

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association

February 15, 2012 Meeting

Attendance: 30

Present: Karl Biasi, Mike Morofsky, Aaron Beavers. Called to order at 7:00 PM with Pledge of Allegiance and introductions. Minutes of November 15, 2011 moved by Jim Beck, seconded by June Kentfield and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Beginning Balance October 31, 2011: 977.30, Income: 420.00 (Fall newsletter 400.00 November meeting 52.00), Expenses: 412.00 (Fall newsletter 412.70, misc. supplies 40.07. Grace UM 100.00, Red Bows installed 50.00, Memorials 25.00) with ending balance of 794.53.

Karl reported that AT&T Uverse service is now available and they are canvassing the area, info at table if interested. Jay and committee working to refine CVNA website. Twelve CVNA members attended the Bea Christy dinner. Seven of 8 CVNA members at one table won door prizes. A new program Mapping Your Neighborhood, part of the Emergency Services of Lansing, will be introduced at a future meeting. Lansing School Board meeting conflicted with tonight's CVNA meeting so program is limited. Changes at Elmhurst School will be announced at the next CVNA meeting. CVNA is hoping for volunteers for secretary position, for refreshments and other committees. Karl is working to have LPD report available.

Area 1 report: Mike Morofsky has updated the telephone list adding Jessica Yorke, 4th Ward Councilmember who will service the part of CVNA north of Victor Ave, Bob Johnson for Code Compliance concerns, and Sgt. Tracy Ruiz our area police contact. Mike also reported that Susan Stachowsky, Planning and Neighborhood Development Dept, was very helpful in having downed trees removed from CVNA neighborhood. The mayor's office is holding a "City on the Road" at the Washington St. armory Thursday evening. Long time neighbor James Larimer has died.

Area 2 report: Shawn Cox called stating he had a work conflict.

Area 3 report: Aaron Beavers reported no further sightings of coyotes. There are deer in the wooded area behind S Holly Way. Potholes are being filled and a downed traffic sign at Holly Way and Boston Blvd island has been removed for repairs and a pink sign is temporarily in place.

Holiday Lighting: Mike Morofsky, Diana and Bob Corrigan conducted review of outdoor decorations and announced winners and presented photos: M Dunbar 1406 Gordon, A. Devore 18001 Gordon, and Bryan Twist 1718 Rock Way received gift certificates for best displays.

Vic Celentio called and said he was ill. Dale Copedge reported : Road Commission issues are being addressed and changes will be announced soon. Ingham County is working with Eaton and Clinton Counties on Lansing airport concerns. Currently working on contract negotiations. Also working on expansion of Community Mental Health Services and rolling in a substances abuse program. Kathy Dunbar, At-Large Councilmember, responding to questions stated that there will be no new police officers hired but rather that no further lay offs of officers will be needed because of recently increased property millage. The casino is an ongoing discussion with much to be studied and no definite answers for several years. The paved over GM site is not a possible location for a casino. Potholes are being filled in shifts and some night work is possible. Dog waste and unleashed dogs in Elmhurst Park area might be lessened with conversations with dog owners and perhaps with signs and placement of dog bags and calls to Animal Control and LPD for unleashed dogs.

A 'Lynne Robinson announced the cancelation of the Feb 2nd Saturday and the discussion of casino issues at the March 2nd Saturday meeting.

Kris Klein, Outreach Coordinator, SLCDA.: The Farmer's Market from the B. Davis Park will move to the parking lot of Grace United Methodist Church beginning the 1st Thursday in June. There is no new information on the Colonial Village Shopping Center. The Lansing City Marathon is scheduled for April 21-22. Public discussions sessions on the proposed Lansing casino will be held at the South Side Community Center on February 29 and at Foster Community Center on March 7.

June Kenfield asked if neighbors would be interested in card playing or walking and passed around sign up sheets so she could get a some people together.

Karl said he had reports from School Board and staff on reorganization he could share. Elmhurst is recommended to become Pre-K to 3rd nest year and 4th to to 6th the following year. Public input meetings are being scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.