



Building Community - Neighborhood by Neighborhood

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS
7:00 P.M. December 20, 2006, City Hall Building
AGENDA

Business Meeting:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2006
2. Treasurer's Report
3. CONA Grant Progress
Mark Lakeman's Visit -- Molly O'Donnell & Kathie Holland
4. Planning Committee Report – Jack Baker
5. Neighborhood Announcements and Reports
6. Adjournment

Upcoming CONA Meetings

Executive Committee: January 10 at 5:30 PM at Fairview Methodist Church
Next CONA meeting: January 17 at 7:00 PM at Bloomington City Hall

CONA supports the formation of neighborhood associations, provides advocacy for neighborhood issues and concerns, and aspires to make neighborhoods in Monroe County safe, welcoming and desirable places in which to live.

**Minutes of CONA Meeting
7:00 p.m., November 15, 2006
City Hall Building
Bloomington, Indiana**

Board Members Present:

6 th & Ritter - David Walter	Elm Heights – Kathie Holland
Green Acres – Georgia Schaich	Arden Place – Katy Berry
East Side – Molly O’Donnell	Green Acres – Nathan & Maggie Harman
Prospect Hill – Cynthia Bretheim	Maple Heights – Greg Alexander
Old North East – Jerry Stasny	Bryan Park – Eve Corrigan
Southampton – Richard Carr	

Guests: Aaron Newton, Steve Balugh, Yvonne Whittmann

Program

Cynthia Bretheim introduced Peter Bane, who recently moved to Bloomington and now lives on King’s Road on the east side of town. Peter Bane said that he has been publishing the Permaculture Activist for over 16 years and has been teaching the concepts of Permaculture (the term is combined from the words “Permanent and Agriculture”) to small groups such as ours for almost as long.

The premise of Permaculture is that the planet’s resources will become scarce and that people need to recapture the processes to make systems sustainable instead of relying upon large corporations and government to provide them. The Permaculture ethics are 1) Care for the Earth by preserving Earth’s resources, 2) Care for the People of Earth by empowering and enabling them to access and sustain the Earth’s resources, and 3) Fair Share of resources by giving away the surpluses and setting limits for consumption and population.

Peter Bane believes that we have a unique opportunity to use the available technology to design systems that will close the lines in the supply chain by placing things near to each other that support each other. One example of this is rather than relying upon food being produced and transported great distances to the consumer, we can provide local gardens to meet local needs. At the same time, the waste products from producing foods should be recycled locally for use in sustaining food production for others.

At the neighborhood level, we can do much in our community to provide compact urban design with pedestrian and bicycle paths, neighborhood shopping centers, community gardens and pocket parks. Individually, we need to make our homes efficient users of energy by including solar heating in the design of the home; we can collect and use rain water for gardening; and we can patronize local farmers’ markets and suppliers for our food. Peter Bane’s vision for Bloomington includes a vibrant city center, identifiable neighborhoods, and having top notch bicycle, pedestrian and bus transportation systems in place.

Business Meeting

1. The minutes from the October 18, 2006 meeting were approved with corrections.
2. David Walter reported the treasury balances as follows: Checking = \$1,102.65, Petty Cash = \$9.21 and Savings = \$7,169.06. David said that the post office box rent of \$28.00 had been paid and that dues of \$30.00 from each of the member neighborhood associations will be due in January. David said that the signature cards for the new Executive Committee members had been turned in to Irving Union Bank.
3. Cynthia Bretheim has removed herself from the workshop committee and Molly O'Donnell has started working on the committee with Kathie Holland. Molly has attempted to contact Mark Lakeman about coming to Bloomington early next year to meet with city officials and be the keynote speaker for the workshop. David Walter reported that the revised budget for the workshop is in review by City Legal and once it is approved, we can go ahead and start spending the funds. The indication that David has from HAND is that the budget will be approved. As soon as Mark Lakeman commits to a date, the committee will have to meet to work out a schedule, find lodging and meeting rooms, and develop a program for the workshop as well as advertising.
4. Jack Baker was attending another meeting, so David Walter gave the Planning Committee report. The UDO passed the Plan Commission on Monday night with over 130 amendments and the revised document will be available on the City Planning web site next week. The UDO now goes to the City Council for review and approval. It will take at least three hearings to approve the document and maybe more depending upon how the City Council decides to review it. For now, the accessory dwelling units proposal has been removed from the UDO. The Chamber of Commerce had an editorial in the H-T business section with concerns over the size of signage in the downtown (too small), parking (not enough) and design review (not necessary) as points that they will defend for small businesses. It is important that neighborhood associations keep track of proposed changes to the UDO by the City Council and be prepared to attend meetings to oppose or support the UDO as necessary. Eve Corrigan said that the City Council will review several chapters at a time at their biweekly meetings instead of the entire document.
5. Eve Corrigan announced that the Bloomington Transportation Options for People is sponsoring Michael Lewyn, a law professor from Florida Coastal School of Law who will be speaking about "Laws that Create Sprawl". She asked the CONA Board if they would be interested in supporting this speaker with a donation of \$100 in exchange for placing CONA's name on the flyer and advertising. After some discussion about the benefits of doing this and if CONA should be supporting other organizations in this manner, Cynthia Bretheim made a motion to donate \$100 to BTOP. Kathy Berry seconded the motion and the motion passed.

6. Under Neighborhood Concerns, Jerry Stasny said that Public Works is planning on replacing brick sidewalks in the Old Northeast neighborhood in the 300 block of North Dunn. He wanted to know if CONA would support preserving the brick walks and also what other steps ONE could do to get support from the community. David Walter mentioned that he had attended the neighborhood grant meeting that afternoon and that one of the grants had been for preservation of the WPA stone walks. He thought that there were still grant funds available and a second round of grant applications would be received by HAND in the spring. If the neighborhood would be willing to donate funds and labor towards preserving the walks, it was likely that they could get grant funds towards that purpose. He also suggested contacting BRI for a letter of support. Jerry Stasny made a motion that CONA write a letter of support for this effort. Cynthia Bretheim seconded the motion and the motion passed on voice vote. Jerry will write a draft for the Executive Committee to sign.
7. Molly O'Donnell reported that she had gotten a lot of information out of the Executive Committee retreat that was held last Saturday. She wanted to let the CONA Board know that the Executive Committee exists only to act upon the motions of the CONA Board and that it is up to the Board members to come up with ideas and suggestions on how to make CONA better. The monthly meetings give Board members the opportunity to discuss neighborhood ideas such as preserving brick walks in the ONE and to lend CONA's support. She said that she will need a lot of help with organizing Mark Lakeman's visit to Bloomington and will need volunteers to help contact the media, arrange visits with city and county officials and to make sure that his time is well spent while he is here. Eve Corrigan said she would help with publicity and other Board members voiced their support.
8. Greg Alexander reported that he has been overhauling the CONA web site and that he now felt comfortable with placing new information on it. He asked that Board members forward to him any information about what their neighborhood association was doing that would also be of interest to the community. He wants to provide links to the neighborhood association web sites, provide community calendars of events in neighborhoods and keep lists of contacts up to date so he can send notices to them. He does not want complete mailing lists of neighbors in the associations, but just one contact so that the contact can decide what is important to send out to the rest of the people in the neighborhood.

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

Council of Neighborhood Associations
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2006

	<u>Dec 31, 06</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Petty Cash	9.21
Checking	1,034.45
Savings	6,155.61
Total Checking/Savings	<u>7,199.27</u>
Other Current Assets	
Payments Received	-1,187.50
Total Other Current Assets	<u>-1,187.50</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Art Walk & Sale	-36.00
Mc Doel Gardens Bench Project	26.10
Bryan Park	290.83
CAPE	45.85
HAND	4,121.60
Waterman	251.87
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>4,700.25</u>
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Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	2,131.67
Retained Earnings	-124.77
Net Income	-695.38
Total Equity	<u>1,311.52</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>6,011.77</u>