed from Baylor to Baylis.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved and placed on file.

Vice President Report: Anne Wilson announced (1) the neighborhood picnic will be held the first Tuesday in August. She is seeking grant funds to offset the cost. June Kenfield and Anita Beavers will serve as chairs of the committee. (2) Evelyn Bush was congratulated for her nomination for the Bea Christy Award. In support of Evelyn's nomination, CVNA Board members joined others at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Bea Christy Award Dinner on February 18 at the Lansing Center. The event was sponsored by the Lansing Neighborhood Council. (3) The Board needs a volunteer to provide treats for the April 20 meeting. See Anne if you can help. (4) CVNA's Neighborhood Newsletter is in the process of being written. Neighbors were asked to provide suggestions for articles. (5) Neighborhood plants will be available in May. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the planting. There will not be as many plants this year due to a request from The Lansing Neighborhood Council to cut back on the number of plants we request due to budget constraints.

President Report: Anita Beavers announced (1) the Neighborhood's annual garage sale which will be held the first part of June. A date will soon be set. (2) The Michigan State University student research project pertaining to the study of the corners of Holmes and Pleasant Grove, Holmes and Waverly for development purposes has begun. Students are interviewing business owners and residents in a one to three mile radius of the corner. Anita Beavers and Willie Vinson attended a meeting which was held at Trinity AME Church on Holmes Ave. to discuss the project's progress. The next meeting will be May 4. (3) Anita attended a meeting pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Mileage issue for the south side Community Center. (4) Good Neighbor Awards were presented to Subway, KFC and Hollywood Video managers for their gift certificate donations in support of CVNA. (5) Elmhurst Elementary School has been contacted pertaining to partnership opportunities.

Area One: Mike Morofsky referenced an on-going traffic problem at Elmhurst School due to drop off and pick up of children. He has reported it several times. Police officers in attendance offered that in addition to their help,

the School's Public Safety Officers have authority to ticket cars parked illegally and they should be able to help solve the parking problems and redirect traffic around school grounds.

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: Greg Kozak explained his role as Area Representative which is to keep an eye on things that go on in the area and serve as a resource to residents of the area. He encouraged anyone interested in serving as an Area Representative to contact members of the Board. Area Three is located south of Victor to Holmes and Martin Luther King Blvd. and Pleasant Grove. He also reported the 1908 Peggy Place now has a for sale sign on it. He had noticed an eviction notice on the door.

Committee Reports: Willie Vinson, Website Committee, reported the possibility of seeking sponsorships to support the cost of the Website, The Newsletter, brochure and other communication efforts. A vote to accept sponsorships for the Website and Newsletter was tabled for the next meeting when a sample of how the sponsorships will affect the communication effort of the Association can be presented. June Kenfield reported on the By Laws committee. Brian Jeffries agreed to review the Bylaws from a legal perspective once they are completed.

City Council: City Council members Carol Wood and Brian Jeffries were in attendance. Carol Wood reported on the city budget's short fall of 4.8 Mil and some of the City's options for solving the problem. Brian Jeffries reported that MSHDA will fund the removal of trailers in the Trailer Park. He also said there is a plan to build 11 ranch style homes in the space for seniors only. The Logan Center Developer is in process of replacing the façade and making roof repairs on the structures.

Legislative Update: Joe McDonald of Virg Bernaro's office brought a supply of the new full size Michigan maps. He reported that Virg Bernaro's involvement in the Elder Abuse Task Force with AARP, State of Michigan Office on Aging to examine financial exploration, commercial fraud, and physical abuse and neglect for the elderly. If you have concerns and suggestions, contact Mr. Bernaro's office at (517) 373-1734.

South Lansing Community Development Center Report: Kathie Dunbar dropped off the latest edition of the Development Center's newsletter.

County Commission Report: Victor Celentino and Dale Copedge attended meeting.

Neighborhood News and Announcements:

Yard Waste pick up begins last week of March, first of April.

CVNA's Relay for Life team is looking for volunteers and a new chair person. In the interim, Anita will be working with Evelyn Bush and coordinating with Sagamoor Hills, Lewton/Rich and other Neighborhood Associations to partner with CVNA in this effort. The American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, will be held 10 a.m. June 25 to 10 a.m. June 26, 2005 at Eastern High School.

Door Prize Winner: Evelyn Bush – Gift Certificate from Pizza Hut

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.