



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

March 17, 2004

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Board members present: Anne Wilson, Michael Morofsky, Barry Ford, Greg Kozak, Jim Beckwith and Willie Vinson. Thirty-six members and guests were present.

Lansing Police Department Report - Officer Jason Bock reported the neighborhood has been very quiet. There were a few parking problems, two teenagers arrested for vandalism after a minor pursuit on Mt. Hope.

Neighbors in Action – Kathy Dunbar, President, Sagamore Hill Neighborhood Association, and Anita Beavers reported on the success of neighbors from all surrounding neighborhood Associations (Lewton/Rich, Quinton Park, and Sagamoor Hill) banning together to protest the non-motorized lanes on Mt. Hope and Pleasant Grove. The Associations are not against bike lanes or traffic calming measures. They believe, however, that bike lanes will not be appropriate for the streets designated and wanted to protest the lack of communication and resident involvement in the decision to create these lanes. June Kenfield, Anne Wilson, Michael Morofsky, other CVNA members including Charlene Decker addressed the City Council in protest. It was noted that there was notable support for the bike paths at the City Council meeting as well.

Randy Williams said there is a need to have a discussion as to what happens on Pleasant Grove and discuss all options. He asked anyone with ideas or thoughts on the matter to contact him, Anne Wilson or Anita Beavers.

Minutes - It was moved and second to accept the Minutes of the February 18, 2004 meeting with a correction. “Greg Kozak reported on a foreclosure sale at 3147 Boston “ not 3417.

Treasurer’s Report - It was moved and second to accept the treasurer’s Report. The current bank balance is \$2,179.84. The CVNA City Grant and City Beautification Grant are included in this total.

Vice President’s Report – Anne Wilson attended a focus group meeting, the City Council meeting, and was interviewed by Fox 47, TV 10 and featured in the Lansing State Journal pertaining to the non-motorized project. She thanked the local businesses and neighbors who came out and supported the protest against the project.

Volunteers are needed to assist Anne Wilson with the Neighborhood in Bloom grant. Volunteers are needed for planting, direction of traffic (especially by Elmhurst & Hollyway.) She also reported that the State of Michigan is having a wild flower photo contest. The winners will receive a \$100 gift certificate to a camera shop. Please contact Anne for more details. Anne provided the meeting refreshments in honor of St. Patrick’s Day and provided green pop, chips to represent potatoes and dark bread.

President Reports – Anita Beavers reminded residents to sign in at each meeting to be eligible for CVNA’s door prizes. Anita Beavers asked members to be generous in their donations to CVNA. She said no grant funds are available to pay print cost of the newsletter.

Area One Report – Michael Morofsky reported a black male, wearing a red Adidas jacket, approached residents on Gordon Ave. asking for money for car repairs. No money was exchanged and the police was called. He is also working with residents to accumulate documentation on code violations in area one, monitoring traffic calming measures on Marion and Woodbine, speed humps on Gordon and polling of Rundle residents for parking signs. In addition, he is assisting resident Jo Batcher pertaining to traffic studies she requested in 2003 and still has not received and he is working with Councilman Williams pertaining to Officer Brian Whitsitt’s re-assignment.

Area Two Report – Barry Ford reported there is a product called “Bayer” that can be used to protect neighborhood Ash Trees from disease. Its too late if the tree has already been affected. Product will not work on affected trees.

Area Three Report – Greg Kozak reported on the status of the abandoned house in Area 3. Auction was scheduled 2/26.

Committee Reports

June Kenfield – reported that the Association is holding last year’s money to pay for sign designated for the corner of Mt. Hope and MLK. Due to no fault of the Association, the money could not be used in the allotted time frame. Because it is last year’s money permission is needed to use it this year. A letter asking for permission to carry the money forward has been sent. June also made a motion that the Association participates in the American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life on June 26- 27, 2004 at Everett High School again this year. The motion to participate in the Relay was passed. Volunteers are needed.

New Business

Councilman, Randy Williams presented June Kenfield with a certificate from the Lansing City Council for outstanding work and for being a Bea Christy Award nominee. Residents were invited to attend the Southside Forum on budget considerations on April 13, 7:00 p.m., at Dwight Rich Middle School.

Commissioner Victor Celentino thanked Association members for the cards and donation to the American Red Cross in honor of his mother’s passing. He then presented June Kenfield with a certificate of appreciation from the Ingham County Commission for her contribution and leadership role in the neighborhood.

Kathy Dunbar invited CVNA Board to attend a meeting with “SCNC” (Student Consulting For Non-Profit Organizations). The meeting is intended to demonstrate SCNC’s resources and availability to non-profit organizations on Friday, March 19 (6-8p.m.) at Faith United Methodist Church, 4101 S. Waverly, between Holmes and Jolly. Willie Vinson agreed to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Calvin Lynch, retired from Commission and is running for judge to replace Judge Brown. Mrs. Lynch asked for signatures to get his name on the ballot. She invited residents to attend a breakfast at the Community Center, 2101 W. Holmes Rd. (in the old Quality Dairy Building) on March 18. The Mayor and Commissioner Lynch will be in attendance. Pete Cunningham is the Director of the Center. His number is 394-7400.

Hawk Island Wood Park Planning Committee invited residents to volunteer to help build the playground. Construction sign-up times May 19-23, 2004 (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.).

Dale Copich, Lansing Public Service, introduced himself and announced he is running for an Ingham County Board of Commissioner seat. He lives on Hollyway and serves on the Lett Center Advisory board and is active in various other associations. He asked for CVNA’s support.

Neighborhood News and Announcements

Winner of the second drawing (a \$10 Pizza Hut gift certificate) was Patty Ford.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held April 21, 2004