



**Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
(CVNA)
May 17, 2006**

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present were Anita Beavers, Mike Morofsky, Thelma Dempsey and Anne Wilson.

Frank Lain, from Averill Woods Neighborhood Association spoke concerning the work being done in association with Churchill Downs Neighborhood regarding the high crime rate in the area. One effort involved getting the local pastors to help by reaching out to the residents. He asked for support from CVNA and promised to keep us updated on the results.

Lansing Police Department Report: Officer Jason Bock reported on neighborhood activities and provided an updated information map for review. The map included Moores River Drive to West Holmes Road and Waverly to MLK Blvd, and included the following offenses for the last 30 days: One assault, three burglaries, one larceny, two robberies, and four damage to property reports.

Guest Speaker: Duane Shepard, School Leader, New City Academy. This is public school academy, established in 1999, and chartered by Ferris University. As a public school academy they have the opportunity to create their own curriculum (approved by the State) and their own school environment. Mr. Shepard shared that respect and manors are taught in the school and invited residents with questions to contact him for more information.

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

Treasurer's Report: The April Treasurer's Report was approved and placed on file. Current balance as of today: \$653.52 which includes a City of Lansing Neighborhood grant of \$226.00 and a Neighborhood Stipend of \$100.00.

President Report: The newsletter is being finalized and there is a need for people to pass out the newsletter in a couple of weeks. The garage sale is scheduled for June 17 and an advertisement will be placed in the Lansing State Journal. The project headed by Judy Koelsch on the planting and maintaining flowers in the traffic circles on Boston Blvd has been proceeding. The flowerbeds have been cleaned and fertilized. We still need volunteers to do planting and maintenance. There will be a meeting concerning this project at Anita Beavers' home soon.

Vice President Report: Anne Wilson said she is sending out letters and asking for donations from various organizations for the Annual Picnic – August 1, 2006 at Elmhurst Elementary. If you know of someone for us to contact, please let us know. Letters have been sent to the Board of Water and Light, Dart and other businesses. Also, we are looking for helpers for the picnic with the grill, game, food, cleanup and more – contact Anita if you can help. Elmhurst Elementary School is collecting Box Tops for Education – Labels will be collected now through October. Elmhurst is having a carnival in May and will have some remodeling of their building this summer with new floors being installed.

Area One: Mike Morofsky reports he is working with the Code Compliance Officer on an effort to clean up graffiti at the Citgo station and the car wash.

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 was unable to be present.

City Council: City Council member Carole Wood distributed handouts of the “Adjusted Budget by the Lansing City Council on May 15, 2006” and “Budget Policies.” She reviewed the highlights for us. Of special interest was the Budget Amendments section showing how money flows in/out of the budget.

Mayor’s Office: Joe McDonald of Mayor Virg Bernero’s Office gave some information on the Mayor’s disagreement with portions of the City Council’s Budget and also areas where they were in agreement.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be held June 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

After the meeting closed, we received two donations for specific projects: \$30 for flowers to the Neighborhood Beautification Project; and \$25 for the Annual Picnic to be held August 1.