

## **Moore's Park Neighborhood Organization Agenda for April 15, 2009**

**Introductions:** Amy Derosier, President, Shirley Murray, VP, David Potts, Treasurer, Patti Griffin, Secretary, Collin Anzicer, Jim Smith, Dorothy Jones, Jessica Swisher, Adam Pitcher, Sundee Wilson

**Officer reports:** Amy and Shirley attended a meeting for "Design Lansing, Workshop in a Box".

**Community Policing:**

- No police officer present and no issues were discussed

**Code Compliance update and questions**

- No code compliance officer present and no issues were discussed

**Guest:**

Adam Pitcher from the Holmes Street School Community discussed how their neighborhood rallied together to organize a neighborhood assn. when they found out what the plans were for the closed elementary school in their neighborhood. An article published in the State Journal caught the eye of someone who ultimately purchased the building and it will be a High Tech program for kids. He suggested that representatives from the Moore's Park Neighborhood attend the School Board Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> to show that the neighbors care, have concerns and that the neighborhood has many assets for a neighborhood school. As many people as possible from our neighborhood should attend.

**Old Business:**

- A. Update on Neighborhood Garden – St. Casmir did give permission to use the back part of the vacant lot on Barnes Avenue, but it can't be used since there is a black walnut tree in that space. Black walnut trees and vegetable gardens are not a good mix. We are still looking for a space to be used for next year. The thinking is that we should find the space this year and prepare it for planting next spring.
- B. Reminder about how to start a neighborhood watch – go to [http://www.lansingmi.gov/police/neighborhood\\_watch.jsp](http://www.lansingmi.gov/police/neighborhood_watch.jsp) Police Dept website. Contact Officer Sarah Nolen from the south precinct [snolen@lansingmi.gov](mailto:snolen@lansingmi.gov) and she can get you started. Also the weather is getting warmer so neighbors should take care in locking their cars, homes and garages to discourage thieves.
- C. School closing discussion – Decision to be made tomorrow by school board
  - a. Letter sent from MPNO—A copy of the letter sent to the school board was passed around.

**New Business:**

- A. Neighborhood yard sale date – The yard sale will be held June 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am – 3:00pm. There will be a neighborhood cookout at 5:00pm more details to follow. Those that would like to participate in the yard sale contact Dorothy Jones at 482-7044 or [Jones2Lan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Jones2Lan@sbcglobal.net). An ad will be placed in the State Journal to advertise the sale.
- B. Informal Gathering Night – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at Izzo's for pizza. Come and meet your neighbors!

**Announcements / Reminders –**

- April 30 – Design Lansing, Workshop in a Box, Gardner Middle School
- May 9 – Mayor's Picnic Francis Park 10am – 2pm