

CONA Agenda
February 21, 2001
McCloskey Room, City Hall
6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

- 6:30 **HAND - talk about clean-up projects**
- 7:00 **Call to Order**
Approval of minutes
Treasurer's Report
- 7:05 **Presentation from Juvenile Facility Task Force**
Marge Faber, Angela Parker, Stacey Ream
- 7:40 **Old Business**
Neighborhood Watch
Neighborhood Walk
Off Campus Committee report
- 8:00 **New Business**
Computer Website
- 8:05 **Announcements**
- 8:10 **Neighborhood Concerns**
- Adjournment**

Pts. of information:

Dates: Off-Campus Issues (5:30 meeting) met Feb. 20; will meet again March 20; CONA - March 21; Planning (noon meeting) - last Wednesday of the month; NAG - March 2 (noon) - Kelly Room.

DUE: Surveys from neighborhoods, also membership form and DUES (\$20).

AVAILABLE: Kroger coupons - if you shop at Kroger's, help CONA at the same time.

Coupons available for Lazarus Charity Day Sale. CONA has 100 to sell for \$5.00 donation to CONA. Certificate allows 20% discount on everything bought that day (many items on sale so 20% beyond that) plus entry in drawing for \$500 shopping spree. See Nancy Lumbley for a supply for your neighborhood!

CONA
Council of Neighborhood Associations

Treasurer's Report
February 21, 2001

Checking Balance- January 17, 2001	\$2852.65	
Expenses:	\$176.00	Program Manager-22 hrs.
	\$196.00	Program Manager-24.5 hrs.
	\$27.64	Ameritech
	\$10.00	Copper Financial Management
Deposits:	\$325.00	Coupons sold
	\$20.00	Westpointe 2001 dues
	\$50.00	Boese donation
	\$20.00	Fritz donation
	\$20.00	McDoel Gardens 2001 dues
Balance:	\$2878.01	
Savings Account:	\$2527.81	
Mediation Funds:	\$1900.00	
Interest: January 31	\$10.41	
Balance:	\$4438.22	
Total:	\$7316.23	
Restricted Funds:	\$2,500.00	4 th Quarter 2000 Grant
	\$2,500.00	1 st Quarter 2001 Grant

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Jan Bulla-Baker

Treasurer

**Minutes of CONA Meeting
7:00 p.m., February 21, 2001
McCloskey Room, City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana**

Directors Present:

Frances Moore	Larry Mongih	Ruth Anderson
Bill Boese	David Walter	Stacy Ream
Elizabeth Cox-Ash	Jan Bulla-Baker	Phil Worthington
Kathie Holland	Richard Darling	Elsa Harik
John Arnold		

Nancy Lumbley, CONA Program Manager

Guests: Vickie Provine, HAND

David Goodman, Marge Faber, Angela Parker, Stacy Ream

1. Minutes of the January 17, 2001 meeting were approved as corrected.
2. Treasurer's Report: Jan Bulla-Baker reported that the current balance is \$7,316.23 with \$4,438.22 in savings and the remainder in checking.
3. Elizabeth Cox-Ash has attended the workshop sponsored by HAND for neighborhood cleanup. She reported on what items can be disposed of and how the cleanup would be handled.
4. Bill Boese introduced the members of the Juvenile Detention Center Task Force and asked them to talk about their goals and accomplishments.

Angela Parker spoke about the history of the Task Force and her involvement over the past 12 years. Presently, the county spends about \$350,000 just for transportation of juveniles to detention centers in other counties. There is a juvenile shelter care facility at 515 S. Adams for short term (less than 10 days) stays by juveniles, but there is a need for a secure facility. The county has hired consultants in the past to look at solutions. The county appointed a blue ribbon committee to review the part recommendations and with a mandate to do the following:

- a. Analyze the needs and review the costs for out-of-county housing.
- b. Determine the scope of services to be provided in a facility.
- c. Recommend a site and budget for construction of a facility.
- d. Recommend how to run and staff such a facility.
- e. Make final recommendations by March 1, 2001.

Stacy Ream spoke next about her involvement on the Programming Sub-Committee. She reported that they had visited two facilities (Knox County and Allen County), one privately managed and one county managed. They believed that the new facility should have a total of 75 beds, with 40 beds for treatment, 15 beds to supplement the present shelter facility, and the remaining 20 beds for a detention. Along with this space program, they have identified staff positions, some of which would be new county jobs and some would utilize existing county employees. She is of the opinion that a county-

staffed facility is desirable over a private facility, although they are not certain who will oversee the facility at this time (i.e.: a volunteer commission, the courts, or a paid administrator).

Marge Faber said that the main goal is to provide the best possible programs for treatment of the youths. She has been involved when children must leave home and go away for treatment. If the parents can be involved with the treatment, then there is a higher chance of success. If the child is located out of the county, then the parents do not interact as well as if the child is kept in the community. She cited problems with transportation, time off from work and the need for continuity in consoling of the parents and child as reasons why the treatment fails. Schooling and classrooms are part of the program. Children who attend school in Monroe County will be taught by MCCSC or Edgewood staff. Part of the hidden cost is in the fees paid by the school system for education children housed out of county.

Marge also said that the facility's main focus will be on abused and disturbed children—violent children are referred to Adult Court. The facility is for children up to age 18 and may accommodate suspended, expelled or drop-outs from school.

Angela said that the facility may be bonded for construction with a maximum cost of \$7 million. Operating costs must be paid for out of existing budgets. Most of the surrounding counties do not have this type of a facility, so there is interest in using available beds. The committee advertised in the local papers asking interested land owners to contact them to have their property evaluated. They got 15 responses and tried to come up with site selection criteria as follows:

- a. The site must be close to existing city utilities and fire/police services.
- b. It must be on a public transportation route and accessible for community and families.
- c. Impact upon existing neighborhoods must be assessed.
- d. Cost of the land for purchase and development.
- e. Must contain between 5 to 12 acres.
- f. Sites considered include: E. 20th & Gorley Pike, 1600 S. Rogers, Grandview School, East of Oakdale Square, Vernal Pike, Woolery Stone, Whitehall Pike, Tapp and Weimer Road.

The next meeting of the Site Sub-committee is this Friday at the Courthouse at 11:30 AM. Bill Boese noted that Brian O'Neil has commented about overcrowding in the County Jail.

5. Bill Boese announced that Scott Oldham will attend the next CONA meeting to discuss the Quiet Nights and Neighborhood Watch programs. There is \$3,000 available in grant money for the Neighborhood Watch program. Nancy Lumbley went over some of the items that can be provided by the grant funds.

6. The Directors briefly discussed the Neighborhood Walk. A date needs to be set for the walk and routes worked out. June 16 is national "Join Hands Day" which may be a good date to work towards.
7. Phil Worthington passed out copies of a letter that has been sent to the IU Trustees along with a collection of news articles and color photographs that covered illegal parties, trash, noise and property damage caused by IU students living off campus. This did not include the latest off-campus death. Phil said that IU has adopted a "third-party" vendor system whereby off-campus venues are used for Greek parties and other celebrations where liquor is served.
8. David Walter reported on the progress of the WEB page. A committee has been meeting with IU students to revise and create a new WEB page. An outline is available of the proposed content. The WEB site will have pages dedicated for individual neighborhoods to post news as well as links to other organizations. In order to have this set up, CONA can either purchase software with a license to allow one person to maintain the site, or enter into an agreement with a vendor to host the WEB site and allow individuals to access the site for updates. It is the recommendation of the committee that CONA commit to having the latter, which will cost \$655.00 for the next two years. It was moved by David Walter and seconded by Kathie Holland to expend this amount. During discussion, it was determined that there were adequate funds in the budget to cover this expense. The motion was passed by voice vote.
9. Nancy Lumbley has coupons for a Lazarus Department Store discount shopping spree to be held on March 31. Purchase of the coupons will benefit CONA.
10. Vickie Provine mentioned that neighborhood cleanup applications are due in.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.