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## Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes November 21, 2007

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Vice President Anne Wilson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members Thelma Dempsey, Michael Morofsky, Mary Bechtol and Willie Vinson were present. Thirty members and guests were in attendance. Also in attendance were Carol Wood and Bill Matt, Lansing City Council; Dale Copedge, Ingham County Commissioner; Joe McDonald, Mayor's Office; Greg Schrimger, Code Compliance Officer; and Bob Johnson, Director of Planning & Neighborhood Development.

Officer Jason Bock reported a rise in the number of car break-ins. Investigations found that most cars involved were unlocked. He warned everyone to be more careful and lock all doors. He also reported a retail fraud at Colonial Village L&L Food Center. Man ran out of store with two cases of beer without paying. Police were called and Clerks and customers followed the thief. Officer Bock recommended, for safety reason, to call the police and let them do the pursuing in the future. Other officers and canine officers were called in to assist. Canine officers were able to follow the trail, however, the thief escaped. Be on the look out and report suspicious activity to Central Dispatch at 517 483 4600. He also said that Martin Luther King Blvd. and Mt. Hope is one of the top areas with the highest volume of automobile accidents. Holmes and Martin Luther King Blvd. were listed as fourth highest volume.

**Minutes** — September 2007 minutes were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report** — Thema Dempsey presented the November treasurer's report. It was accepted as presented. The current balance is \$344.19.

**Program** — Anne Wilson was honored for her dynamic six years of service as CVNA's Vice President. Although Anne will remain an active member of the Association, she decided not to continue in the Role as Vice President. CVNA Board and members awarded Anne with a Certificate of Appreciation and gift to show appreciation for her donation of time, effort and years of Leadership which contributed to the overwhelming success of Colonial Village Neighborhood Association. Bill Matt and Carol Wood, representing Lansing City Council, presented Anne with a proclamation of appreciation for her years of service to Lansing and the community at large.

Election was held for 2008 Officers. June Kenfield, CVNA's Past President, conducted the election ceremony. Evelyn Bush was elected as Vice President and the following officers were re-elected: Anita Beavers, President; Thelma Dempsey, Treasurer; Michael Morofsky, Area One Representative; Mary Bechtol, Area Two Representative. Area Three remains an open position. Officers will assume their duties beginning with the January 16, 2008 meeting.

**President & Vice President Report** — Anita Beavers was absent due to the death of her brother. Anne Wilson thanked Evelyn Bush and Mike of L & L for the refreshments and announced new Lansing Neighborhood Watch training Service that Officer Jeromy Churchill and Officer Sarah Nolen have developed. The Neighborhood Watch concept is being embraced by the Lansing Police Department and has become a priority within the department. Training dates and topics can be found on the CVNA Website at [cvnanews.com](http://cvnanews.com).

Michael Morofsky distributed a newly revised copy of telephone numbers to call.

**Area Representatives Reports** — Michael Morofsky, Area One, reported that the two of the three railroad track crossings he reported to the City have been repaired. He is waiting on the status of the third crossing. He thanked the City Council for their help and getting this resolved.

Mary Bechtol, Area Two Representatives, reported everything appears to be going well in her area.

Area Three Representative position is vacant. Everyone was asked to consider being a member of CVNA Board and consider volunteering for this position. Area three includes streets between Pleasant Grove and Martin Luther King Blvd. and Victor and Holmes.

**Ingham County Commission** — Dale Copedge, 6 District serves as chair of the law enforcement committee. He said telephone towers have been installed in some areas and are making a big difference. He said that cell phones will be completely digitized next year and that will also be good for the process. He reported on the status of grant money for Southside Coalition, Juvenile Justice. In spite of a budget deficit, Ingham County Commission has been able to maintain all their staff and continue as well as add some services. He thanked the Lansing City Council for their cooperation and said they would not be successful without good cooperative relationship between the County and City Officials.

**Lansing City Council & Mayor's Office** — Bill Matt, Lansing City Council, reported that due to a telephone call from CVNA's Evelyn Bush, the Council voted to extend leaf pick-up a week until December 7. Also, safety cameras have been placed in several places around the city due to donations and agreements with local businesses for use of their security cameras. He thanked everyone for supporting him during the election. He also said that although his term will end soon, the area will still be represented by good people like Carol Wood, Derrick Quinney, A'Lynne Robinson, Brian Jeffries, and others on the Lansing City Council.

Carol Wood, Lansing City Council, thanked everyone for their support during the elections. She mentioned Hunter's Ridge Neighborhood didn't support the new housing development which would include 120 condos. Lansing City Council also voted it down. Council is very close to finishing up the new housing code for licensing of landlords. She also reported on the status of the Public Safety traffic calming issues – raised intersection by the pool and CVNA areas.

Joe McDonald, Mayor's Office, thanked the City Council and congratulated election winners. He also thanked Jackie Shraft for her help with Veteran's Day activities. He thanked Anne Wilson for all her help on the South Lansing Community Center Committee. He said that safety camera placement around the city was funded primarily by donations. Enough was raised to pay for the first 18 months of leasing.

**Code Compliance** -Greg Schrimger, Code Compliance Officer, is still working in Area One due to increased number of rentals; two red tagged houses in Area 1, two red tagged houses in Area Two and one red tagged house in Area three.

**Announcements** — The Point After location has been converted into a church and they are using part of the location as a banquet center. Fantastic Sams and Hollywood Video that were located in Colonial Village Shopping Center have closed. Expectations are that Rite Aide will expand to a mega store. Mancino's Restaurant on Mt. Hope was closed by the Health Department for infractions.

June Kenfield reported that volunteers are needed to put up the Red Bows on Boston Blvd.

Anne Wilson announced that the Holiday Home Lighting contest will be held again this year. No need to register. All homes with lighting will be automatically entered into the contest. Winners will be announced during the January 2008 meeting.

All donations received at this meeting will be given to Grace United Church as a thank you for allowing CVNA to use the church for monthly meetings.

**December Meeting:** No Meeting will be held in December due to the holiday season.

The meeting adjourned to open house activities. Everyone was encouraged to stay and enjoy the ice cream and cookies