

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

(CVNA)

March 21, 2007

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Anita Beavers, Anne Wilson, Thelma Dempsey and Michael Morofsky and Mary Bechtol. Thirty-eight members and guests attended the meeting including: Carol Wood - City Council Member, Randy Williams - City Council Member, Brian Jefferies - City Council Member, and Derrick Quinney - City Council Member, Dale Copedge Ingham County Commissioner, Josh Hovey - Special Assistant to the Mayor, and Gregg Scrimger - Code Compliance Officer.

Lansing Police Department Report: Officer Colby gave a report and shared a crime -mapping flier. Please remember to lock your homes, cars and garages. Officer Colby also shared about two recent break-ins, one of which the perpetrator came in through a dog-door. Be alert to people asking to do odd jobs or to use your phone or bathroom – **DO NOT** let these people in your homes. Please call the police if you see suspicious people in the neighborhood.

Program

Andy Kilpatrick with the City of Lansing's Department of Planning & Neighborhood Development - Transportation & Parking Office spoke on three issues. Item number one, the traffic calming in the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association area. Item number two, survey results on traffic calming in CVNA area. Item number three, proposed changes to Pleasant Grove Road (south of Victor) and also changes to Holmes Road at the Pleasant Grove intersection. Andy gave an overview of the traffic calming measures inside the neighborhood and shared results of the speed survey before calming and after the calming measures was installed (Pleasant Grove was not included). Traffic speeds were shown to be decreased in this report. Currently there is a moratorium on traffic calming. This report will go to the mayor and city council and it will be determined if the ban is lifted. Mike Morofsky requested to have the raised intersection at Woodbine and Marion pursued if the moratorium is lifted. The second report was the survey results labeled Table 5. Resident's views on traffic calming measures and program effectiveness. This information was gathered from post card surveys sent to residents. Written comments were not included on this flier, however Andy assured neighbors the full report would go to the mayor and city council. The third item for discussion was in two parts: Pleasant Grove and Holmes Road changes. Pleasant View Magnet school on Pleasant Grove has had problems with traffic and parking. The school and other groups want this area to be safer. It has been presented to re-stripe the lines on Pleasant Grove south of Victor to look similar to Pleasant Grove north of Victor with one lane of traffic in each direction, parking, and a "buffer lane". Pleasant Grove north of Victor in the past this has been known as a bike lane, however signs are now down and it is to be called a "buffer lane." There were several strong opinions shared by the residents about the existing Pleasant Grove striping. Resident suggestions ranged from eliminating the "buffer lane", making driving lane wider, putting diagonal strips in parking areas. Holmes Road that the Pleasant Grove intersection will be one lane in each direction with a turn lane at the light. The Pleasant Grove and Holmes Road changes will be paid for by a federal grant because Lansing did not meet air quality standards by the EPA.

Minutes

The February 21st meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Thelma Dempsey presented the monthly report. The current balance is \$339.35.

President's Report

Anita Beavers read a thank you note from Willie Vinson for nominating her for the Bea Christy Award. There have been resident concerns regarding burning, smoke and a chemical smell from the Reid Manufacturing plant on MLK.

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Neighborhood Picnic at Elmhurst – Tuesday, August 7, 2007

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Vice President's Report

Anne Wilson thanked CVNA for the plant sent to her family. Elmhurst Elementary continues to collect Box Tops for Education. This spring they collected over \$300 worth of labels. Please bring to next CVNA meeting or drop off at the school. The Elmhurst Elementary School Carnival will be held Friday, May 11, 2007. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jennifer Jacobson-Goff, Elmhurst PTA President, at 887-3663. CVNA would like to do a spring or fall clean up day at Elmhurst Park and the school – our aim is spring 2008 unless we have a neighbor that would like to coordinate sooner (please let us know).

Area Representatives Report

Area 1 Report

Michael Morofsky reported that there have been resident concerns regarding burning, smoke and a chemical smell from the Reid Manufacturing plant on MLK. Dale Copedge, Ingham County Commissioner works for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. He suggested calling the DEQ Lansing District Office at 373-7023 when neighbors have air concerns. They have a toll-free number (800) 662-9278. Mike also requested to have the raised intersection at Woodbine and Marion pursued if the moratorium on traffic calming is lifted.

Area 2 Report

Mary Bechtol, our new Area 2 representative shared her home number 487-3907.

Area 3 Report

No Report.

City Council Reports

Carol Wood - City Council Member, Randy Williams - City Council Member, Brian Jefferies - City Council Member, and Derrick Quinney - City Council Member gave reports. The Pleasant Grove traffic calming was discussed. Also the Potter Park budget issue was discussed – residents shared they would like more information. There was much discussion about the Marina Project that was brought up at council this week. This project is where the DNR would give a \$500,000 grant if the City put in \$350,000 match. These monies would be from the parks budget. Council members asked for input on what neighbors thought of the marina project. Neighbors comments indicated that they prefer the parks money be spent on neighborhood parks rather than a new marina. Council members shared a flier inviting residents to a budget meeting Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Foster Community Center - Room 213 and Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at Dwight Rich Middle School - Cafeteria.

Ingham County Commission

Dale Copedge shared that Matt Meyers is the new Ingham County Controller. Under the direction of the Board of Commissioners, the County Controller is the chief fiscal and administrative officer. The Controller's responsibilities include directing the central administrative functions of the County government and acting as liaison on behalf of the Board of Commissioners between County officers, department heads, and the general public. A major service provided by the Controller's office is preparation and execution of a balanced County budget. The City of Lansing and Ingham County are close to an agreement on the future management and funding of the Potter Park Zoo. Dale also shared that many prisoners may be released early at the county for budget reasons and overcrowding. Vic Celentino is under the weather.

Lansing City Mayor's Office

Josh Hovey - Special Assistant to the Mayor was present. Joe McDonald is under the weather. Please contact Josh or Joe if you have concerns.

Code Compliance: Gregg Scrimger - Code Compliance Officer shared information about tagged houses in the area.

Old Business/New Business

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Meeting adjourned