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## Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

*September 15, 2004*

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President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Other Board members present: Anne Wilson, Michael Morofsky, Jim Beckwith and Willie Vinson. Thirty-three members and guests were present.

Lansing Police Department Report – Officer Jason Bock provided an updated map showing offenses in the area.

Realtor Robert Dowding, Keller Williams Realty – Provided marketing statistics pertaining to the number of homes sold, their square footage, list prices and sales prices in the Colonial Village area over a five year period (years 2000 – 2004). He said the real estate market in this area is very strong. It's still the best area in Lansing. The number of days on the market is up 42% over last year.

Minutes - It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the July 21, 2004 meeting.

Treasurer's Report - It was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's Report. The current bank balance is \$2,541.96. The CVNA City Grant for sign, a second City Grant, City Beautification Grant and \$100 picnic donations are included in this total.

Vice President's Report – Anne Wilson extended a special thank you to all volunteers who worked at the Neighborhood picnic. She also thanked all volunteers who served on the flower maintenance committee. Anne attended the Greater Lansing Food Bank Garden Project event.

President Reports – Anita Beavers announced that she will be sending out letters to the political candidates inviting them to participate in the October meeting Candidate's Night. She also voiced her concern that the treasury balance is a little low on funds. Donations are doing well and she wanted to thank everyone who made donations.

Area One Report – Michael Morofsky said he reported to the City Council that there were six traffic signs needing repair in the area. Four have not yet been repaired - three of those signs are located near the bank. Randy Williams, City Council Representative, said work orders have been submitted to repair these signs and that the signs by the bank belong to the owners of the Strip Mall and one of them now prohibits a left turn from the alley-way. Michael thanked Diane and Lois Cochran for sign photos.

### Committee Reports

CVNA Sign— June Kenfield reported the site chosen for the sign located on Martin Luther King Jr Blvd and Mt. Hope has been sold. Both the City and the new owners have agreed to allow CVNA's sign to be placed in a 15 x 15 area of the lot. The sign company is scheduled to place the sign by September 30, providing weather permits.

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. Anyone interested in running for office should contact June Kenfield.

Volunteers are needed to assist the Holiday Lighting Committee and newsletter delivery.

Neighborhood News and Announcements

Lansing City Council —Carol Wood thanks CVNA volunteers who worked on the Ice Cream Social and at the Southside picnic. Budget issues: \$2.3 Million is needed to balance the City budget

Ingham County Board of Commissioners—Victor Celentino reported that budget talks resume in September 30 and that the board has expanded to include Eaton and Clinton County because of the Capital City Airport responsibilities. Capital improvements have been delayed due to budget issues.

Guests included: Emily Lott and Christy Black. Also present was James Gill, running for Ingham County Sheriff

Drawing - Winner of the sixth drawing (a \$10 Car Wash and free Sub sandwich gift certificate was Lois Stanley.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

***Due to the Candidates Night on October 20, no regular meeting will be held. The next meeting will be November 17, 2004.***