



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

November 15, 2006

President, Anita Beavers, called the meeting to order. Other board members in attendance were Mike Morofsky, Greg Kozak, Anne Wilson, Thelma Dempsey and Willie Vinson. Twenty-five members and guests attended the meeting, including Victor Celentino, Ingham County Commission, Monica Dungey, Coach light Neighborhood Association, Dennis Meersdom, Manager, L&L Food Center.

Lansing Police Department Report: Officer Szczesny Reported that the area was relatively quite. The burglary and larceny reports shown on the map was mostly car related. She recommended keeping your car doors locked. Lock your cars even when it is in your driveway and don't leave packages in plain sight. She also distributed phone lists of personnel assigned to this area.

Program: Natasha Davidson, Ingham Co Health Dept., slide presentation was very informative pertaining to Emergency Preparedness & Seasonal Influenza. She explained the difference between seasonal flu and pandemic flu. Her objective was to ensure everyone was aware of the possibility of a pandemic flu situation and to help us be prepared in case it occurred. She also distributed family preparedness guides to the audience. The guide is intended to help you learn what to do before, during, and after any type of emergency. Anita Beavers was given a supply of these guides. See her if you want a copy. Ms Davidson said additional emergency information can be obtained by going to www.pandemicflu.gov. She recommended getting a flu shot. As important as they are, they won't keep you from getting the flu, but will protect you against the super bug. In addition, make sure you have a plan: Do you have what you need to be self sufficient, stay informed and stay healthy. She ended her presentation by saying, "they don't know when there may be an outbreak, but they predict there will be one and they want everyone to know what to do to protect themselves."

Minutes: September Minutes were approved and accepted with a few changes. The word leash was misspelled and the sentence pertaining to the donation of \$300 should have indicated that the donation was to fund the printing of the CVNA newsletter. There was no regular meeting held in October due to the Candidate's Night Event. No minutes were prepared.

Treasurer's Report: Thelma Dempsey presented the budget. Previous balance \$552.71 + \$34.50 income - (\$111.08 expenses = current balance \$476.13. Expenses included the cost of Lansing neighborhood council dues, garden and candidates night supplies.

Vice President Report: Anne Wilson reported on the status of the Mayor's Southside Community Center Committee. The Committee will vote on location at their next meeting Thursday November 17. Because there is no center or anything like one south of I-496 the Mayor formed the committee to find the best location. Locations currently under consideration: Our Savior Lutheran Church on Holmes Road, Risdale Park on Pleasant Grove, Benjamin Davis Park on Pleasant Grove. The Center's Committee reviewed previous center reports, going back 20 years, which they plan to use along with information they are currently collecting to ensure a thorough and complete report for the Mayor. They received a two million dollar donation from Joel Ferguson and a one million dollar grant from the city to build the center. A stipulation of the funding is that the center must be completed by 2008 or part of the funding may be lost.

Contact Anne Wilson if you are interested in volunteering to assist with the Holiday Home Lighting Contest. Need volunteers to drive around, look at the decorated homes and help her choose a winner. Prizes for the best decorated homes and businesses will be awarded during the January meeting. She needs to know your opinions by January 1.

Elmhurst School is still looking for volunteers to help at the school. They are also still collecting box tops for education. You can bring your box tops to the next CVNA meeting or drop them off at the school.

President Report: CVNA's newsletter went to press Tuesday. Anita attended the City Council meeting pertaining to Make Safe and Demolish, which pertains to changes to the notification process of red tagged houses and other problem real estate. The change will allow for a hearing notification to be sent to home owners and landlords as well as neighborhood associations and neighborhood watch organizations.

Anita introduced Dennis Meersdom, the new manager of the Colonial Village L & L Food Center, and thanked him for bringing refreshments to the meeting.

She also reported that the Holiday Bows will be put up after Thanksgiving. New Hope Baptist Church volunteered to put up the bows. She wanted to thank the church members for participating again this year.

Candidates' night was a success. It was well attended in the audience as well as by candidates. Joan Bauer is reported to have said it was one of the best that she attended. Anita also announced that she received mail from the newly formed bus company, The

Michigan Flyer, announcing the opening of their bus commuter business. The cost is \$25 one way. The bus goes from Lansing to Detroit round trip.

The City mailed out over 240 letters to homes in the neighborhood reference to lawn reseeded repairs.

Area One: Michael Morofsky said he has been working on a few street light issues on the south side of Mt. Hope, Marion to Martin Luther King and Martin Luther King to Gordon Ave. He said let him know if you see any problems. He also said he learned that you have to get an event or confirmation number when reporting problems for easy follow up. Also said he was finally successful in getting the railroad crossing on Martin Luther King Blvd. south of Victor taken care of. He asked neighbors to be on the look out for an older Oldsmobile vehicle seen speeding around the neighborhood.

Area Two: Area Rep. Position vacant contact Anita Beavers if you witness any problems in the area. Anne Wilson reported several pumpkins were destroyed on Gordon. Kids may have been responsible. A problem with the delivery of the Community News paper has been reported to the Lansing State Journal. It appears the people delivering from a white vehicle tosses the paper out the window and the paper lands in the driveway or on lawns and sometimes stays there long enough to become liter. If you wish to report a similar problem or discontinue the delivery of this paper, call Lansing State Journal and ask for Betty Henry in circulation. The number is 377-1020.

Area Three (Areas of Colonial Village south of Victor): Greg Kozak reported he has been working on a few code compliance issues with Lansing's Code Compliance Officer. Fantastic Sams received temporary permission from the city to post their signs on Mt. Hope and on the corner of Boston. He is concerned about too many signs being posted in the area and he plans to continue to monitor the situation. He does not want the neighborhood to look like a giant billboard.

Ingham County Commission – Victor Celentino thanked everyone for their support during the election. He said he received 72% of the votes in the area. He also said that Dale Copedge asked him to relay his thanks to everyone on his behalf. He was attending another meeting. Victor announced there were two new county commissioners elected and the County budget has passed. Commissioner Celentino said he plans to continue attending meetings when possible and let everyone know what is happening. He plans to continue to pursue two issues as Vice Chair of Airport Authority Board and the financial Committee.

Committee Reports: Willie Vinson, Website producer, asked everyone to feel free to submit articles for the Website and events or activities for the Website's calendar. She asked everyone to go to the site for information pertaining to Neighborhood News and events or activities, Picnic photo gallery, meeting agendas, minutes, and more.

Drawing:

Thanks to the generous donations of Wash World and Subway.

1. June and Paul Kenfield received a free car wash from Wash World on Martin Luther King Blvd.
2. Doris Middaugh received a free sandwich from Subway on Holmes Rd.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM.