



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

October 19, 2005

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Other board members present were Anne Wilson, Mike Morofsky, Greg Kozak, Thelma Dempsey and Willie Vinson. Thirty members and guests attended. Michael Young, Previous Manager of the Colonial Village Neighborhood L&L Food Center has been transferred to the L&L Food Center located on Martin Luther King Boulevard. He was thanked for the excellent service he provided to customers from the neighborhood. Mr. Young introduced Mark White the new Manager of the Colonial Village L&L Food Center. Mr. White was welcomed to the neighborhood.

Lansing Police Department Report: Officer Jason Bock provided CVNA with a Lansing Police Department Offense report map. The map included Moores River Dr to W. Holmes and Waverly to Martin Luther King Blvd. and included the following offenses for the last 30 days: Six burglaries, three assaults, six damage to property reports, and nine larceny reports. He reminded area residents to be mindful of closing garage doors, lock doors and follow other security measures. There will be increased Police patrolling during the Halloween holiday. Also be aware that patrol cars may have their back lights on while on patrol. It does not mean they are in pursuit.

Officer Bock is the recipient of the Policeman of the Year Award. He was congratulated and given a big round of applause for his fine work. Officer Bock received the award for rescuing a man from a burning building.

Program: Howard Russell, MSU Extension Service Entomologist, shared some very helpful information pertaining to the Tent Caterpillars, Brown Recluse Spiders, Wasps, Emerald Ash Borer, and grubs. He said that although Tent Caterpillars are unsightly, they do not harm the trees to any great degree. To treat trees affected by Emerald Ash Borer apply systemic products containing Imidacloprid, such as Bayer Tree & Shrub Insect Control, to the root system of the tree. Apply 1oz per 1 inch of the circumference of the tree. To treat grubs and the European Chafer he suggested using Bayer Season Long grub control. It is best to apply this product in July. If you have questions pertaining to insect pest, call Howard Russell at (517) 353-9386 or email the Bugman@msu.edu (?)

Minutes: A motion was made and approved to accept the July minutes. (No official meeting held or minutes taken during August picnic and September candidates night.)

Treasurer's Report: The October Treasurer's Report was approved and placed on file. Current balance as of today: \$874.18 and includes meeting donations \$30.00.

Vice President Report: Anne Wilson thanked L&L Food Center, Evelyn Bush and Michael Morofsky for providing treats for the meeting. She said the Health Care Consortium will be meeting on Friday and she intends to attend the meeting. The Consortium's focus is on Health Care issued. Anne reported on the three area schools as follows: New City Academy, located on Holmes Rd. and Pleasant Grove, has 148 Students (K – 7). Cole Academy located on Mt Hope next to the parking lot of the church has 189 students (K-6), a newly formed PTA, and they will have a fun night this Friday between the hours of 6 – 8 p.m. The cost is \$5.00. Elmhurst Elementary School has 260 students (K-6), new playground equipment and they will have a Halloween Parade at 10 a.m. on Friday, 10/28/05. Elmhurst PTA provided a flyer pertaining to "Box Top Education". Clip box tops from various products and earn cash for Elmhurst Elementary School located on the corner of Pattengill and Gordon Ave. Earn cash for the school every time you shop for groceries. Clip Box Top coupons from hundreds of your favorite products found at your local grocery store. Each coupon is worth 10 cents when the school redeems them. The school has a newsletter.

Anne also mentioned the Grace United Methodist Church pumpkin patch sale.

President Report: Anita Beavers announced nominations for CVNA Board Officers are now being accepted. Members were asked to consider serving as an officer. The floor was opened for nominations from the floor. Only one nomination was made and accepted and that was for Anita Beavers to continue to serve as the President. She accepted the nomination. The slate of officers will be completed and voted upon at the November meeting.

Area One: Mike Morofsky reported graffiti was painted on Elmhurst School walls. He reported this to the principal and the graffiti was removed. Mike said the graffiti was painted again. He asked for neighborhood and police help in trying to find out if the graffiti was gang related. Neighbors were asked to call 483-4600 if you see anything.

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 said there was no significant activity in his area. He has received no calls. He asked residents in his area to call him if they encounter any problems in the area. His telephone number is: 887-2901. Greg has written an article for the CVNA newsletter pertaining to what Area Representatives do. It will be placed in the newsletter along with a map showing area boundaries.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee – Copies of the proposed Bylaws revisions were distributed, discussed and accepted from the floor. The New Bylaws were approved and voted upon. Copies of the new Bylaws will soon be placed on the Website. If you would like your own paper copy, contact Anita Beavers.

City Council: Joan Bauer, City Council At Large, visited CVNA and reported on City Council activities. Budget is the main focus. With the early retirement incentive program 48 positions out of 1200 were lost in mid September. The Council has hired its own attorney to examine the comp time issues of executives. Ms Bauer asked for patience in the coming months. The Council is working hard in the coming months to ensure fire/police and other services are covered. Everyone was encouraged to call her with any questions or comments. She was encouraged by the recent announcement that the abandoned GM plant will be torn down because it means the land will be re-used. The Council is looking at revisions to the burning code. Currently burning is allowed with a permit. The change may include a price of \$134.00. Delta Township, as a result of the State's 425 Agreement, may be allowed to vote in Lansing Elections.

Ingham County Commission: Dale Copege reported the council continues to work on the budget. A free recycling of computers was held at MSU. They will try and do another in six months. The DARE program in area schools received support from the Commission and will continue. The county was thanked by Joan Bauer for their part in funding Hawk Island.

Lansing Code Compliance Officer: reported no significant problems. The red tagged house on Mt. Hope and Martin Luther King Boulevard is being brought into code. As soon as plumbing issues have been cleared up, the red tag will be removed from the house.

Winner of Drawing: Gregg Scrimger, Code Compliance Officer, won a gift certificate for a Subway sandwich and free car wash.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30PM. The next regular meeting will be held November 16.