

Moore's Park Neighborhood Organization Agenda for March 11, 2009

Introductions: Neighbors present Amy Derosier, President, Shirley Murray, VP, Ellen Gallavan, Jim Smith, David Potts, Treasurer, Patti Griffin, Secretary, Dorothy Jones, Millie Spurbeck, C. Paul Jones, Alice Brinkman, Jessica Swisher, Susan Dougherty, Cindy Beck and Plymouth Hawks.

Officer reports: Amy Derosier and Shirley Murray had brunch with Joan Bauer. Bike & Walk Project is progressing nicely with its plans to make it easier to travel in the area whether on foot or on a bike.

Community Policing: Sgt. Bill Byrnes passed out maps for crimes committed in the Moore's Park area. Everything has been fairly quiet in our area. Neighbors in the area of Fletcher & Smith are concerned about a mini van that is parked on the street almost every night. He mentioned that the Lansing Police Dept will be getting some of the economic stimulus money. It is still being determined what it will be used toward.

Code Compliance update and questions

- o No code compliance officer was present.

Guest :

Kevin Reeves was present from the City Clerk's office. Wanted to know neighbor's concerns about voting precincts being changed what their issues may have been. Most of the concern came from the long lines for the presidential election. Lewton School had 2 precincts voting there. The 4th ward was the longest line and parking was difficult.

Old Business:

A. Community Garden: The deadline was missed to apply for grant money from the Community Garden Project this year, but there are several neighbors that are interested in getting this started. Several neighbors suggested we contact St. Casmir to see if they would allow us to use their lot where the building was recently torn down for a garden. One of the neighbors is a member of the church and would check with them.

New Business:

A. Lansing School District intends to close Moore's Park School. For the past few years this was a magnet school focusing on reading and math skill improvement. There was much discussion about what is going to happen to the school and what some of the neighbors would like to see happen. There was a suggestion that a letter should be written to school district that if they need to close the school neighbors would like some input into what the building is used for. Shirley made the motion to write a letter to the Lansing School District and Amy seconded it. Anyone interested in being part of a subcommittee to bounce around ideas should contact Shirley or Amy.