



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

November 17, 2004

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Board members present: Anne Wilson, Michael Morofsky, Barry Ford, Greg Kozak, Jim Beckwith and Willie Vinson. Thirty-six members and guests were present.

Lansing Police Department Report – Sergeant Wright introduced Officer Sara Nolan who will replace Officer Bock on the night shift. Officer Brock has been moved to afternoon shift. Neighbors were asked to be cautious during the holidays. Make certain cars are locked and do not leave valuables or purses in plain site. She also reported that the number of accidents have increased on corner of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Holmes between the hours of 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.. Two accidents occurred on Pattengill and Mt. Hope during the same hours. Residents are asked to drive with care during these hours and during the holiday season. Residents were also asked to be on the lookout for young black male dressed in black w/ black hood who has been sited trying car doors on Lenore & Boston and Rockway.

Minutes - It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the November 17, 2004 meeting.

Treasurer's Report - It was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's Report. The current bank balance is \$455.13. The CVNA City Grant and the City Grants have been paid for sign located on Martin Luther King Blvd and Mt. Hope.

Vice President's Report – Anne Wilson reported on the success of the Candidates Night event and thanked L&L Food Center and Paul and June Kenfield for providing refreshments and to everyone who helped make this event successful. Ann attended a Lansing Neighborhood Association function last week. Barry Ford, Area two representative, and Jim Beckwith, Treasurer have resigned. In an effort to show their appreciation for all the services provided by these officers over the years, the Association awarded each a gift of a clock with pen.

President Reports – Anita Beavers thanked Barry and Jim for their long time commitment to the Association and the Board. She also thanked Anne Wilson for the outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies at the Candidates Night. Willie Vinson was thanked for her role as time keeper and for providing the program and other materials. CVNA accomplished much in 2004: A Candidates Night, picnic, Neighborhood sign posted, participated in the road project, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, holiday Light competition, and flowers planted to name a few.

Area One Report – Michael Morofsky provided everyone copies of his October 20, 2004 report and his November 2004 report. Copies of his report will be made available upon request.

Area Two Report – Barry Ford reported that the stop sign at Pattengill and Loraine is being changed from Stop to Yield. There is belief that cats missing in the Concord area are being trapped. Residents are asked to be watchful and report if they notice anyone trapping cats.

Area Three Report – Greg Kozak reported that the HUD house located on southeast corner of Boston & Quincy has been sold and is occupied. Greg Scrimger has officially been named Code Compliance Officer for this area.

Election of Officers

New officers for the 2004-2005 year were elected. Anita Beavers, President; Anne Wilson, Vice President; Willie Vinson, Secretary; Thelma Dempsey, Treasurer; Michael Morofsky, Area One Representative; Area two Representative (open); Greg Kozak, Area three representative. It was moved by Doris Middock and seconded by Janet Anderson to elect the new slate of officers.

Committee Reports

CVNA Sign—The Association's sign has been installed on the corner of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Mt. Hope. A ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the site.

By laws Committee —needs volunteers. One change that will be made is the date to elect officers. The original date, September of each year, will be changed to November. Contact June Kenfield if interested in running for office and/or serving on the By Laws Committee.

Holiday Lighting – Neighbors are asked to decorate their homes for Christmas Holiday. All decorated homes will automatically be entered into the competition. Light poles on Boston Blvd. will be decorated with Red Bows the first week in December. Silver Bells will be held on Friday, November 19, 2004 downtown Lansing.

City Council Report – Randy Williams introduced Sandy Allen, Ward Two Council Member, and reported the City Council attended meetings and address the House of Representatives pertaining to the Wolverine Pipeline placement through Lansing. He wanted neighbors to know that it is a violation to rake leaves in the street. The last date for the collection of leaves has been extended to December 2, 2004.

Neighborhood News and Announcements

Code Compliance Officer, Greg Scrimger investigated and reported code violations (failure to register dwelling as rental property and parking in the front yard) at property on Boston & Chatham, Victor, Bellaire Drive. Property at 3235 W. Mt. Hope has been red tagged. If anyone knows where the owner of this property is, please contact him.

Senator Virg Bernaro addressed the Association and said he is working to stop HB 6314 (the Pipeline placement) because it will remove authority from the Cities and townships. Municipalities won't be able to make a decision if a pipeline or utilities can be routed through their area. The bill has passed the House and is now in the Senate. He suggested residents write, call, email the Governor's office and let her know how you feel. The number is 335-7858. He also reported on the success in getting the Kevin Law bill passed through the Senate. It has moved to the House. The Kevin Law is a mental health package named after Kevin Highsinger who was killed by a mentally ill man. The law will provide alternative out patient care for the mentally ill.

Dale Copedge, Ingham County Board, thanked the Association for supporting him during the election. He wanted everyone to know he will be easily accessible to the Association.

Victor Celentino, Ingham County Board, also thanked the Association for supporting him during the election. He said the board will soon hire a new Animal Control Officer and said the new employee would be a good person to have as a speaker at a future Association meeting.

Kathy Dunbar announced: (1) a bazaar at the Polish Home this coming Saturday, November 20. Over 20 exhibits will be available. The entry fee is a toy for Toys for Tots. (2) A seminar to teach the elderly, minorities, etc. how to avoid predatory lending will be held November 21 at Faith United Methodist Church on Waverly. Dinner will be served with the seminar. (3) Girl Scouts will hold a bake sale and gift wrapping fundraiser at Grace United Methodist Church, December 19, between the hours of 12 noon – 4:00 p.m. (4) Grace United Methodist Church will hold its annual kid's pageant play 7:00 p.m. December 4, 2004.

Drawing - Winner of the seventh drawing (a gift certificate to Toys R Us) was Victor Celentino.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Due to the Candidates Night on October 20, no regular meeting was be held and no minutes taken. The next meeting will be January 19, 2005. No meeting will be held in December, 2004.