

Quarterly Report

First Quarter 2000

Each area of the Strategic Action Plan is identified along with the relevant chronological benchmark date. Following each benchmark date and task, a brief description of CONA's activities is listed. Please refer to the attached materials for a more detailed description of CONA activities.

ADVOCACY

Benchmarks:

Jan-March 2000

1. Advocacy Committee has been established. The committee members are Bill Boese, Bill Sturbaum and Jane St. John. The committee has created and distributed an information packet explaining their willingness to assist along with a form to be submitted for their help and a copy of the Neighborhood Guide.

March 2000

2. CONA held a meeting on Off Campus Issues led by Shirley St. John to begin assessment of problems and possible solutions. Attendance of 25 included persons from I.U., CONA, HAND, MCAA, Neighborhood Association Members, IUPD, BPD and I.U. students. The next meeting is scheduled on April 12th at 5:30 p.m.

OPERATIONS AND FINANCE

Benchmarks:

March 2000

1. A proposed membership fee of \$10.00 per association per year was submitted and approved by the Board of Directors.
2. A letter soliciting donations for office supplies was sent to all relevant businesses to help off set the cost of materials needed to operate.
3. CONA applied for a grant along with five other grassroots organizations through the County Council from the State of Indiana to assist in setting up Neighborhood Watch Programs targeted at reducing underage and binge drinking and illegal drug use. Expected reply will be received in June.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Benchmarks:

March 2000

1. A mediation training was held on March 25th, sponsored by CONA and taught by Najeeba Syeed.
2. I have been in contact with the Monroe County Public Library about attaining a placement area for research materials for educating persons in setting up and maintaining a Neighborhood Association.

PROMOTING PUBLIC IMAGE

Benchmarks:

March 2000

1. The distribution of CONA's first quarterly newsletter was accomplished. Copies were sent to all Association contacts and also some were distributed with in the Neighborhood Associations.
2. CONA is coordinating effort with the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, HAND and the Parks and Rec. Office to beautify the community. Kick-off will be April 20th at the Business Expo held at the Convention Center. Representatives from CONA will be available at the booth to answer questions and supply information about CONA.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Benchmark:

February 2000

1. The Program Manager began contacting both CONA and non-CONA neighborhood associations by sending out all information such as newsletters and neighborhood guides and calling 2-3 days prior to CONA meetings to help improve interest in CONA and attendance at our meetings.