



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes September 19, 2007

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members Anne Wilson, Thelma Dempsey, Michael Morofsky, and Willie Vinson were present. Forty-four members and guests were in attendance. Also in attendance were Carol Wood, Brian Jeffries, Bill Matt and Kathie Dunbar, Lansing City Council; A'Lynn Robinson, Lewton Rich Neighborhood Association; Dale Copedge, Ingham County Commissioner; and Josh Covey, Mayor's Office. Nadine Williams and Sarah Anthony, Representative Joan Bauer's office.

Officer Jason Bock has been re-assigned to the Colonial Village Neighborhood Associations area. CVNA gave him a warm welcome. He distributed a map showing minor crime in the area. He emphasized the importance of safety. Be aware of your surroundings; keep doors locked even though you may be out in the yard working. Be on the look out and report suspicious activity to Central Dispatch at 517 483 4600.

He wanted everyone to be aware there is an ordinance against raking leaves into the street and tickets will be issued.

Minutes — July 2007 minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report— Thema Dempsey presented the September treasurer's report. It was accepted as presented. The current balance is \$713.11

Program — The program speaker, Sarah Nolen from Lansing Police Department, Southside neighborhood Watch Coordinator did not attend the meeting as planned. The time slot was filled with reports from the Mayor's Office, the Lansing City Council, Ingham County Commission, and CVNA Board members.

President's Report — Anita Beavers thanked Dennis Meersom and L&L Food Center for their donation of food and paper supplies for the picnic as well as all the sponsors and others who contributed. Carol Wood and Bill Matt were both thanked for their generous donation to the picnic fund. All the volunteers did a fantastic job and they were thanked for their contribution.

Meet the Candidates Night will be held on October 17, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. Post card mailers type invitations were distributed and members were asked to invite their neighbors and friends to attend the event.

Plans are now being made for the October edition of the CVNA newsletter. The newsletters will be distributed prior to the October meeting and will include a Candidates Night announcement

The garden committee needs volunteers to help clean circles and round about gardens. Contact Evie Bush or Anita Beavers to volunteer.

Vice President's Report — Anne Wilson reminded everyone that Elmhurst School is still participating in the box tops for education program. Each clip off coupon gives the school .10 cents. The school has completed work on the inside and the parking lot has been resurfaced.

The honorable Stuart Dunnings is the scheduled speaker at Lewton/Rich Neighborhood Association meeting to be held Thursday, September 20, 2007 at Dwight Rich School. The subject of his talk will be changes to sentencing.

State Government may potentially shut down if the legislature does not pass the budget. If you have business with the state, i.e., license plate renewal, voter registration, etc. it is best to go now to avoid possible problems later. ID's will be requested at the poles.

The Holiday Home Lighting Contest will be held again this year. All you have to do to participate is to put up lights. The committee will drive around and vote on the best lighting. Home owners will be notified if they win.

CVNA's picnic photos and article can be found on the Website (cvnaneews.com).

A silent auction and dance will be held September 27, 2007 (8:00 – 11:00 p.m.) to help support Community Health Creative Recovery. Lansing Fire Department Open House will be held October 1 – 6 p.m. to celebrate 150 years.

Area Representatives Reports — Michael Morofsky reported on the status of a couple of personal projects he is working on. He has been in contact with Chad Gamble and has addressed the City Council pertaining to Railroad crossing repair. He is waiting for a response. Secondly, he has attended the Ways & Means Committee pertaining to the placement of security cameras. As far as area one, he has received a couple reports that a man begging for money has been seen on Marion, Gordon, and Poxon. If you see anyone with suspicious behavior, call 911 and report it. He said 911 can be called for this type report.

Mary Bechtol, Area Two Representatives, report was given by Anita Beavers. She had one report of a day time purse snatching in her area. Posters have been placed in the Colonial Village mall, L&L Food Center and the Hair Salon. Anita reminded everyone that having an active neighborhood watch in the area is important. She also asked everyone to be careful driving. Be watchful of children out walking.

Area Three Representative position is vacant. Everyone is asked to consider being a member of CVNA Board and consider volunteering for this position.

Ingham County Commission — Dale Copedge is chair of the law enforcement committee with Ingham County and they are working on jail overcrowding project and hope to put some things in place to help the situation.

Lansing City Council & Mayor's Office — Carol Wood, Lansing City Council, thanked everyone for the cards, contributions and support due to the loss of her mother, Ruth Hullman. She said over \$9,000 was contributed to the problem solving police fund. She also reported on the status of storm damage in South Lansing. The Council continues to field clean-up problems with the residents in that area. Budget issues are a priority. Each council member will be bringing forth ideas to the Mayor to help formulate the City's budget. She is asking neighborhood association presidents to contact her with helpful ideas and suggestions. Council ideas must be in the Mayor's office by October 1.

Brian Jeffries, Lansing City Council, reported that the city's final comprehensive master plan for the Southside should be ready in about a month. He has received rumor that owners of the Point After is interested in selling the property and a funeral home business is looking into buying it. The Logan Center mall developers are located in Detroit. They don't seem to be interested in any help from the City of Lansing's Renaissance or Brown Field Zones fund. The Metro Ford property on Martin Luther King Blvd. is entitled to Brown Field assistance, however, it may have expired.

Kathie Dunbar, Lansing City Council at Large and Director of South Lansing Economic Development Association, serves on the Public Service Committee. She said decisions are being made concerning the CSO project, based on a cost analysis, whether it is best to bring the project back in-house or continue as is. In addition, Kathie reported on the status of the Health Grant System and Lansing Parks and SLCDA involvement. Plans are underway to evaluate the possibility of putting a ½ mile trail in Scott Woods Park, including a 5K route down and around Wise Road and Hill Center. She is in support of the Neighborhood Watch Program. The Sheriff Dept. conducted Neighborhood Watch training and provided support materials Friday, Sept. 28 and 29. If miss the training contact Kathie at the SLCDA office. Materials will be made available to you.

Bill Matt, Lansing City Council, announced that voter registration deadline is in three weeks. The new ID law will be in effect, however, if you forget your ID, you will still be allowed to vote providing you are willing to sign an affidavit. New Housing developments are going up in the Waverly and Wise Road areas as a part of the Hunter's Ridge housing development.

Josh Covey, Lansing Mayor's Office, Reported on the Blues Festival in Old Town, September 29 and 30, Health and Fitness Expo in Lansing Center; He said he would be participating in the first ever ½ Marathon in Lansing will be held on Sunday. In response to Michael Morofsky's remarks pertaining to not hearing from Chad Gamble tomorrow morning. He said he would contact him and find out what is happening.

Announcements — A'Lynn Robinson, Lewton-Rich Neighborhood Association board member invited CVNA members to attend the Lewton-Rich Neighborhood Association meeting, Thursday 20, 2007 at 7:00p.m. at Dwight Rich School to hear Stuart Dunnings speak on changes to the sentencing law.

Sarah Anthony, Representative Joan Bauer's Office said that Representative Bauer has been sending out budget information update emails on a regular basis. Also, the next Breakfast with Bauer will be held September 29 (9:00 – 10:00 a.m.) at Gone Wired on Michigan Ave. A small breakfast will be provided. Your feedback and comments are valued by Rep. Bauer. Sara Anthony is also running for office on Lansing School Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. everyone was encouraged to stay and enjoy the ice cream social.

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