



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

June 15, 2005

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present were Anne Wilson, Mike Morofsky, Greg Kozak, Thelma Dempsey and Willie Vinson. Thirty-two members and guests attended.

Lansing Police Department Report: Officer Jason Bock was unable to attend this meeting, however, he plans to attend the next meeting and he will bring reports for both months.

Guest Speaker: Aileen Gow, Executive Director, Urban Options and Sue Warren, C.E.M., Lansing Board of Water and Light tag teamed a report pertaining to energy options in Lansing and elsewhere. Look for the “Energy Star” when purchasing appliances and products was the message. The “Energy Star” program offers energy-efficient solutions, making it easy to save money while protecting the environment and community. The program was established to check and qualify appliances and other electronics to receive the star in order to raise awareness as to what are highest energy users. Heating and cooling units are high users of energy and should be checked. Check weather stripping on doors. Repair and replace gaps around light switch plates to stop drafts. Samples of energy saving bulbs were distributed and CVNA members were asked to compare their use to the bulbs currently being used. The mini-spiral, 20 watt bulbs, distributed were compared to incandescent 60 – 75 watt bulbs. They are reported to last 10 times as long and provide equivalent light. Various energy saving bulbs are available including 3-way bulbs, flame shaped bulbs, outdoor flood light bulbs, and others. They can be found at Home Depot, Lowe’s, Sams and various other stores. Just look for the energy star and read the labels.

The Urban Options Center is located on Grow Street behind City Hall. Stop in for demonstrations and/or contact them for home energy check-up by calling (517) 483-4040, www.plandevlopment.cityoflansingmi.com/development. Contact Lansing Board of Water and Light, P.O. box 13007, 1232 Haco Dr., Lansing, MI 48901. Phone (517) 702-6585 or www.lbwl.com.

Guest Speaker: Murdock Jameson and Rick Kibby, Parks and Recreation Board, did a report on the mileage renewal, Proposal 1, on the ballot. They both asked for CVNA’s support for the mileage. The mileage is a renewal request not new. What was paid in the past will remain the same. The renewal is important because if it is not renewed, the money allocated to maintenance of parks, will be returned to the general fund which means the Parks will have to compete with other agencies funded through the general fund. Mr. Jameson showed photos of what can happen to parks if no money is allocated specifically for the parks and pointed out what Lansing Parks were recipients. A question was asked about Elmhurst Park. Mr. Jameson said that if the neighborhood has a vision for the park to let him know. CVNA is working with school PTA to improve the park and increase use of the park. Brian Jeffries spoke out in support of the mileage renewal and confirmed money would be returned to the General Fund which means maintenance and park development will suffer.

Minutes: The May minutes were approved and placed on file.

Treasurer’s Report: The May Treasurer’s Report was approved and placed on file. Current balance as of today: \$753.04 and includes a \$71.00 from donations and \$200 expenses paid.

Vice President Report: Anne Wilson reported that 30 flats of flowers were received from Flowers in Bloom project. She thanked all volunteers to helped plant the flowers and those who volunteered for plant maintenance. She still has six to eight flats to plant. Please call Anne if you can help. Her number is 374-6460. Anne is a member of the Health Department’s Power of We Committee. The Committee is evaluating Oral Health Care in Lansing. The next meeting will be held Friday, June 24, at Foster Community Center if you would like to participate.

President Report: Anita Beavers thanked all volunteers for participating in the Flowers in Boom project and reported the Relay For Life team still needs people to walk and make donations. Call Anita for more information.

Area One: Mike Morofsky reported all clear in his area. Some code compliance reports reference yard care for a couple houses in his area.

Area Two: (Mt. Hope south to Victor and Pleasant Grove to Boston) CVNA is still seeking a volunteer to serve as Area Representative for this area. Residents in the area were asked to consider volunteering for this office.

Area Three: Greg Kozak made his report and asked if any problems in his area to call him at 887-2901.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee – Postponed report due to June Kentfield’s illness.

Lansing Relay For Life – The Southside Settler’s Relay Team will be offering foot prints, stars and luminaria bags to raise funds. Residents were asked to consider being a volunteer, make a donation, or come out and attend to support participants.

City Council: City Council members Brian Jeffries and Randy Williams attended the meeting and reported on the status of the Logan mall construction and said one of the businesses, a call center, going into the center will employ approximately 200 employees. Joan Bauer, the City’s attorney and several people from City Council attended Senate Bill 522’s hearing at the House Office Building, room R519 to oppose the placement of the Wolverine Pipeline.

New Business: Anita Beavers reported the possibility of receiving a donation from National City Bank for CVNA’s communication efforts. The Website, newsletter, brochure and other communications tools would be funded by the donation. A vote to accept a donation and place National City Bank on CVNA’s Website and in the newsletter as sponsors was accepted and passed. A letter will be written and sent to National City pertaining to the request for donation.

Greg Kozak suggested the Wolverine Article on CVNA’s Website be changed. Instead of just showing a number to call to object to the Pipeline’s placement, change the report by giving residents an option to oppose or support.

Michael Morofsky asked that the titles, “old and new business be added back on the agenda.

Candidates for City Council:

Bob Johnson, Candidate for City Council at Large seat, introduced himself and asked for the Association’s support. He worked Mayor Hollister for a number of years. He said he opposed the Wolverine Pipeline’s placement and explained he strongly believe in importance of strong neighborhoods.

Brian Jeffries, Candidate for Re-election to City Council at Large, asked for CVNA’s support and talked about his support for neighborhoods and his involvement in Council issues.

Winner of Drawing: Diane Corrigan received Certificate for two free car washes from Wash World.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next meeting will be held July 20 at 7:00 p.m.