



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

January 18, 2006

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Other board members present were Anne Wilson, Mike Morofsky, Thelma Dempsey and Willie Vinson. Thirty members and guests attended, including Carol Wood and Kathy Dunbar, Lansing City Council; Dale Copedge, Ingham County Commission; Greg Scrimger, Code Compliance Officer; and Mark White, Manager of Colonial Village L&L Foods.

Lansing Police Department Report: Officer Jason Bock provided CVNA with a Lansing Police Department Offense report map. The map included Moores River Dr to W. Holmes and Waverly to Martin Luther King Blvd. and included the following offenses for a two week period: One robbery, four larcenies, and one - damage to property. Officer Bock said this neighborhood is a very good, safe neighborhood overall. He suggested keeping doors, screens and garage doors closed and locked as a precaution.

Holiday Home Lighting Award Ceremony: Anne Wilson, Contest Chair, thanked her committee for their participation. The following locations were mentioned for their creative and colorful lights: Colonial Village Baptist Church and Sandra Bennet on Hollyway. The winners: Gary and Evelyn Bush on Pattengill received a \$10 Gift Certificate and Patricia Daly on Victor won a \$25.00 gift certificate. Pictures will be placed in the Lansing State Journal.

Program: Jim Froehlich, CATA Service Planning Manager, spoke about his duties and CATA services available to neighborhood residents. He is responsible for bus schedules, designing routes, and ensuring that all busses comply with ADA requirements. CATA was formed in 1972. It is a non-governmental, company. There are two routes in the community. Route #9 travels north & south on Martin Luther King Blvd. to Jolly, Waverly and to Miller. Route #11 (Waverly, Moores River to Pleasant Grove to Victor.) runs Monday through Friday. The Victor route was discontinued due to lack of use.

Spectran is a service provided by CATA. You must pre-qualify to be able to use it and you must be able to get to and from the bus on your own or have someone available to help you. A Spectran bus will pick you up; take you to and from your destination.

Redi-rides - is also a service that will pick you up and return you to your home. You can call and reserve a ride as needed. The cost is \$2.00 each way.

For additional information about CATA and services go to their website (www.CATA.org) or call CATA and ask for Jim in Planning.

Minutes: A motion was made and approved to accept the November 2005 minutes. (No meeting was held in December due to the holiday season.)

Treasurer's Report: The January 2006 Treasurer's Report was approved and placed on file. Current balance as of today: \$622.29 and includes donations received 11/16/05 of \$55.11. CVNA donated \$55.00 to Grace United Methodist Church as a thank you for the use of their building and \$50.00 was used for Christmas Lighting Contest prizes.

Vice President Report: Anne Wilson thanked Mark White of L&L Food Center for bringing snacks. She reviewed CVNA's 2005 Accomplishments and announced the following neighborhood activities: Elmhurst PTA Potluck dinner, 1/19/06, Dwight Rich will have a Kick-off Breakfast at the Clarion Hotel to celebrate their change to Magnum school status. Contact Marilee Vaughn at Dwight Rich for more details. She announced the date and time of the Governor's State of the State and the City's state of the City address.

President Report: Anita Beavers announced members of Colonial Village Neighborhood Association were invited to attend a reception for Tony Benevides, Tuesday, January 24 (5-7 p.m. in the Governor's room at Lansing Center to celebrate his years of service. Contact the Friends of Tony Benevides (517) 484-3850 to register. Joan Bauer is running for Senate. She will have a kick-off event Tuesday, January 24, 11:00 a.m. at the Foster Community Center.

Anita announced that CVNA brochures need to be reprinted. The cost will be \$230 for 500. It was approved and moved to reprint the brochures. There will be a candidates' night in the fall. Anita asked Association members to also think about making an annual donation of \$25 to the American Red Cross. A suggestion, "Instead of making this an automatic annual donation, why not ask membership each year if they want to make a donation. That way if money is not available, there won't be a need to vote to remove the donation at a later date" was received from the floor. Further discussion and a vote will take place at the next meeting.

Area One: Mike Morofsky reported he attended the City Council meeting in December to get the speed hump sign replaced on Elmhurst. He was interviewed by Channel 6 as a result of it. The sign was replaced on Friday. He said there was nothing else of consequence going on in his area. Mike Morofsky also said he has initiated some projects that he feels will be beneficial for the neighborhood and possibly the city in general. He said he was doing this as a member of the CVNA, not as a representative or board member.

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.

Area Three: Greg Kozak was absent due to an injury. He sent his report.

City Council: Carol Woods, Lansing City Council, said that Brian Jeffries sent his best regards. She presented the Board with a copy of the Council's five year Parks Plan. She said the Council is in the process of reviewing plan. She asked CVNA to review and send her comments on neighborhood concerns. The Council's new president is Harold Lehman. Brian Jeffries is Vice President. All other members of the council have been placed on committees and boards. Randy Williams, Public Safety; Brian Jeffries, Zoning; Kathy Dunbar, Inner Government; Sandy Allen, Transportation. She announced there will be no money for Neighborhood in Bloom grants in the budget; however, they are looking at other options for funding.

Kathy Dunbar reported a Beaners may go into the Colonial Village Strip Mall soon. SLCDA will hold its annual fundraiser on May 7. It will be a Pancake Breakfast in the Park. They are looking at Federal grants, donations from the Mott Foundation and other Development organizations to fund a pass through grant for neighborhood Associations.

Ingham County Commission: Dale Copedge reported the Commission has launched a national search for a new comptroller. Victor Celentino could not join us, but sends his regards. He also suggested CVNA look into bringing in a speaker to talk about prescription drugs. He also said there are many health care jobs available. If interested, look at the Ingham County Website. He is also a board member of Michigan Works. They are currently looking at housing issues for people who need to be worked back into society.

Lansing Code Compliance Officer: Greg Scrimger reported no significant problems in the area. He said out of 56 red tagged homes, only one is in this neighborhood. This is a very good neighborhood.

Winner of Drawing: Dr. Otto Graesser won a gift certificate for a free car wash.

Announcements: Dave White, L&L Foods, announced the Women's Expo at Kellogg Center, East Lansing

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40PM. The next regular meeting will be held February 15, 2006.