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August 18, 1999

AGENDA

1. Minutes of July 21, 1999 meeting
2. Financial report
3. Introduction of new program manager – Bill Boese
4. MCCSC referendum presentation
5. Sue Talbot – I.U., students and the community
6. Citizen's Academy
7. Work on neighborhood surveys
8. Peace Fair
9. Neighborhood directories
10. New names for CONA and NAG
11. New business
12. Adjournment

Future meeting dates: September 9th. Opening session of Citizen's Academy
September 10th. Neighborhood Association Group
September 15th. CONA, 7:00 p.m., McCloskey Room



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PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT

1. First, I am honored to accept the position of program manager. My approach to working with you will reflect a facilitator role. I am here to serve our membership and implement the ideas presented in the Strategic Plan.

2. Meeting with city officials:

a. August 12, 1999.

I met with HAND Director Doris Sims and Neighborhood Development Manager Susie Johnson. We discussed the next report due on Sept. 30, that will secure another \$2000 for CONA. We discussed the need for CONA to establish a "Fundraising" committee to assist the Program Manager in raising the \$3000 detailed in the budget. Another topic of discussion was the development of independent office space for CONA, where neighborhood organizations could also use technical resources.

Next Meeting: Sept 20 4pm.

b. August 12, 1999.

I met with Vickie Provine, Director of Community Services Division and Dave Gregoire, Organizational Development Analyst. We discussed funding for CONA as an organization. Both Dave and Vickie suggested that we apply for various grants. I will be writing a grant proposal before by the end of September for funding CONA. Dave and Vickie will assist in this process by providing an index of relevant grant sources at our next meeting.

Next Meeting: Sept. 8, 3pm.

3. Meetings with community organizations:

a. August 17, 1999

Coalition for a Peaceful Community. CONA is facilitating a panel discussion on community conflict resolution groups. The tentative date will be sometime November 8-12. The Coalition is organizing a resource guide of local conflict resolution groups.

4. Peace Education Fair:

a. August 13-15.

CONA had a table at the fair sponsored by the Peacebuilding in Schools and Community Conference. CONA presented summaries of the Strategic Plan, and Action Steps for the next 18 months. I also attended the conference and developed contacts with various conflict resolution groups around the country. CONA was represented by John Arnold, Sue Shapiro, Kathy Holland, Bill Boese, Bill Sturbaum and David Walter.

5. Update on Benchmarks:

Advocacy: October, 1999. Establish "Advocacy Committee" and system to handle neighborhood concerns.

I will present a proposed model for this system and send it to Board members for feedback by September 30, 1999.

Operations and Finance: September 1999. Locate and apply for two grants a quarter.

I have met with Vickie Provine and David Gregoire. We will be applying for at least one grant by October 1, 1999.

Training and Education: January 2000. Operating website, sponsor two training sessions per quarter.

The website is up, www.bloomington.in.us/~cona. Please make sure to email or call in any comments that you may have. We have one panelist presenting on the topic of neighborhood conflict resolution at the November panel. CONA will also sponsor an introductory training session on neighborhood mediation in the series of presentations by local groups working with the Coalition for a Peaceful City.

Problem Resolution: August 1999. Appoint a rep to meet with Safe and Civil City about establishing a mediation center.

I have met with Vickie Provine about this issue. We will be calling a meeting in November to further the conversations previously held July 15, with Bill Boese, Jeffrey Willsley, and Vickie.

Promoting Public Image: August, 1999. Update current CONA email list and locate and subscribe to other Internet listservs and on-line neighborhood networks.

I have established a preliminary email list with members who have submitted their emails. I will gather more email lists at our meeting. I have also collated the mailing addresses of all of the members of our organization.

Membership Development: January 200, Ex. Comm. will review existing by-laws and bring recommendations to CONA, regularly published newsletter and contact and begin work with two potential organizations.

The only project I have begun work on is an online and email newsletter.

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Minutes of CONA Meeting
July 22, 1999 7:00 p.m.
McCloskey Room, City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

Carl Price	Bill Sturbaum	Jack Baker
Sue Mayer	Bill Boese	David Walter
Sue Shapiro	Fran Moore	Kathie Holland
Eugene Fritz	Jane St. John	

Nikki Thompson, CONA Program Manager

Guests: Jean Haley

Minutes of the June 16, 1999 meeting were approved.

1. Nikki Thompson passed out copies of the Program Manager's report for the past month. She reported that Jean Haley had accepted the offer of becoming the next CONA Program Manager. She has reviewed the CONA Strategic Plan and realizes that there are several goals that must be met over the next few months in order to satisfy the HAND Grant requirements and keep the funds coming in to pay for the Program Manager's position.
2. Bill Sturbaum has copies of CONA's By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation for each member. According to the By-Laws, elections of officers will be held in even numbered years, so the present officers will continue for the next year.
3. Bill Boese handed out copies of the CONA Strategic Plan. He noted that the Plan includes benchmarks for goals and accomplishments.
4. Bill Sturbaum reminded everyone that the City of Bloomington's Budget hearings are going on and that the HAND department will be making a presentation on Thursday to the City Council. The hearings start at 7:00 PM.
5. Bob Attheiser of the Red Cross has interns who will help neighborhoods map their neighborhood and make lists of the neighbors how live there. In return, you must promise to contact everyone about the Y2K problem. A sign-up sheet for the neighborhoods to have this done was passed around.
6. Bill Sturbaum passed out copies of a brochure that Prospect Hill has developed for new neighbors that move into the neighborhood. This brochure gives information about the historic neighborhood and it gently reminds individuals of what is acceptable behavior in a closely populated core neighborhood.
7. Bill Sturbaum spoke about the West Side Community Development Corporation. He said that the Storm Water Utility has funding to extend sanitary and storm sewers into underdeveloped areas for the west side.
8. Bill Sturbaum brought up the question of how Neighborhood Association Group got its name and how it is that NAG is an unpopular name with the City Administration. The history of NAG

was reviewed and it was noted that there is an impression that NAG and CONA is two different groups. In reality, it is basically the same neighborhood representatives meeting twice a month, once in the evening to discuss the business of CONA and once in the morning to meet with City Staff to exchange information about City policies and to resolve issues of concern to the Neighborhoods.

9. A Peace Conference will be held at the IU School of Education between August 13 to the 15th. CONA will have a booth at the fair and we need volunteers to help distribute information and brochures.
10. A vote of appreciation for Nikki Thompson's work as Program Director was made. Also a gift to Shirley St. John for assisting with the CONA Strategic Plan was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.