



## Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA) January 21, 2009

President Anita Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other board members in attendance were Evelyn Bush, Michael Morofsky, Emily Bourne, David Tkaczyk, and Kathy Miles. Mary Bechtol was in attendance for the Board Meeting but could not attend the association meeting. Thirty-two CVNA members and guests attended the meeting including City Council Member Carol Wood.

**Program Speakers:** Ms. Carol Bell from the Grace United Methodist Church/Co-Chairman of the Education Committee, presented child care free of cost during neighborhood association meetings in an effort to boost attendance. Infants through children in elementary school are welcome and all volunteers have been trained in child care practices. Those with any questions may contact James (517) 482-5750 or Carol (517) 646-6928 ext. 100.

Catie Parker from the SLCD/Farmers Market (South Lansing Residents Market) discussed the benefits of Farmer's Markets: fresh food, locally grown for local farmers, ability to discuss recipes/use of fresh fruits and vegetables. Farmer's Market will encourage people of all backgrounds to grow and sell their foods (all community growers are welcome). The Farmer's Market will be held at Benjamin Davis Park on Pleasant Grove Rd. south of Jolly Rd. Hours of operation will be Saturdays from 10am-2pm. June 6<sup>th</sup> is the first Farmer's Market with the intent to sell through September and possibly October. Possible table for excess vegetables to give as a donation. Possible healthy concession stand for attendants of baseball/softball games. Health guidelines will prohibit food from being cut on site.  
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**Lansing Police Department:** Officer Jason Bock's report included a record number of accidents in the months of December and January due to low temperatures and salt not helping to melt the snow. There was a breaking & entering on Kelsey St. during the middle of the day. There was an additional breaking & entering on the corner of Pattengill & Poxson Ave. Officer Bock also reported that there have been a higher number of assaults/arguing calls – domestic disputes due to economic conditions and higher levels of stress regarding financial issues. A second house on Rundle Street west of Boston was raided for drugs. Specifics regarding rental house laws/drug use were discussed. A 30 day team area 9 offense map, dated January 14, 2009 was distributed.

**Minutes:** November 19, 2008 minutes were accepted with no amendments necessary. Minutes from the January 21, 2009 Board Meeting will be recorded and filed.

**President's Report:** Anita Beavers reported on the inauguration of President Obama and how it related to the volunteers and members of CVNA. She thanked all members for being so helpful to the organization. A request for an additional volunteer caller for meetings was made.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Evie Bush visited Elmhurst and spoke with the administrative staff regarding its partnerships with various local businesses. Elmhurst would like a partnership with EDS to help support budget cuts to the arts and music. PTA meetings are now held the first Monday of each month at 5:30pm.

**Treasurer's Report:** CVNA holds a balance of \$403.08. There was no activity and no outstanding debts from 11/19/08 – 1/21/2009.

### Area Representatives Reports:

**Area One Representative** Michael Morofsky reported that he is working on a couple of street sign repairs on the corners of Pattengill and Cooper as well as Marion and Poxson. The 1600-1700 block area of Lenore had a home that was previously foreclosed and has now been purchased.

**Area Two Representative** Mary Bechtol reported no business.

**Area Three Representative** David Tkaczyk reported no business and no calls.

**Lansing City Council:** Carol Wood reported on all the activities of the City Council. She distributed the Do 1 Thing 2009 calendar that focuses on taking steps to prepare for an emergency. She also reported that 2 gentlemen on the east side posed as BWL employees and struck a senior while burglarizing the home. Steps can be taken to eliminate this such as asking for identification or calling the utility for verification. A public hearing at BWL will be held on 1/26 at 5:30 on Haco Drive to discuss the 2.5% increase. January 26<sup>th</sup> is Mayor Virg Bernero's State of the City address at Holmes Street School. Cards were distributed by Carol Wood with information regarding a pharmaceutical company. This company developed a card that

allows people to get a discount on prescription drugs. The information is documented by the pharmaceutical company and submitted to the Federal Government. Election of new officers for Council and committees were reported. Discussed the Hedley Amendment regarding rising property assessments vs. decreasing property values. Neighborhood stabilization is an issue and the goal is to sell foreclosed homes to owner/occupiers instead of renters. Reported close to 1000 foreclosed homes in the city of Lansing. The city will try to incorporate traffic easements on all four corners of the intersection at Holmes Rd. and Pleasant Grove Rd. City would purchase pieces of private property along with public right-of-way to go forward with construction. Questions: 517-483-6036 (City Planning Office) or [www.cvnanews.com](http://www.cvnanews.com).

**New Business & Announcements:**

- The annual Bea Christy Award Dinner is 2/27 at 5pm at the Lansing Center. Tickets are \$16.
- Ruth Hallman's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Birthday with Chili & Soup is on 1/30/09 from 12pm to 7:30pm. CVNA is making a donation of \$25.
- Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to:
  - Dr. Otto Graesser
  - Honorable Judge Amy Krause
  - Ann Cook, National City Bank
  - L&L Food Center
  - Council member Carol Wood
- Winners of the holiday lighting contest included:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – William Drake
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – David & Maloney Slep
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Pat Zue
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place – Mr. & Mrs. Frank Martemucci

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.