

Council on Neighborhood Associations
Executive Director's Report

July 04

Questions for Board:

1. RNNC delegates: 6 possibly 7 open spaces for RNNC; Richard or Mark would you like to commit before opening it up to the NA?
2. Carol - Found Broadview's payment?
3. Craig - How many youths under 12 are you expecting at NNO?

Information/ Accomplished tasks

1. 2 membership meetings (Sunny Slopes and N Kinser Pike)
2. Postings in the Bloomington Volunteer Network
 - a. Web Editor - one person contacted today regarding info
 - b. Off-Campus Committee start-up
 - i. Current grad student living Elm Heights is interested in committee
3. Membership report: 12 members NA; 10 dues paying members; 2 courtesy memberships; 1 status uncertain; 2 active but non dues paying. Budget assumes 20 dues paying; we need 10 more dues payment to meet budget goals.

Dues paying

1. 6th & Ritter Neighborhood Assoc.
2. South Hampton Neighborhood Assoc.
3. Eastside Neighborhood Assoc.
4. Prospect Hill Neighborhood Assoc.
5. Longwood-Devon Neighborhood Assoc.
6. South Griffy Neighborhood Assoc.
7. Hyde Park Village Condo Assoc.
8. Sunny Slopes Neighborhood Assoc.
9. Elm Heights Neighborhood Assoc.
10. Park Ridge East Neighborhood Assoc.

Courtesy Memberships

1. Old Downtown NE
2. McDoel Gardens

Uncertain Status

1. Broadview

Active buy unpaid

1. Hoosier Acres
2. SKNA

In progress

1. RNNC update
 - a. Conference registration deadline is August 31.
 - b. CONA registration deadline is July 30.
 - c. Currently have 3 committed.
 - d. Registration fees are \$100 per person for conference and \$100 for 2 person room. We will need 5 rooms if all ten slots are filled.
 - e. I should know by the July b of d meeting if I should be able to attend.
2. Roundtable scheduling - Potential topics
 - a. Creating Conservancy Districts
 - b. Working with planning and zoning
 - c. Parking - how to become a residential district
 - d. Building neighborhood awareness
 - e. Getting your local students involved
 - f. Building strong working relationships with developers
 - g. Establishing wildlife certifications
 - h. City/ County mix neighborhoods - how to work with the city and the county
 - i. Neighborhood improvement plans - what are they? How do we get selected?
 - j. Becoming a welcoming, inclusive neighborhood
 - k. Landlords to owner occupiers
3. National Night Out - Tuesday, August 3, 2004
 - a. Committed NA - Sunny Slopes; 6th & Ritter; Cresmont
 - b. Host a BBQ in your neighborhoods
 - c. Great way to get to know new neighbors

Minutes of CONA Meeting

7:00 p.m., July 21, 2004

City Hall Building

Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

- Near Westside – Angela Castandea
- Near Westside – Ernesto Castandeda
- Sunny Slopes – Craig Harvey
- Highland Village – Jerry Siefers
- Hoosier Acres – Fran Moore
- Sycamore Knolls – Shirley Davies
- South Hampton – Richard Carr
- Elm Heights – Kathie Holland
- Hyde Park Village (HOA) – Tom Cook
- Prospect Park – Bill Sturbaum
- CONA Exec Director – Ange Cahoon
- Visitor – Rashawn Ray
- Visitor – Charolette Horner

Business Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Everyone introduced themselves and the neighborhood they represent.

2. The minutes from the June 16, 2004 meeting were approved.

3. Ange Cahoon gave a brief summary of the Treasurer's report, as Carol Walter was on vacation. The Treasurer's report indicated total assets of \$22,292.17 with liabilities of \$7,371.32 leaving equity of \$14,920.85. There were 12 dues paying Neighborhood Associations this year, and two organizations who won complementary membership.

4. Ange Cahoon provided the Executive Director's (ED) report. The 4th of July parade did not go as expected. The information provided by ED regarding meet location information was incorrect. This may have been a reason why no volunteers showed for walking the parade route. Additionally, parade officials were very concerned about ED walking in the parade at this point in pregnancy. Due to the lack of volunteers and the requests not to walk, ED decided at 3:00 pm on July 4th to forgo walking in the parade. Cahoon has several proposals on ways to increase participation in the parade next year.

RNNC- The Regional Neighborhood Network Conference is September 23-25. CONA has 10 spots open for attendance (with full expenses paid trip). We

currently have 6 spots available. Please see Ange for registration forms. Forms are due to Ange by August 13th.

Bloomington Volunteer Network – CONA recently joined the Bloomington Volunteer Network and has had 3 listings in the media for volunteer experiences. The listings include – off- campus committee, web editor and neighborhood volunteer. The web editor listing received significant response.

National Night Out – 3 neighborhood associations are hosting national night out parties this year. Candy left over from the parade will be provided to each party. Sunny Slopes is using the party to begin a neighborhood association and CONA will provide a start-up \$150 for the picnic costs to this new Neighborhood.

5. Bill Sturbaum presented the Planning Committee Report. The full report is attached at the end of these minutes. The Planning Committee feels that the new administration is becoming more responsive to neighborhood suggestions. Planning director Tom Micuda is receiving more support and is therefore giving more support to CONA requests.

6. Craig Harvey reported on his progress in setting up a series of membership meetings for CONA. He had a successful meeting with Linda Thompson from the N. Kinser neighborhood (unregistered NA). He also has a contact with a person who lives in Waterman who is interesting in reactivating their association.

7. Ange Cahoon introduced the idea of CONA hosting roundtable discussions for the interested residents. CONA will host 6 roundtables beginning in October this year. Suggestions and review of topics occurred at the meeting. The directors asked Ange to follow-up, coordinate and plan the six chosen topics and present a schedule for discussion at the August meeting.

8. Kathie Holland reported that the Bryan Park “Park and Ride” proposals now include alternative routes. At the Bloomington Transit meeting on August 3, 5:30 pm at 130 W. Grimes Lane, Bloomington, IN, 47403, Bloomington Transit hear public commit on the proposed changes.

9. Bill Sturbaum mentioned a need to address inappropriate use of our roads (ie semi-trucks traveling down street unable to support their weight). He requested information on these issue be sent to the planning committee. A prime example is the sunken curb at Rogers and Kirkwood. The infrastructure repair is costly to taxpayers.

10. Near Westside shared that most information on the Kirkwood plan is sent through the West Kirkwood Group and rather than Neighborhood Association. They are working to change this, the planning committee will address this concern at the next planning meeting as well.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

REPORT of the CONA PLANNING MEETING

July 20, 2004

The CONA Planning Committee met with Planning on June 30th, 2004. In attendance were J Baker, Tom Micuda, B. Sturbaum, and D. Walter.

1. Hopewell PUD. This PUD was established several years ago to provide eight units of owner occupied and affordable housing as part of a neighborhood revitalization project. A tax abatement was given to encourage the project. The original PUD failed after the building pads were poured and ownership has since gone to the Peoples State Bank. The bank is interested in selling its interest to two developers and is asking for a revision of the PUD from owner occupied to rental, while maintaining the affordable housing component. A reauthorization or an extension of the original tax abatement is being requested. The petition is due to be heard at the July 12th meeting of the Plan Commission. Tom Micuda felt that it might not be approved. If approved, it will go to the City Council for ratification. The neighborhood does not want the PUD changed to rental and feels that allowing rentals will have a negative impact on its environment.

2. McDoel Truck Traffic. After last month's efforts by Planning the truck traffic stopped for a while but it has begun again. The Zoning Compliance agent will send a letter to the business telling it to remove its semi-truck traffic from south Madison and direct it to the appropriate street, Rogers. If the trucks do not comply Planning will contact the police for enforcement.

3. Omega Properties, Maple and Kirkwood. Omega Properties owned by Mary and Rob Friedman wants to place two houses on a single lot. One would be owner occupied; the other rental. Omega wants to add another bedroom to the existing house. Both the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association and the Planning Department have concerns about the ability of the lot to accommodate two houses, and are concerned that the cost of the new house may be very expensive compared to others in the neighborhood. A second concern is the project does not comply with the Kirkwood Plan. A third concern is the request for a bedroom addition to the existing house. This may be a tip-off to using the house for rental instead of the stated owner occupancy. The BZA will hear the petition on July 29th.

4. Wampler. Mr. Wampler's petition was re-heard by the BZA and was again denied. His units have been out of compliance with zoning over the last year and his penalties are large. Rather than require him to do everything at once, Planning is allowing him to proceed on a timeline. He is required to report his move-outs monthly (the tenants may not be allowed to return), and bring his structures into compliance. If he does not bring a list of current tenants next week (July 5-9) Planning will turn the matter over to Legal for prosecution in court.

5. Rogers/Country Club Road Intersection. The upgrading of this intersection is beginning. Acquisition of right of way begins this year, with completion in 2006. The 3 year capital plan will upgrade and enlarge the intersection, provide signaling, and creates a side-path along Country Club Road. A house on the southeast corner is already owned by the city. A gas station on the southeast corner will be purchased and its brown-field corrected. Property on the northwest and southwest corners will be purchased.

Dave Walter pointed out that the Redevelopment Commission has an interest in Tapp and Weimer Roads. It funded the design for widening Tapp Road at the Medical Park near State Road 37, and will fund the design for realigning the curve at the east end of Weimer Road.

6. Madison Gardens. J. Baker asked if Planning would favor a curbing or grass edge along this development on Madison Street rather than a sidewalk. Planning would normally require the developer to provide a sidewalk but none exist along this street and, according to a poll taken several years ago, the street occupants do not want them. Tom replied that in this case the alternatives might be appropriate.

Also questioned was the size and style of a new house being designed for the south end of the property, and its relationship to Conservation District standards. Tom recommended the neighborhood discuss both issues with the architect and owner.

7. Planning Agenda. Tom announced that first draft of the new Zoning ordinance will be available from the consultant in about two months. A steering committee will be formed to review and provide guidance.

The Brian Park project will be on the City Council's agenda for July 21st and 28th. (Ed. Note: The neighborhood supports this project. However the City Council is divided on the issues of angle parking along Hillside, and extending the alleys to connect with Hillside. We strongly suggest that CONA members participate in the discussion and speak at the Council meeting to support this project --jb)

The Morton Place project is coming up to the BZA soon. Planning still recommends denial until new units downtown come on line and indicate if the market can support additional units.

Council of Neighborhood Associations
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2004

	<u>Jul 31, 04</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	4,228.16
Savings	17,487.30
Total Checking/Savings	<u>21,715.46</u>
Other Current Assets	
Inventory Asset	-1,187.50
Total Other Current Assets	<u>-1,187.50</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>20,527.96</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Bryan Park	440.83
CAPE	6,678.62
Waterman	251.87
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>7,371.32</u>
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Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	3,857.85
Retained Earnings	6,967.87
Net Income	2,330.92
Total Equity	<u>13,156.64</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>20,527.96</u></u>