

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

July 21, 1999

AGENDA

1. Minutes of June 16, 1999 meeting
2. Financial report
3. Denise Abel – family volunteering
4. Program manager's report
5. Introduction of new program manager – Bill Boese
6. About the election...
7. Introduction of CONA strategic plan
8. HAND budget hearing
9. Neighborhood directories
10. Formation of new west side community development corporation
11. New names for CONA and NAG
12. August 18th meeting: MCCSC to explain referendum – Robin Phelps to explain about foster care
13. New business
14. Adjournment

Future meeting dates: July 22, HAND budget hearing, Council Chambers
July 26, Officers and interviewers, 7:00 p.m. Dunlap Room
August 6, NAG, McCloskey Room, 8:30 a.m.
August 18, CONA, McCloskey Room, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of CONA Meeting
June 16, 1999 7:00 p.m.
McCloskey Room, City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

Carl Price	Bill Sturbaum	Phil Worthington
Peter Wright	Jack Baker	Sue Mayer
Bill Boese	David Walter	Sue Shapiro
Fran Moore	Kathie Holland	Jan Bulla-Baker
Mark Hood		

Nikki Thompson, CONA Program Manager

Guests: We welcome Susan Coleman, Jean Hally-Obsew, and Lisa Sora.

Minutes of the May 19, 1999 meeting were approved.

1. Mark Hood gave the financial report. Current balance is \$ 269.51. Nikki Thompson has been paid for 16 weeks of work.
2. Bill Sturbaum reported that CONA has a commitment for \$10,000 from HAND, providing that a strategic plan is put together for the organization's goals and future activities. Bill pointed out that the 1991 Growth Policies Plan outlined the need for an organization such as CONA to assist in representing neighborhood concerns.
3. Nikki Thompson passed out copies of the Program Manager's report for the past month. She reported that she had attend a Y2K meeting with the Director of Red Cross Services. The Red Cross wants to assist in identifying neighborhood associations. The Red Cross has two purposes in this, the first is to help build unity in the community and the second is to get neighbors to help one another in case of emergencies. The Red Cross has also requested that the neighborhood associations help by including Y2K information in neighborhood newsletters.
4. Bill Sturbaum will have copies of CONA's by-laws and Articles of Incorporation for each member at the next meeting. Elections of offices will be held at the next meeting.
5. Bill Sturbaum discussed how to have effective Neighborhood Association meetings. He suggested that having an agenda and keeping to the agenda was the best way to control the progress of the meeting. Committees should do the work between Association meetings and then make a presentation at the Neighborhood Association general meeting for a vote. The general meetings are a good time to gather information about neighborhood concerns. Jack Baker suggested that Neighborhood Association general meetings should be kept short and stick to the time period allotted. If necessary, interrupt speakers to keep the meeting in focus and on time. Sue Shapiro said that meetings after dark are harder for older neighbors to attend. She thought that Sunday afternoons were a good time. Refreshments should be served or available.
6. Bill Boese reported that an advertisement had been placed in the newspaper for the Program Manager's position. Nikki Thompson will be leaving for Africa in July and the position will need to filled. Bill has 5 resumes already. The Committee will be meeting soon to go over the resumes and start interviews soon.
7. Reports from the neighborhoods were given. Westponte had a trash pickup in the neighborhood that resulted in 15 large trash bags being filled. Phil Worthington reported that he had had a good meeting with Jim Kennedy, HAND, City Council representatives and owners of apartment buildings which resulted in people agreeing to work on neighborhood problems.
8. McDoel Gardens had a neighborhood cleanup with HAND, 3 dumpsters were filled with trash and debris, then a pitch-in dinner was held. Sue Mayer reported that her neighborhood was having problems in getting volunteers to work in the association. Susan Coleman said that

the Bryan Park neighborhood was working on a logo for their neighborhood.

9. Kathie Holland said that Elm Heights had a history day at the old Elm Heights school with lots of photographs and memories. Harmony School has gotten a \$69,000 grant for repairs to the old school. Mark Hood said that a new swing set was installed at the school playground.
10. Carl Price reported that the neighborhood was trying to assist a woman who is getting water in her basement due to recent road work having been done. Peter Wright has his house up for sale and that Sycamore Knolls has a new president – Malcolm Webb.
11. Mark Hood reported that the Save our Southside Homes organization has disbanded, now that the Deer Park development is going forward. David Walter gave a short presentation on the dangers of lead-based paint and gave out information about having suspect surfaces tested.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.



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PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT

1. CONA successfully completed a STRATIC PLAN!!! Thanks to all the participants at the Saturday workshop and the handful of people who donated four of their Monday afternoons to helping make the vision a reality.
2. CONA hired a new program manager!!! Jean Haley began training this week and will take over the office effective August 2, 1999.
3. CONA wants to celebrate and inform the community about its completion of the strategic plan. Jean Haley, the new program manager will be visiting associations to discuss and answer questions about the plan. Also, CONA will submit the plan to the media and key city officials.
4. CONA now has an email distribution list in its simplest form. A trial email was sent June 23rd to about 15 neighborhood representatives. If you didn't receive the trial email address, but have an email address, submit it to us.
5. My last day will be July 30, 1999. I enjoyed working with CONA and trust that Jean Haley will move CONA even further over the coming years.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Nikki Thompson
Program Manager, CONA