

# COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

January 21, 1998

## AGENDA

- I. Distribution of December 17, 1997 minutes
- II. Reports:
  - A. Response to CONA's letter requesting representation on town and gown committee
  - B. CONA's letter supporting BUEA's grant application
- III. Status of CONA's 501(3)(c) application
  - A. Adoption of Articles of Incorporation
  - B. Amendment to Bylaws
  - C. Funding for application
- IV. Discussion of CONA projects
  - A. Dayton, Ohio mediation panel
  - B. Organizing new neighborhood associations. *Need to identify N. A. LEADERS. AS THEY SPRING UP.*
  - C. Attendance at annual Regional Neighborhood Conference  
*QUESTIONS, CONWAY VIEW - NEEDS ORGANIZATION.*
- V. Neighborhood grant applications  
*GWS copy of minutes to HAND.*
  - A. Grant completed by February 24th.
  - B. Personal appearance before committee March 3rd.
- VI. Other business
- VII. Adjournment

**Minutes of CONA Meeting  
January 21, 1998  
McCloskey Room, City Hall  
Bloomington, Indiana**

**Directors Present:**

**Larry Crewell  
Barbara Atkinson  
Bill Boese  
Bill Sturbaum**

**Peter Wright  
Carl Price  
Elizabeth Gallman**

**Sue Mayer  
Patty Wilson  
David Walter**

**Peter Wright moved, and Sue Mayer seconded that the minutes of the CONA meeting on December 17, 1997 be approved. Motion was passed by the Directors.**

**Bill Sturbaum read a letter from the Indiana University Office of Vice President for Public Affairs and Government Relations concerning CONA's letter requesting membership on the Town and Gown Committee. The response from the office was that the neighborhood organizations would be represented by the Mayor's Office of the City of Bloomington.**

**Bill Sturbaum reported that the Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association would be funding a study of West Side growth. When Thompson leaves its factory, the BEA will change its mission to become a non-profit agency for community development in the West Side.**

**Copies of a brochure for self-employed businesses in the Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association are now available. The brochure outlines benefits for businesses in the BUEA.**

**Bill Sturbaum has met with Vince Taylor, Atty. about CONA's application to become a non-profit agency. CONA will need to adopt Articles of Incorporation in order to become incorporated as a non-profit. Copies of the Articles of Incorporation were passed out. (Copies will also be sent to Directors who did not attend this meeting.)**

**The purpose of the Articles of Incorporation is to protect CONA members from liability in case of lawsuit and to further define the operation of the organization. There will be a vote taken at the NAG meeting on February 6, 1998 to adopt the Articles of Incorporation.**

**The cost of becoming a non-profit is \$475 plus a fee of \$65 for incorporation. Several Directors pledged to raise funds to pay these fees.**

**There was discussion on the Dayton Plan for mediation between developers and the public. The Plan affords a method for resolution of differences that arise out of a development's impact upon adjoining neighborhoods. It may be a good item to be incorporated into the Bloomington Zoning Ordinance.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

TO: Members of CONA

FROM: Bill Sturbaum

SUBJECT: Articles of Incorporation

DATE: January 22, 1998

Before we can send in our application for 501(c)(3) status, we must be incorporated. I'm enclosing a copy of the Articles of Incorporation that were distributed at the CONA meeting on the 21st. These are boiler plate articles prepared by Vince Taylor of Taylor, Dunsford and Bauer law firm. They have been modified to incorporate our bylaws. The Articles contain language that we did not consider when we adopted our bylaws. One of the protections they offer is language that protects us individually from liability. We must adopt these Articles of Incorporation and be incorporated by the state of Indiana prior to our applying to the IRS for 501(c)(3) status.

The adoption of these Article of Incorporation are an amendment to our bylaws. Our bylaws provide for amendment after the amendment has been first approved by the Executive Committee. This has been done. The second requirement is a two thirds vote at any meeting of the membership. We're proposing that the NAG meeting on February 6th in the McCloskey Room be used for this purpose. The third provision is that the proposed amendment be mailed to the Directors ten days prior to the meeting. The Articles of Incorporation are included in this mailing.

I will not be present at the NAG meeting on February 6th. I have asked Dave Walter, our secretary, to convene a short meeting for the purpose of adopting the Articles. Please try to attend the meeting or have a proxy at the meeting. I plan to leave town on January 28th. If you have any concerns or questions please call me at 332-5780.

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Survey of Users &  
Interest Groups  
C.N.A. - Distribute  
INFO & DO Survey.

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