

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

AGENDA

August 15, 2001

McCloskey Room; 7:00 p.m.

7:00 Susie Johnson, HAND, info about the 2002 Neighborhood Grants

GUEST: Kirk White, Indiana University

7:45 Call to order
Approval of minutes
Treasurer's Report --- Dave Walter

7:45 Committee Reports
Off Campus Issues -- Phil Worthington
Planning and Growth Policies -- Bill Sturbaum
Finance -- Calendar Project
(letter from Nancy includes info)
DUES are always due if you haven't paid! -- \$20 (Jan).

8:10 Old Business
Projects in the Works: Neighborhood Watch
Wildlife Habitat
Disaster Resistant Neighborhoods
Website (www.conaonline.org)
Growth Policies response
Guest Editorial ?

8:25 New Business
Housing Network -- Marcy Wenzler in September
Appointments to the Neighborhood Grant committee
Update strategic plan -- begin in September -- ALL member associations
need to be involved
Neighborhood Activities to welcome new residents including students
of Information Booklets needed for distribution
Regional Neighborhood Conference October 4 -- 6 (Peoria, Illinois)
President's Report -- tabled until October meeting

8:45 Any other neighborhood concerns?

DATES: Planning (noon) August 29, no pre-planning meeting for committee ; Off-Campus Issues -- ??

Minutes of CONA Meeting
7:00 p.m., July 16, 2001
McCloskey Room, City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

Michael Larsen	David Walter	Sandra Clothier
Kathie Holland	Bill Sturbaum	
Jim Opiat	Matt Press	Bill Ballew

Nancy Lumbley, Program Director
Vickie Provine, HAND

Guests: Sarah DeLone, Monroe County Humane Association

1. Minutes of the June 20, 2001 meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: Nancy Lumbley reported that the current balance is \$5,535.75 with \$3,562.98 of this amount in savings. The financial report was approved by voice vote.
3. Because Bill Boese was absent, Kathie Holland introduced our guest speaker, Sarah DeLone of the Monroe County Humane Association.

Sarah is the Wildlife Program Director for the Humane Association. She is responsible for distributing information and educating the public in how to react to wildlife that moves into urban or rural housing areas. Common animals, such as deer, raccoons, possums, squirrels and bats can become unwanted pests to homeowners who attract them by leaving pet food out, providing easy access to garbage, and planting gardens. Sarah distributed several brochures on how to handle these situations and discussed alternative methods of discouraging animals from becoming pests. Almost all of these animals are protected by federal law, so it is better to make your home less attractive to wildlife by prevention and exclusion methods. The Monroe County Humane Association maintains a library of materials on these methods and Sarah recommends that if you have a problem, contact the Humane Association at 335-9453 or wildlife@bluemarble.net. Call WildCare Inc. at 323-1313 for emergency care for injured wildlife.

4. Kathie Holland reported for the Off Campus Issues Committee. The Bloomington Police will be aggressive enforcing the Quiet Nights program this fall. She also said that landlords will now receive copies of the "incident reports" that the Bloomington Police fill out on their tenants when there is a disturbance. Nancy Lumbley reported that The Bloomington Independent contacted her for an article about the inconvenience to musicians that Quiet

Nights has brought on. Nancy said that designation of certain types of noise being allowable and other types not being allowable would undermine the whole concept of Quiet Nights.

5. Bill Sturbaum reminded everyone that the Growth Policies Plan (GPP) is coming up for public review. Bill warned that the conservation of community character is under attack by the developers who want to be able to expand the downtown by tearing down existing structures to put up higher buildings and create denser occupancies. In Bill's opinion, the focus of the document seems to be on commercial development with the only review of construction proposals being handled at the site plan review stage by staff without citizen input. There seems to be a lack of proper enforcement of the zoning laws and landscape requirements already, these changes will make it much harder to have resident input on planning. Bill said to pay particular attention to the first 5 to 7 pages of the GPP. The GPP is on-line at the City of Bloomington Web Page, or copies may be purchased at the local photo copy businesses.
6. Nancy Lumbley said that the initial purchase of Kroger coupons has been exhausted. CONA has raised \$100 on the sale of \$2,000 of coupons. She wanted to know if CONA should purchase more coupons. David Walter moved, and Bill Sturbaum seconded that another \$2,000 of coupons should be purchased. The motion was passed.
7. Vickie Provine reported that HAND has sent out a newsletter to the Neighborhood Associations. She also said that HAND will have a booth at the Monroe County Fair and will be passing out information on Quiet Nights.
8. Nancy Lumbley said that Kirk White will attend the next CONA meeting. Kirk White is a former elected official to the City Council and County Council. He presently works for Indiana University to promote cooperation between Indiana University and the city of Bloomington.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

CONA
Council of Neighborhood Associations
Treasurer's Report
August 15, 2001

Checking Balance- July 6, 2001 **\$1969.74**

Expenses:

7/07/01 \$ 30.15 Ameritech
7/31/01 300.00 Program Manager-37.5 hrs.
7/31/01 324.00 Program Manager-40 hrs.
7/31/01 160.00 Program Manager-20 hrs.
8/14/01 29.15 Ameritech

Deposits:

7/30/01 \$ 197.96 Monroe County
7/30/01 2000.00 partial 1st Quarter

Balance: **\$3324.40**

Savings Account: **\$3566.01**

Interest: 8/01/01 2.93

Balance: **\$3568.94**

Total: **\$6893.34**

Restricted Funds: \$500.00 1st Quarter Grant
 2500.00 2nd Quarter Grant

Jan Bulla-Baker *Treasurer*

August 15, 2001

Members of CONA Board of Directors:

Since I am unable to be at the meeting this evening, I am taking this way of conveying some information and thoughts.

*CALENDAR PROJECT -- Under terms of agreement with HAND, CONA needs to have a fundraising activity that will generate some of our needed revenue. We are receiving \$10,000 this year in grant support, but that is being cut to \$8,000 next year with anticipation that CONA should be able to raise at least \$2000. Thus far, we have not done that. The finance committee believed that the calendar could become a large enough success that it could become a yearly project that we could depend upon. However, the secret is making the first year successful and it takes more than a few people. In order for CONA to expand to the point of having an office and a full-time staff person as was envisioned in the Strategic Plan, CONA needs to have a substantial income. The only way to get that is through fundraising efforts. We need more bodies contacting businesses and individuals with service businesses. If you know these contacts personally, the chances of your selling an ad are enhanced. Please, join the sales force. CONA NEEDS YOUR HELP.

*NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES - How are you planning to welcome new residents and students into your neighborhood? Plan a picnic, a potluck, and a get-together of some sort and invite the "new kids on the block." IUSA is interested in getting their off-campus senators involved in neighborhood associations. Some of you will be hearing from us. This is a great step forwarding in approaching the concerns we may have; let new residents "learn" about the neighborhood. CONA is making available to neighborhood associations the information booklet to distribute to new folks. HOW MANY DO YOU NEED AND WHAT IS YOUR PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION? We need to know so we can place the print order.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE in Peoria - October 4 - 6. Are you interested in attending? If so, give Bill Boese your name and let him know of your interest.

REMEMBER THE WEBSITE - www.conaonline.org

Introduce yourself to Ben Piper - IUSA

Thank you to Dean McKaig and his committee for all the work they have done in support of our having "quiet times" in our neighborhoods.

Nancy Lumbley
Program manager