

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Minutes

Date: March 20, 2013 **Called to Order:** 7:05 pm **Attendance:** 36

Introductions and Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Karl E. Biasi (President), Mike Morofosky (Area 1 Rep), Mike Markey (Area 2 Rep), Aaron Beavers (Area 3 Rep), Suzanne Salay (Treasurer), Sara Weeden (Secretary)

Minutes of Previous Meeting: February 20, 2013

Amendments: None

Motioned for approval, Seconded Aye: 36 Nay: 0

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$429.22	<i>Feb.1</i>
Income	\$38.00	-
Expenses	\$95.00	-
Ending Balance	\$372.22	<i>Mar. 31</i>

President's Report

Meeting schedule for the year was distributed. The picnic date may change, stay tuned! ~ Letter sent to ShortStop to congratulate them on their remodel, and to the Lansing City Council in support of the Walnut Neighborhood Association in their discussions with Niowave and the future of developments in residential areas. A grant was received from the city to help finance the annual picnic/business showcase. RecycleRama will be held on 4/13 at the County Building off of S. Cedar. Many items outside of weekly recycling will be accepted. Check the county website for details.

Area Representatives Reports

Area 1: Volunteers are needed for all committees, including the picnic and newsletter. Vandalism: a van had its windows broken at Woodbine & Pattengill. Crime maps were distributed. Self-help phone lists have been updated and distributed.

Area 2: Mike would like to start reaching out to other neighborhood groups to find some common projects. Please let him know if anyone has thoughts on what kind of activities we could do.

Area 3: The coyote is being seen in the woods and has gone after a pet dog on Holly Way. Some recommendations: don't feed pets outside, and watch small dogs when they are let out.

Program

Child & Family Charities (CFS): Linda Rathbun

CFS is a non-profit organization that coordinates many different organizations that focus on foster care and adoption. CFS has a strong need for both foster homes and adoptive homes for children age 0-18. There are about 14,000 children in foster care in Michigan that need to be placed in loving homes from anywhere for 1 day to 1.5 years. CFS' goal is to have good homes ready to go to minimize temporary placements and constant shuffling.

Anyone can be a foster parent. You don't have to be married, or own your own home. The only age

restriction is that foster parents need to be over 18 (no upper limit!) There will be an extensive background check, fingerprinting, and lots of questions to make sure you are a good fit. There is no cost for training and foster parents receive a monthly stipend to handle any expenses the child might have. The children also have full medical and dental insurance. Caseworkers and supervisors are always available for parental assistance, and therapists are on staff to work with the children. If you are interested, contact CFS and they'll get the process started. Remember, these kids need love and can love!

City Council Reports

Carol Wood: Budget from mayor on 3/25, posted online. Budget hearings in April, (open to the public and televised). ~ Financial Health Team: Report is on the City Council website w/ proposals for mayor and council. Public hearings: 4/23 @ Southside Comm. Ctr., 5/7 @ Foster Comm. Ctr. Budget deficit: est. \$9 mil., based on "business as usual". Dog Ordinance: Need to educate LPD to enforce city and county laws already on the books, and encourage judges to uphold tickets given. Unregistered Rental Update: Code Compliance (CC) moving forward with combined database (goal to finish by end of April). Due to staffing issues at CC, follow up on unregistered rentals can be difficult/slow. Call CC w/ issues; no answer, call Carol Wood

Brian Jeffries: Niowave discussions continuing, Council is looking @ revisions to current zoning laws. New development @ GM plant, \$38 mil.. GM seeking 50% tax abatement, Hearing on 4/15.

A'Lynne Robinson: Working on traffic issues @ New Heritage Academy on Holmes. Lots of road concerns, but many areas nearby CV are on list to be fixed when weather improves. Hopes to have street quality "scores" online soon.

New Business

CV Shopping Center: Renovation work continues They are still working to find tenants. Request for bus stop at CV Shopping Center: Willie Vinson said neighbors would like CATA to add a stop at CVSC. Prior CATA routes had run through CV, but those have been removed. New stop would be useful for farmer's market, future tenants at CVSC, etc. Folks would be willing to walk through neighborhood to get to stop. Carol Wood will also speak w/ CATA. Possibility of working w/ SLCDA to get stop set up.

Motioned for CVNA to send letter to CATA re: Bus Stop, Seconded Aye: 36 Nay: 0

Anita Beaver is working on history of CVNA, covering 16 years of existence (established 1997). Please contact her w/ any photos or stories you may have .Printing of the neighborhood brochure that is given to new residents was completed by the Lansing Neighborhood Council staff.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50pm Next Meeting: April 17, 2013