

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

August 19, 1998
AGENDA

- I. Distribution of minutes of the July 15, 1998 meeting
- II. Financial report
- III. Report on Anti graffiti project
- IV. Sycamore Gun Club letter writing protest
- VI. Visit to Dayton Mediation Center
- VII. Attendance at Regional Neighborhood Conference
- VIII. Friday meetings with HAND
- IX. Report from neighborhood associations
- X. Future meeting dates
 - A. CONA: September 16th.
 - B. Friday morning group: September 4th.
- XI. Open discussion
- XII. Adjournment

Minutes of CONA Meeting
August 19, 1998 7:00 P.M.
McCloskey Room, City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

Peter Wright	Larry Crewell	Bill Sturbaum
Eugene Fritz	Fran Moore	Betty Yoder
Bill Boese	David Walter	Sue Mayer
Carol Darling	Elizabeth Gallman	Sue Shapiro

Guests: Chris McGuire-Hastings, BUEZ

Lee Jones, Dale Jones and Art Jacques of the Ord Road Neighborhood Association

Important Dates:

Next NAG meeting is scheduled for October 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Next CONA Meeting is October 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the July 15, 1998 meeting were approved.

1. **Financial Report:** There is a balance of \$704.30 in the checking account. One check was written for \$15.30. Mark Hood was not present to report on this expense.

2. **Anti-Graffiti Campaign:** Several directors attended the Saturday work session. Larry Crewell worked on the back wall of the Antique Mall, Eugene Fritz and Bill Boese worked along the back alleys of Kirkwood Avenue. Bill Sturbaum worked on spot locations and Carol Darling worked on the rear of Dr. Bishop's place. In some locations, the spray paint did not come off, so the surfaces were repainted. The success of this program depends upon zero tolerance from the community for graffiti. As soon as graffiti is noticed, it must be cleaned off or repainted.

3. **Sycamore Gun Club:** The three representatives from Ord Road Neighborhood were invited to the CONA meeting to share their experience in defeating the proposal to relocate the Sycamore Gun Club. At the time the proposal was made public, there was no formal neighborhood association. Art and Terry put together information and distributed to the neighbors at their first neighborhood meeting. They realized that a legal battle would not be effective and that they needed newspaper articles and letters printed to make the participants in the deal look bad. They contacted politicians like Vi Simpson for help. It turned out that the representatives for the Ord Road area were members of the Gun Club, so they contacted Brian O'Neal, a candidate for county commissioner. He helped with the media and gathering information on the plan commission. They needed to get the IU officials to back down from their support of the site.

They decided to target institution officials in their letters to the newspaper. Letters were sent to the IU Board of Trustees, the University President's Office and the Vice President for Administration. As it turned out, the politicians had the most influence with IU administration. They found people who would be willing to write letters to the editor, sometimes assisting them in writing the letters. They made up a list of concerns and made sure that each letter addressed only one point at a time. They also prioritized information distribution to fill in the holes in the story. They managed to get 30 letters published in less than 40 days. They now have about 30 people involved in their neighborhood association, which is impressive when you consider how far apart the people live from each other.

4. **Westpointe Detention Center:** Bill Boese reported that he has attended several commission meetings over the past 2 months. The members of the commission in this period of time have accomplished nothing. He has 15 to 20 people from his neighborhood that are ready to attend public meetings.

5. Bill Sturbaum shared information about the Dayton Mediation Center. Peter Wright, Larry Crewell, Eugene Fritz and Bill Boese will travel to Dayton on September 30 to attend an afternoon meeting and will report back at the next CONA meeting.

6. Bill Sturbaum also asked for people to attend the Regional Neighborhood Conference to be held in Lexington, KY from Thursday, Oct. 1 to Saturday, Oct. 3.

7. There was a discussion about the Friday morning NAG meeting. There was concern that the neighborhood problems are not getting to the Mayor's office. The Deputy Mayor used to attend the meetings when they were first set up under Mayor Allison.

8. A new pedestrian trail has been opened along the new sewer route from That Road up to Tapp Road, about 2.5 miles long.

9. Carol Darling reported that IU has a long-range plan to purchase property along the north side of the 45-46 By-pass for athletic expansion space.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.