

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

December 15, 1999

AGENDA

1. Minutes of November 15, 1999 meeting
2. Financial report
3. Discussion with newly elected councilmen: Chris Gaal, Jeff Willsey, Andy Ruff manager
4. Bob Althausser – Changes in Y2K plan
5. CONA planning workshop
6. Report from Advocacy Committee
7. McDoel Gardens report on negotiations with CSX and Bloomington Hospital
8. Report from program manager
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

Future meeting dates: Neighborhood Association Group meets January 7th, at 8:30 a.m. in the McCloskey Room. Neighborhood representatives are urged to attend. CONA meets Wednesday, January 19th, 7:00 p.m. also in the McCloskey Room.

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**CONA Board of Directors Minutes
November 17, 1999
7pm, Showers Building
McCloskey Room**

1. Minutes from the last meeting were approved, Program Manager noting that she was to meet with Mayor of Bloomington and not President Myles Brand of Indiana University.
2. Ms. Jan Bulla-Baker has accepted the position of Treasurer of CONA. A Board vote affirmed her new position.
3. The Program Manager announced two new programs:
 - a. Long Range Community Planning Workshop, December 9, 1999, sponsored in conjunction with City Planning Department
 - b. Mediation Workshop , 10-2, February 5, 2000
4. Mr. Lee Huss, city Urban Forester, introduced a new county program that will sponsor neighborhood representatives to attend educational programming on trees.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

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PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT

Programs

1. Please see attached sheet for current CONA community and organizational programs.

Meetings:

1. Program Manager met with the Mayor of Bloomington on December 13, 1999. The Program Manager presented current CONA projects and programs.

Benchmarks

1. Operations and Finance
 - a. January 2000, Recruit 2-3 part time volunteers.
The program manager has worked with one IU volunteer on the community mediation training.
 - b. January 2000, Collection of membership donations.
2. Problem Resolution
 - a. January 2000: Establish Investigation Committee.
The program manager will convene a meeting of volunteers who signed up to join what will be renamed: Community Planning Committee by January 15, 2000. Six volunteers have already signed up for this committee.
3. Training and Education:
 - a. January 2000: operating website.
The website is up. Is there anyone willing to work on the website?
 - b. January 2000: Sponsor Trainings every quarter:
The initial training was the Long Range Community Planning Workshop. The second training will be the community mediation training.
 - c. January 2000: Send at least 4 CONA members to years state, regional and national Meetings.
Options for this need to be explored.
 - d. January 2000: Submit proposal to MCPL for resource area for neighborhoods.
4. Membership Development:
 - a. January 2000: Executive committee to review existing by-laws
 - b. January 2000: Work with two new associations.
Three neighborhood associations have contacted CONA to begin a relationship with the organization.
 - c. January 2000, Newsletter.
Recruit one volunteer to work on this project.
 - d. February: CONA directory
Please have neighborhood reports in as soon as possible. —

CONA PROJECTS

Community:

- 1. Partner with HAND, and Bloomington Chamber of Commerce for, "Blooms in Bloomington," distributing bulbs to neighborhood and city locations for beautification. " Program will be inaugurated in April 2000.**
- 2. Partner with HAND and Indiana University in Neighborhood Initiative Project. This project sets up IU resident Halls with a neighborhood association. Program inaugurated on November 6, 1999.**
- 3. CONA facilitated a panel discussion, "Creative Approaches to Resolving Conflict." Representatives from various conflict resolution programs presented various methodological approaches to mediation. CONA offered a presentation in the area of community based grass roots mediations. Program was held on November 9, 1999.**
- 4. CONA is convening a commission to explore options for dealing with off-campus student issues and neighborhood residents. CONA has received a commitment from the IU Dean of Students' office to write letters for off-campus residents. The Dean of Students' office will also send a representative to all commission meetings. The commission will include a representative from off-campus student government, neighborhoods, landlord associations and IU.**

Organizational:

- 1. CONA has initiated the formation of an Advocacy Committee. The Committee has met and decided that the first priority for community advocacy is to establish better communication between city departments and neighborhood associations. Members of the advocacy committee are now drafting a "Community Guide for Neighborhood Associations."**
- 2. CONA has initiated a Community Planning Committee. The first efforts towards working on community planning were the "Long Range Community Planning Workshop" held on December 9, 1999. Over 10 neighborhood association representatives attended the workshop. The workshop was co-sponsored by the City of Bloomington Planning Department. CONA has produced, "A Neighborhood Association's Guide to the Growth Policies Plan Update 2000." The Guide includes a projected timeline of the updating process and action steps for neighborhood associations.**
- 3. CONA is sponsoring a 3-hour introductory training session on February 5, 2000 in community-based mediation.**