



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

June 16, 2004

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Other Board members present: Anne Wilson, Michael Morofsky, Barry Ford, Jim Beckwith and Willie Vinson. Thirty-one members and guests were present.

Lansing Police Department Report – Sergeant Wright presented a crime map and presented an overview of neighborhood activities. Officer Jason Bock said he is on evening patrol. There is a curfew for children ages 16 and under week nights. The Lansing Police are participating in the Battle for Blood 2004 in competition with the fire department. CVNA was asked to donate blood at the American Red Cross Lansing Donor Room, 1800 E. Grand River, in Lansing, MI Monday, June 28 – Saturday, July 10 in support of the police department.

Tom Lambert, Reporter for the Lansing State Journal – discussed how story ideas are obtained and described how he develops his stories. He said it takes 2 – 3 weeks to work out a story. The newspaper department editor decides what is published in the paper. To ensure neighborhood information is considered, it is best to submit information and ideas to the editor as well as to the writer. It helps to use a personal angle when submitting the information in order to get attention.

Minutes - It was moved and second to accept the Minutes of the May 19, 2004 meeting.

Treasurer's Report - It was moved and second to accept the treasurer's Report. The current bank balance is \$2,450.96. The CVNA City Grant for sign, a second City Grant and City Beautification Grant are included in this total.

Vice President's Report – Anne Wilson made the following announcements: Grace United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School (3 – 6th grade) is open to all on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays of each week. Flyers were made available. CVNA picnic will be held August 3 (Primary Day). Donations and volunteers are being solicited. A Pit Bull mix, 2600 block of Fairview, likes to get out. Don't approach, call animal control.

President Reports – Anita Beavers announced that the CVNA Board met and discussed the need for donations to help finance the newsletter, picnic and other association activities. On behalf of CVNA, Anita thanked everyone who participated in planting and moving of plants. The traffic island in front of Grace United Methodist Church was dug up and the flowers dumped. Volunteers are needed for maintenance/watering of plants now that they are planted.

Area One Report – Michael Morofsky thanked Anita for her help in getting pot holes at the east end of Logan Center fixed. Greg Scrimger, City of Lansing Code Compliance Officer was thanked for all his help. Michael attended Monday night's City Council meeting where he thanked Randy Williams and Capt. Kim Lawrence for their help getting rid of graffiti at the old Shafer Bakery site and complained about the slow progress of getting raised intersection installed at Woodbine and Marion. Complaints about orange/yellow smoke coming from Reid Machinery are now being referred to Mike Masterson from Department of Environmental Quality (Air Quality) 517-335-6292. The "no left turn" truck sign at the west end of Colonial Village shopping center alley is still lying in the grass. The self help phone list maintained by Michael has been updated.

Area Two Report – Barry Ford said the graffiti reported on Gordon was removed.

Area Three Report – Anita Beavers presented Greg Kozak's report in his absence. Two items of interest reported: A resident on South Hollyway reported finding 2-3 short-shafted arrows in the front lawn on or around June 3. The home is located between Revere & Peggy Place. LPD indicated the arrows were likely from a crossbow. Residents were asked to be on the lookout for any persons with a crossbow in the neighborhood. There are restrictions on the use of crossbows under Michigan law.

The foreclosed property at 3147 Boston Blvd. was sold at auction on February 26, 2004. Former owners were presented with a summons on May 10, 2004 and ordered to appear in Ingham County Court on May 21, 2004. The former owners are alleged to be wrongfully holding over (i.e. eviction). Evidently there are still possessions and property in the house. Premises appear to be secured.

Committee Reports

Evelyn Bush – reported on the plans for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life event scheduled June 26-27, 2004 at Everett High School. The Sagamoor Hills neighborhood Association has joined CVNA in the Relay instead of forming a team. More volunteers needed to walk, to provide food, refreshments & camping equipment. CVNA residents were asked to come and support the walkers and other participants as they walk & camp out during the 24 hour event.

Diane Krantz – The neighborhood garage sale is scheduled June 19. Signs were made available for posting. She encouraged residents to participate. In addition to Colonial Village, other neighborhoods in southwest Lansing with garage sales on the same day are: Moores Park, Sagamoor hill, Quentin Park, Lewton-Rich and Averill. Advertising and signs are being placed.

Neighborhood News and Announcements

Kathy Dunbar, Community Development Association report: 1) the name of the publication, “Linking Leaders”, has been changed to “South Lansing Community News.” 2) The south side neighborhood picnic will be held at Hawk Island Park July 18 (1 – 5 p.m.). Free entertainment and refreshments will be available. The picnic is for all members of south side neighborhood associations and watches. 3) The second annual South Side Community Showcase will be held on Saturday, August 28 from noon-4 p.m. at Benjamin Davis Park on Pleasant Grove road. CVNA was asked to consider having an information booth at the event.

Randy Williams, Lansing City Council report: 1) Approximately 15 neighborhood speed humps were installed incorrectly. The contractor is in the process of repairing them at their expense. The deadline date for repairs to be completed is July 5. 2) The City Council is planning a meeting to address the striping on Pleasant Grove and Mt. Hope. 3) CVNA’s Website is currently down due to a problem with the Internet host. This problem is being resolved. 4) The MLK Corridor Committee will begin meeting again.

CVNA will hold its annual candidates night in September.

Local Neighborhood Business News

L & L Food Center has plans for sprucing up CVNA Shopping Center; Fantastic Sams has re-opened; and a dollar store will soon open in the Colonial Village Shopping Center. A & W closed, Aco will soon move to a location across the street, and Big Lots is looking for a bigger place. Coming soon – Long John Silver

The Code Compliance office provided a pamphlet with code compliance rules for front yard parking. The office is open 8 a.m. – noon Monday – Friday.

Guests

- 1) Frank Lane – forming a new neighborhood association and asked for CVNA’s support.
- 2) James O’Leary, attorney is running for Circuit Court and asked for the support of the Association.

Drawing - Winner of the fifth drawing (a gift certificate for two car washes) was Frank Lane.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held July 21, 2004