



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

May 18, 2005

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

Lansing Police Department Report: Officer Jason Bock reported on neighborhood activities and provided an updated information map for review. The problem of the homeless people living in the woods has been resolved. They will continue to monitor the area. The Mr. Taco Restaurant paid to have the trash removed from the area. Officer Bock also reminded residents to be mindful of leaving their garage doors open during the night. They are continuing to work with Elmhurst school about the parking. Some of the drivers were not happy with the increased police monitoring and lodged a complaint against Officer Bock. The neighborhood Association members complimented Officer Bock for continuing to monitor the problem and for doing a good job. Dr. Graesser complimented Officer Bock and other police officers for traffic monitoring on Mt. Hope Ave. between the hours of 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. He will send a letter to Officer Bock's supervisor pertaining to it. A new team Sgt. will replace Lt Baylis. He has 23 years of experience. He also thanked everyone for the Association's support.

Guest Speaker: Anne Rau, Reference Librarian, Capital Area District Library and her Associate Jackie Sewell presented all the services and classes offered by the Library. Free tax forms and assistance is offered along with, computer classes (basic, intermediate & advance) on various software including excel. All classes are free. They introduced (MELCAT) a new inter-library loan system. If the Capital Area District Library does not have a copy of a book or reference materials available, they can locate the item at any library and have it delivered to the library of your choice. In addition to the bookmobile, "Books by Mail" is another service the library now offers. Books, etc. can be ordered and mailed to eligible cardholders in pre-paid postage envelopes. Entertainment videos and DVDs are available. All self-help videos are free. Card holders can access Lansing State Journals back to 1999. Walk-in tutors are available, after school hours, between the hours of 3 – 10 p.m. A computer lab and an extensive genealogy research database are available. Also, photos of homes in the Lansing area, history of individual homes, city directories back to 1900 and newspaper clippings are available in the local history room (First & third Saturday of the month). The Book Burrow is always happy to receive book donations and invites everyone to stop by and purchase books.

Minutes: The April minutes were approved and placed on file.

Treasurer's Report: The May Treasurer's Report was approved and placed on file. Current balance as of today: \$882.04 and includes a \$24.00 donation and City Grant – picnic or \$332.00.

President Report: Anita Beavers reported that volunteers were needed to deliver the CVNA newsletter and reported on the MSU Economic Development meeting as well as the Durant Park meeting on June 2. Other business meetings are scheduled June 9, June 15 and June 19. She also encouraged residents to visit the art studio, Reach Studio, on Washington just north of Mt Hope in Reo Town. CVNA received correspondence from Representative Murphy pertaining to the examination of credit scoring by the Court System. A letter of apology was also received from the resident who parks his Bioclean truck on Boston between the hours of 2 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The resident has placed his house on the market and will be leaving the neighborhood. Anita thanked the City of Lansing on behalf of CVNA for a grant to partially fund the Annual Neighborhood picnic.

Anita pointed out that the photos of flowers brought in this month were provided by Diane Corrigan and Mike Morofsky. Members were asked to bring pictures of their pets for display at the June 15 meeting.

Area One: Mike Morofsky reported all clear in his area.

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. Residents in the area were asked to consider volunteering for this office.

Area Three: Greg Kozak reported that the Code Compliance Officer, Scrimger was very helpful in solving area problem. In addition, he wrote a personal letter to the Liquor Control Commission to voice his personal objection against a liquor license for the 1910 Meat Company on Pleasant Grove and Holmes. The Logan Center is undergoing extensive reconstruction.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee – Anita Beavers reported on the status of the Bylaws Committee. The committee plans to bring a draft of the revised bylaws to the June meeting for review and discussion by the Association at large. A final copy will be provided at the July meeting for vote.

Lansing Relay For Life – The Southside Settler’s Relay Team will be offering foot prints, stars and luminaria bags to raise funds. Residents were asked to consider donating a portion of the garage sale money to the cause. The team is working on recruiting volunteers and sponsorships to provide supplies, food and support. Foot prints and stars cost \$1.00 donation and luminary bags for a donation of \$10.00 to raise funds. These items are used to honor survivors of this disease and remember those who have lost the battle. This 24 hour event will be held on June 25 and 26 at Eastern High School. Residents, friends and relatives were invited to join the team as walkers, provide food and support for those who walk and/or just come out and enjoy the festivities.

City Council: City Council members Carol Woods and Brian Jeffries reported that the City’s budget passed, but they will continue to review it as needed. They both gave an extensive report on the results of the City’s fiscal year budget. See attachment. In addition, Council Member Jeffries explained the 425 agreements (tax sharing agreements/arrangements with other communities, i.e. Delta Twp. He reported that a phone solicitation company will soon be moving into the Logan Center Mall and a new family style restaurant will be going into the old Point After location. The owners of the Logan mall continue construction of new façade and improvements.

Ingham County Commission: Victor Celentino reported that the Commission will soon be discussing the 2005 budget cycle. He also announced that the beaches at county parks are now open.

South Lansing Neighborhood Association: Kathy Dunbar reported the SLNA is focusing on welcoming new businesses to the area and working with Denise Peeks, Micro Enterprise Loans in recruiting new businesses. The Micro Enterprise makes loans available for start up businesses.

Legislature: Joe McDonald of Virg Beneraro’s Office made a donation of a US Flag to CVNA and Grace United Methodist Church. He also provided new maps which show where construction zones were located and gave a brief report on office activities.

Winner of Drawing: Lois Stanley received Certificate for a Subway sandwich.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM. The next meeting will be held June 15 at 7:00 p.m.