

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS
AGENDA

December 19, 2001
McCloskey Room; 7:00 p.m.

- 7:00 Call to order
- Approval of minutes
- Treasurer's Report and Finance update (Lazarus Coupons, Kroger Certificates, Friends of CONA letter, financial goal set in HAND agreement)
- Budget Approval for 2002
- Report on meeting with HAND
- 7:45 OLD Business
- Report on NIF
- Report on December 8 Workshop
- Advocacy Issues
Growth Policies Plan Update
Landlord Proposal
- 8:30 NEW Business
- Neighborhood Concerns to be reported
- 8:50 Announcements

Next meeting: January 16

Mediation Training for CCRP and VORP is occurring in January (10, 11, 12). If interested, contact Amy Dowell, vorp@bloomington.in.us or in CCRP, contact Lisa-Marie Napoli at ccrp@bloomington.in.us.

CONA
 Council of Neighborhood Associations
Treasurer's Report
 November 14, 2001

Checking Balance- October 15, 2001 **\$1025.44**

Expenses:

10/22/01	Bloomington Paint & Wallpaper	\$982.13
10/31/01	Angie Robertson	242.21
10/31/01	Terri Inskip	105.41
11/06/01	Program Manager-23.5	188.00
11/06/01	Ameritech	28.35
11/10/01	Bloomington Paint & Wallpaper	42.46

Deposits:

10/05/01	Kroger coupon	100.00
10/22/01	Transfer from savings	1134.62
10/29/01	Transfer from savings	1134.62
10/31/01	City of Bloomington (for V.Provine)	90.00
Balance:		\$1896.12
Savings Account:		\$5275.36
10/22/01	Transfer out	-1134.62
10/29/01	Transfer out	-1134.62
Interest: 10/30/01		4.87

Balance: \$3010.99

Gateway project -\$175.30

Our savings - \$2835.69

Total: \$4731.81

Restricted Funds:	\$2000.00	2 nd Quarter HAND Grant
	2500.00	3 rd Quarter HAND Grant
	2500.00	4 th Quarter HAND Grant

Jan Bulla-Baker *Treasurer*

Council of Neighborhood Associations
Minutes of November 14, 2001
McCloskey Room, City Hall 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Jack Baker, McDoel Gardens	Fran Moore, Hoosier Acres
Bill Sturbaum, Prospect Hill	Bill Boese, Westpointe
Patrick Murray, Prospect Hill	Carol Darling, Matlock Heights
Bill Ballew, South Griffey	Bill Hayden, Bryan Park
Phil Worthington, Garden Hill	

Nancy Lumbley, CONA Program Manager Vickie Provine, HAND

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Boese. The minutes of October 17, 2001 were approved. (Fran Moore moved, Jack Baker seconded).

Bill Sturbaum introduced Patrick Murray as a new director from Prospect Hill.

The treasurer's report was presented by Nancy Lumbley for Jan Bulla-Baker, treasurer. The report was accepted as filed. Relating to treasury issues, Nancy Lumbley announced that money for Lazarus coupons should be submitted to her; she presently has \$40.

Also announced: Marsh has a new program of "giving." The IDEA card can be used to donate 1% of grocery bills to a nonprofit. CONA has been assigned a code number that individuals can then designate on a card filed with the store.

In the next two weeks, the program manager will send out a donation letter to "friends of CONA." She asked for names and addresses of individuals that could be approached.

Strategic Plan Update

Nancy has put together an update based on the input from last month's work. All persons present last month received an edited version with opportunity for feedback before this meeting. People will now be given an opportunity for feedback until the next meeting. Suggestions can be sent via email. The contents of the update are also on the website (conaonline.org) under ABOUT CONA.

The Action Teams Report form was presented to the board with a list of meetings to be covered on the back side. Nancy asked for suggestions of observers from the people present.

OFF CAMPUS ISSUES CHAIR

Phil Worthington, Off Campus Issues Chair, presented a Proposal to Correct Persistent Nuisance Rental Properties in the City of Bloomington. After much discussion by the board, it was adopted with suggested changes. (Copy attached to minutes). The proposal was referred to the Executive/Advocacy Committee to plan strategies for presentation and implementation.

PLANNING

1. Bill Sturbaum gave a report from Planning involving the GPP. He first mentioned that the building of Mary Friedman in the North

Washington area was granted only after she agreed to provide an on-site supervisor. This is the first time City Planning has made such a stipulation.

2. The zoning on 2nd Street regarding medical zoning will be held up until Prospect Hill and McDoel Gardens look at the 2nd Street extension.

3. The procedure for changing the GPP will be to offer an amendment.

4. On Patterson Drive, it was suggested that some housing needs to be proposed rather than just restaurants, etc.

5. Bill asked for suggestions for the GPP. Some offered were: a specific mention of a neighborhood organization (such as CONA) should be put into Update (was in original)

In considering priorities for development, neighborhoods should be the first priority considered.

Update should promote and aid home ownership (tax abatements)

Entrance corridors should be looked at carefully

All crosswalks should be clearly painted

Protection of downtown businesses so they will and can stay

Graffiti should be removed immediately.

Upcoming Workshop

Vickie and Nancy announced the upcoming workshop co-sponsored by HAND and CONA to be held on December 8. Phil Stafford will facilitate. All neighborhood people will receive a flyer in the mail.

Nancy announced that it is possible for CONA to be contributed to through United Way. Papers will be submitted to make this possible.

Adjourned: 8:35 p.m.

Notes taken by: Vickie Provine

Translated by: Nancy Lumbley

WELCOME BACK, DAVE!!!!

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS
 2002 Budget
 January 2002 – December 2002

EXPENSES		
Salary (20 hours per week @ \$8 per hr.)		\$7,680.00
Mailing		380.00
Bulk Permit (\$100 per yr. – due in January)		
5 mailings (300 pieces at @ \$.12 per)	\$180.00	
Miscellaneous mailings not covered by bulk permit	\$100.00	
Telephone (\$30.00 per month)		360.00
Website (\$225 per yr. – payable in May)	BLUE MARBLE	225.00
(\$12 per yr. - payable in Jan.)	HoosierNet	12.00
		237.00
Printing (average \$150 per month)		1800.00
Newsletters		
Brochures		
Workshop Materials		
Fundraising Materials		
Booklets/Flyers		
Stationery		
Office Space (\$350 per month)		4200.00
Regional Conference (Training) (October Conference)		600.00
Office Supplies (\$100 per month)		1200.00
Accounting/Audit		325.00
Filing fee (\$10 per yr.)		10.00
Advocacy Costs		150.00
TOTAL		\$16,942.00

(Of these expenses: around \$6000 covered by in-kind contributions)

INCOME

HAND Grant		\$ 8000.00
March	2000.00	
July	2000.00	
October	2000.00	
December	2000.00	

Lazarus Coupon Sale	150.00
Kroger Coupons	150.00
Membership Dues	380.00
Letter Campaign	250.00
Business Support	500.00
Fundraiser	1000.00

Income	\$10430.00
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Carry-over from 2001 Budget	\$ 1000.00
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IN KIND Contributions	
Office Space	4200.00
Some office supplies	1200.00
Some printing	600.00

TOTAL	\$17430.00
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THE TOP TEN LIST OF THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT LIVING IN INDIANA FOR NEW RESIDENTS:

1. Know the state casserole. The state casserole consists of canned green beans, Campbell's cream of mushroom soup and dried onions. You can safely take this casserole to any social event and know that you will be accepted. In fact, Neil Armstrong, a Purdue University graduate, almost took this casserole to the moon in case he encountered alien life there. NASA nixed the plan out of concern that the casserole would overburden the Apollo rocket at liftoff.
2. Get used to food festivals. The Indiana General Assembly, in an effort to grow taller centers for basketball, passed legislation years ago requiring every incorporated community to have at least one festival per year dedicated to food. Thus, Spencer honors apple butter, Terra Haute has Bleemel Days in the old Brewery District, Clinton has a Little Italy celebration and, Mitchell seeking an edge over other towns, has recently introduced the Triglyceride and Low-density Lipoprotein Festival, better known as the Persimmon Festival. It is your duty as a Hoosier to attend these festivals and at least buy an elephant ear.
3. Know the geography. Of Florida, I mean. I've run into Hoosiers who couldn't tell you where Marion is but they know the exact distance from Fort Myers to Bonita Springs. That's because all Hoosiers go to Florida in the winter. Or plan to when they retire. Or are related to retired Hoosiers who have a place in Sarasota. We consider Florida to be the Lower Peninsula of Indiana. If you can't afford to spend the winter in Florida, use the state excuse, which is that you stay here because you enjoy the change of seasons. You'll be lying, but that's OK, we have all done it.
4. Speaking of Indiana weather, wear layers or die. The thing to remember about Indiana seasons is that they can occur at anytime. We have spring-like days in January and wintry weekends in October. April is capable of providing a sampling of all four seasons in a single 24-hour period. For these reasons, Indiana is the Layering Capital of the World. Even layering, however, can pose danger. Golfers have been known to dress for hypothermia and end up dead of heat stroke because they couldn't strip off their layers of plaid fast enough on a changeable spring morning.
5. Know what time it is. Most states are in one time zone, or two at the most. Central Indiana is in the Eastern Time Zone most of the time and does not change their clocks for Daylight Savings Time. However, Northern Indiana (Gary) follows Chicago in the Central Time Zone as does south-western (Evansville) Indiana. There they change their clocks with the rest of the Central Time Zone. Finally, New Albany and other Ohio River towns follow Louisville, Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio with their change to Eastern Daylight Savings Time. If you set a time to meet someone from one of these areas, it is not considered impolite to ask what time it is locally. Otherwise you may show up an hour early or late, depending upon the time of year. If you live in Central Indiana, it is not unusual for the local newspapers to have a front page article telling you "not to change your clocks" in the spring and fall.
6. Become literate about Indiana's nickname. There is no such thing as an "Indianaian". We are all Hoosiers. What is a Hoosier? No one knows for sure where the name came from. Webster's Dictionary defines it as a native or resident of Indiana. It was also known as a backwoodsman, a rube, and a generally uncouth individual when the state was settled. One theory is that people knocking on a log cabin's door would shout out "Who's here?" as if everyone's name was "Who". Another theory is that after a particularly bad barroom brawl, the proprietor would inquire "whose ear?" as he cleaned the floor. The final insult was when the state license plates enjoined people to "Wander Indiana", which is defined by Webster as to "to move about aimlessly or without a fixed course or goal, to ramble, to stray, to become delirious."

7. Don't take Indiana place names literally. South Bend refers to a the bend in the river, Gas City does not have natural gas, Circleville is square, and West Newton has no counterpart to the east. Also, if a town has the same name as a foreign city or country - Versailles or Peru, for example - you must not pronounce it that way lest you come under suspicion as a spy. Hence, it's not "Ver-si", but "Ver-sales". Home sweet home!

8. In order to talk sports (this is about basketball, the other sports are just "fillers" until the basketball season starts) with obsessive fans in Indiana, you have to be knowledgeable on three levels - high school, college and professional. The truly expert Indiana sports fan knows not only the name of the hotshot point guard at the local high school, but what his 3-point shooting percentage is, what colleges he's interested in, who he took to the prom and what he got on his biology quiz last week. During basketball season, the only "Hoosiers" are from Indiana University, everyone else in the state becomes a Purdue Boilermaker, Ball State Cardinal, Notre Dame Fighting Irish, Indiana State Sycamores, Butler University Bulldogs, or the Vincennes Alice's. Become familiar with the following basketball terms: picks, screens, zone defense, motion offense, follow through, free throws, and intentional foul (which is never called during the last three minutes of a game). One simple item about Indiana sports is that the Indiana Pacers are a professional team and the Indianapolis Colts are not.

9. Remember that Hoosiers are never the first to embrace trends unless we invent them. When we do embrace them, we do so with a midwestern pragmatism. A Hoosier invented stainless steel utensils, but it took a lot of effort to get people to stop using their fingers when they eat. When I was growing up, the only fast food restaurant in town required you to sit at a table to be served. If you see a Hoosier with a nose ring, there's a good chance he's had it undercoated to guard against rust.

10. The best way to sell something in Indiana is to attach the term "Amish" to it. The product need not be genuinely Amish. This would explain the existence of Amish Pine Tar. Hoosiers will flock to an Amish restaurant to fill themselves on food that came out of cans. The largest flea market in Indiana is at Shipshewana, in the heart of Amish country. There you can buy Indian artwork made by Chinese slave laborers and sold by the Amish.

I hope you found this guide to be useful. If it offends you, please let me know. I will bring a green-bean casserole and a basketball schedule to your home to make amends. Just let me know what time it is and I'll be there an hour early or late.