

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

August 16th. 2000

AGENDA

1. Minutes of July 19th. meeting
2. Financial report
3. Report of Off Campus Issues Committee meeting
4. David Hamilton – president of the Monroe County Council
5. Report of meeting with fledgling Ellettsville neighborhood association
6. Funding committee report
7. Rosenbarger – Cornett program, Aug 29th, Council Chambers 7 pm
8. Neighborhood distribution centers – dealing with community emergencies
9. Neighborhood improvement grants
10. Visioning as a neighborhood activity
11. Identifying other neighborhood leaders
12. Need for a nurturing committee to help neighborhood leaders
13. Family Fun Fair, August 26th
14. Adjournment

Future meeting dates: Neighborhood Association Group meets Sept 8th. at 8:30 a.m. in the McCloskey Room. CONA meets Wednesday, Sept. 20th. in the McCloskey Room. Planning Committee meets at noon, August 30th in the Kelly Room. Off Campus Issues Committee meets Oct. 14th. at 5:30 p.m. in the McCloskey Room.

The group discussed issues that CONA as a citizen's advocacy group could support.

1. Adequate public facilities. Under the present zoning ordinance, developers develop by right, regardless of the capacity of the community's infrastructure to accommodate the additional traffic generated by the development. Should we support an ordinance that places a moratorium on development until the necessary infrastructure is in place?
2. Trash in neighborhoods. At present the sanitation department does not pick up trash that does not contain a sticker. A renter moves out and piles trash on the tree lawn. Who should pay for collecting that trash?
3. In the event of repeated documented offences on the part of tenants in a rental property located in a residential neighborhood, should the property lose its rental permit? Should the property then revert to single family occupancy?

Assignments: Lucy Shaich is to learn what she can about the ISTEAs grants. Bill Sturbaum is to contact City Engineering about the possibility of CONA's applying for additional grant money. He is also to contact Parks and Rec about a grant for the rails to trails.

CONA Funding Committee
August 14, 2000

Members present: Jan Bulla Baker, Bill Sturbaum, Lucy Schaich, and Jeff Willsey

The committee discussed CONA's main funding objective; raising money for administrative overhead. Project grants do not ordinarily include administrative overhead costs. Without provision for administrative overhead, CONA's strategic plan will be difficult to implement. Our only support for administrative overhead is the \$10,000 grant from HAND. This grant will continue through 2001. The sources for money to provide for administrative overhead are listed:

1. HAND and Planning provide additional support.
2. Bloomington Foundation grant
3. Build Indiana Fund
4. Township Trustees
5. State tax program similar to that supporting the Bloomington Arts Council
6. Tax accountants who need to recommend client contributions
7. Banks community development funds
8. ISTE A grants

The meeting then turned to the issue of proving CONA's value to the community. More than being a support group for neighborhood associations, CONA should be recognized as a citizens advocacy group. We should actively support programs and projects that improve the community. CONA could use its 501 © 3 status to write grants that would further support community objectives. The city presently has a grant to repair sidewalks and drainage on South Jackson Street. The grant is not sufficient to do the job in the manner requested by the residents affected by the project. Could CONA write a grant to fully fund the project? The Parks Department's conversion of the abandoned Monon Railroad right of way to a walking, jogging, cycling path is an important project. Could CONA gain grant money to improve this rails to trails facility? Were CONA successful in gaining grant money it would be leveraging public money. Leveraging public money is one of the fundamentals of the Growth Policy Plan.