

Present; Anita Beavers, Evie Bush, June Kenfield, Mike Morofsky and Kathy Miles. Anita called the meeting to order at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Commission Vic Celentino and Dale Copedge thanked us for our support in the election and promised to represent us to the best of their ability in the coming term. They now have seniority with their 10 years serving. There will be a caucus on November 22nd and Vic may be chair of law enforcement. They presented Anita with a Certificate of Appreciation for her involvement and support through the years. Dale said that he will probably still be dialing her number a lot.

Anita also received Certificates of Appreciation from Joan Bauer, 68th District State Representative; and Cheryl Risner from the Lansing Neighborhood Council (LNC). Anita has served on the board of LNC for the last 2 years. Carol Wood, Lansing City Council, At Large, presented a corrected Certificate of Appreciation to Anita because the one she received during Monday Night's City Council Meeting said Anita and her husband had been married 15 years. Anita said they have grandsons older than that and thanked Claude for 50 wonderful years together! A group picture was taken with all the presenters. Anita related that it has been a challenge and a joy to serve for the past 8 years and she loved every minute of it. She enjoyed meeting and working with the "doers" in Lansing and said it is the people that make it work and together we make our voices heard.

Police report Sergeant Spoelma passed out crime maps and said that Area 9 has been quite fortunate with our low incidence of crime. She is replacing Sgt. K 13, who retired. There was a break-in where the neighbors saw but did not call the police. There was an armed robbery at the Short Stop and she encouraged us to stay alert when we are out as crime increases when times are hard. Neighbors expressed concern about the speeding on Pleasant Grove and she will assign an officer to monitor that. Mike reported trouble with students in the street not moving when traffic is present and also kicking over leaf bags. Several students were taken home by police to their parents and they will continue to monitor and see if that takes care of the problem. A question was asked about the difference between Assault and Aggravated Assault; she said that Aggravated Assault occurs when someone needs immediate medical attention. A problem with car parking overnight on the street on Rundle was addressed and LPD will continue to ticket the offender. Sergeant Spoelma can be reached at 483-6882 or at mspoelma@lansingmi.gov.

Officer Penny Elton was introduced as the new Neighborhood Watch contact. She was on patrol for 8 years and is now in charge of Watch and in charge of putting out Citizen Observer information. She passed out sheets with her contact information and said that her first goal is communication and problem solving. The Watch phones will be staffed from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. She can be contacted at 483-7634 or at lpdcsu@lansingmi.gov. It was also brought to our attention that the non-emergency number for LPD, 483-4600, is automated. Officer Elton has plans to review Neighborhood Watch groups to ascertain which are still active and where there is more interest is to establish more.

Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's report June reported that our beginning balance was \$1,161.54. Expenses for printing the newsletter, signs for candidate's night and LNC dues came to \$482.28. Our ending balance is \$794.26.

Area 1 Mike reported that repairs to the tennis courts at Elmhurst are nearing completion. The DEQ has taken care of removal of the barrels at the Citgo station at Colonial Village shopping center. The house on Loraine where the shooting occurred is now vacant. He will update the calling list by the next meeting to reflect the change in Code Compliance officer; Greg Scrimger is being rotated to another area. He did a great job and will be missed.

Representative Joan Bauer thanked us for our support in the election. She plans to push for a change in term limits to 14 years. She mentioned that she is impressed by Rick Snyder's message and tone and looks forward to working with him. The budget for next year will be very challenging; projected deficit is already 1.5 billion and

with no more stimulus money will probably worsen. It was noted by an attendee that this year's budget was balanced by borrowing from the school aid fund. His question was whether that money would be repaid. The answer was never directly addressed.

Vice President Evie had no report but did mention that the school is always in need of volunteers.

City Council Carol Wood talked about the recently passed Snow ordinance and said it will be enforced by Public Service not Code Enforcement. City Council is working on further adjustments' to the Marijuana ordinance, such as a possible moratorium with no new permits. Lansing already has 16 marijuana dispensaries, 11 of them on Michigan Avenue. Since the legalization of marijuana, the street price of it has skyrocketed. Carol also explained the reason for her No vote on the Armory and Marketplace developments. While she is for a prevailing wage, there have been changes to Mr. Gillespie's plans since the original proposals that are cause for concern and new consideration. His suing the City and Judge Aquilino's overturning of the City Council decision is a violation of Home Rule and essentially negates decisions of the Council. This should be a matter of serious concern for residents as the Council speaks for them.

Code Compliance Greg Scrimger explained that all personnel are being rotated to new areas and that he has enjoyed working with us. Our new Code Compliance Officer is Kevin Goforth. His Phone # is 483 4378 and his email address is: kgoforth@ci.lansing.mi.us . Walter will also still be working in our area. Greg said that the house on Mt. Hope that has been an eyesore will have the power shut off next week and should be demolished the first week of December. Public Service is the one to notify about residents blowing their leaves in the street. That number is 483-4086. Carol said if we send her the street address of offenders, she will have the City Attorney send them a letter reminding them of the Code.

CVNA Election The results of the election are:

President - Vacant
Vice President- Karl Biasi
Treasurer - Suzanne Salay
Secretary - Kathy Miles
Area 1 - Mike Morofsky
Area 2 - Jay Knapp
Area 3 - Bill Matt

Anita informed us that we have received a Grant for prizes to be given for the Christmas lighting contest. We are looking for someone to put up the bows on Boston. There is mention of a calendar to be created of the area to sell as a fundraiser. Photographers are invited to submit pictures of the neighborhood.

Willie Vinson donated a grill to be used for the annual picnic; we are in need of someone who is able to store it.

Evie presented Anita with a certificate of appreciation and a lovely set of wind chimes for her garden. A bird feeder was also gifted to her. Anita surprised Evie with her own certificate of appreciation and a picture was taken of them.

Meeting was dismissed at 8:45 p.m.

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