

**Moores Park Neighborhood Organization
Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2008**

Neighbors Present: President: Amy Derosier, Vice President: Shirley Murray, Secretary: Patti Griffin, Treasurer: David Potts, Dorothy Jones, Susan Dougherty, Cathy Vaughn, Jim Smith, Cindy Beck, Ellen Gallavan, Grant Hilts, Julie Chrysler, Rory Neuner, Joni Starr, Cathy Vaughn, Joe McDonald, Officer Jason Bock and Chief of Police Mark Alley

Community Policing: Office Jason Bock passed out crime maps for our neighborhood. Reported a B&E on Smith Avenue today. Neighbors saw 4 kids and didn't call police. Crime was reported when home owners returned home. Office Bock emphasized if you see suspicious behavior in your neighborhood please call 483-4600 to report it and a description of the person(s) seen and any vehicle information would be very helpful. You do not have to provide your name to give this information

Someone was arrested in our neighborhood for Breaking and Entering (B&E). His name is Robert Jones. Officers have been successful in picking up latent prints at some of the crime scenes. Once a report is taken it is assigned to a detective. To find out further information on the status of an investigation contact: Sgt. T. Fabus – 272-7485 or Sgt. K. Kilbourn – 272-7484. Newer neighbor brought up concern for vandalism on Halloween night. Chief Alley stated that there would be extra officers on patrol on Halloween night. Long time neighbors stated that they have not experienced any problems associated with Halloween. It was mentioned that there is a lot of motorcycle racing occurring in the late evening near Braman and MLK. 1614 Delevan was brought up as a problem house.

In regards to the speeding on W. Barnes and other streets by school buses. The bus garage has been advised they will be ticketed if caught speeding. Chief Alley had several motorcycle officers on a specific morning all along W. Barnes Avenue he did not have the numbers for how many citations if any were given that morning.

Code Compliance Update and Questions: Code compliance officer not present

Guest Speaker: Bob Swanson with CATA discussed upcoming vote on proposed millage. CATA is requesting 7.87 mills for 5 years, which would average about \$38.00 per year for a \$100,000.00 home. They use to receive about 50% from state and that has dropped to around 30% and 2nd source of funds is fares which makes up about 12%. Federal funding covers capital costs only. Without the millage increase services will need to be cut 25% which could result in the buses not running after 6:00pm and no weekend services, including service cuts on Spectram (sp). Millage would pay approximately 15 – 20% of budget.

Old Business:

A. The Parks Celebration:

1. **Bike to City Market:** 6 people turned out and they have a good time.

2. **Pancake Breakfast:** To be held on October 19, 10 – 12:00pm in the pavillion. Plenty of people have signed up to help. They need a big coffee maker, coffee, cider and juice. Rain date is Sunday, October 26

B. **Update on Neighborhood Watch Meeting (Sept 25, 2008):** The people who were able to attend this meeting said Office Nolan did a presentation on “Home Security Tips”. Amy mentioned that it might be a good thing to send some neighbors to the neighborhood watch training. Since there were mixed information and many people did not know about the location of the Sept 25 meeting. Patti Griffin and Cindy Beck did attend “How to Organize a Neighborhood Watch” on October 1, 2008 and have the hand outs from this. It was discussed that maybe we need to find out how many more people are interested in forming neighborhood watches in the area and then we could take the next step of organizing them. Emailing our list of contacts or maybe putting flyers on homes was suggested.

C. **Web site:** Website would need to be developed and then add links to various websites that would be of interest. Maybe a link about Neighborhood Watches. Rory volunteered to work with Susan Dougherty’s son to develop site.

D. **Update from BWL on replacement coolers:** Shirley Murray stated she was told that temporary replacement coolers will be in place by the end of October.

New Business:

A. Upcoming meetings: Joe McDonald passed out postcards “Lansing Now!” & “Go Green”.

He also mentioned upcoming events: Nov 8th Veteran’s Day ceremonies and Nov 12th “City Hall on the Road”, this will be located at a church located at 5304 Wise Road, Lansing. Time is from 6 – 8:00pm. This is an interactive time to meet with department heads and ask questions. You just go from dept to dept within this 2 hour time period.

Calendar of Neighborhood Watch workshops (South Precinct, 6 – 8:00pm)

October 1 – “How to Start a Neighborhood Watch”

October 15 – “Reporting Suspicious Behavior”

November 5 – “Community Gang Awareness”

November 19 – “Community Crime Prevention and Preparedness

December 3 – “Personnal Safety”

December 17 – “Home Security”

Ideas for MPNO to tackle this coming year. (From Sept 12, 2008 Meeting)

1. Cookout and cleanup (rent a dumpster for this)
2. Meet and welcome new neighbors
3. Informal meeting night other than Wednesday.
4. Neighborhood Garden Project: possible vegetable garden
5. Neighborhood Halloween Parade
6. Neighborhood should have a voice in City Master Plan
7. Website/Yahoo Group

8. Connect with elderly neighbors
9. Book exchange
10. Neighborhood Yard Sale
11. Active Role in River Cleanup