

CONA Meeting
June 12, 2002
McCloskey Room 7:00 p.m.

Guests: Phil Stafford (COPC)
County representative re: PUD

Issues for Discussion:

- ✓By-laws Revision --- ACTION
- ✓COPC Grant --- ACTION
- ✓County PUD Request --- ACTION

Informational items:

- ✓HAND Vickie Provine
- ✓BUEA loan program Jack Baker
- ✓4th of July Parade Nancy Lumbley for Lucy Schaich

Advocacy Possibilities:

- Occupancy limitation repeal
- Possible ordinance need: Appropriate use of furniture, presence of junk cars, necessary weed ordinance alterations
- Need for periodic reports to the Board from specific areas of interest

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes, treasurer's report, planning report, program manager's report

Neighborhood Concerns:

Adjournment

Please note needs below. Sign-up sheet going around for volunteering.

CONA/Neighborhood Needs:

Volunteers for help at Farmers Market (July 20 and August 10 for cart rental plus any Saturday with just information)

County Fair

4th of July Parade – neighborhood participation

Action Teams (need volunteers for City Council & School Board)

If you are observing, make sure you are sending in reports to Nancy
(cona@blooming.in.us)

Send in INKIND Hours for yourself and your neighborhood association

Names for Business contacts (finance)

Next meeting: Election of officers -- your association must have paid its dues in order to vote. (Your dues are due in the month of payment in 2001. Anyone who paid dues in the first six months should be repaying dues (\$30)). Check with Jan Bulla-Baker to verify your association's dues.

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Treasurer's Report
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Checking Balance – May 15, 2002

\$4719.21

Expenses:

05/15/02	Kroger Coupons	950.00
05/15/02	Program Manager	542.00
05/15/02	supplies	7.13
06/06/02	SBC Ameritech	28.51

Deposits:

05/31/02	Kroger coupons	\$100.00
05/31/02	Blue Ridge Dues	30.00
06/07/02	Waterman Dues	30.00
06/07/02	Kroger Coupons	300.00

Balance:

\$3651.08

Savings Account:

\$3517.78

00/00/02	Interest	4.09
06/07/02	transfer for Waterman Dues	-30.00

Total

\$3491.87

Gateway	\$295.30
Bryan Park	620.00
CONA	2576.57

Restricted Funds:

2001/4th Quarter-\$1000-pending
 2002/1st Quarter- \$2000-pending

Jan Bulla-Baker, Treasurer

Minutes of CONA Meeting
7:00 p.m., May 15, 2002
Hooker Room, City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

McDoel Gardens – Jack Baker & Jan Bulla-Baker

Westpointe – Bill Boese

Blue Ridge - Charles Davis

Prospect Hill - Bill Sturbaum

Elm Heights – Kathie Holland

6th & Ritter - David Walter

Near Westside - Veda Stanfield

Waterman – Terri Inskip

Visitor: Broadview - Shirley Evans

CONA Program Director – Nancy Lumbley

HAND Representative – Vicky Provine

Guests: Clint Liveoak (Fritz Terrace), Jordan Shifress, Karen Adams, Lisa-Marie Napoli (all from CCRP)

Program

Jordan Shifress, Karen Adams and Lisa-Marie Napoli gave a presentation on the Community Conflict Resolution Program, Inc. (CCRP). A short role-play illustrating a typical dispute between neighbors using the CCRP method of resolution. A short question and answer discussion followed. Mediation is worthwhile and facilitates conversation between people. The participants have complete say about the outcome of the mediation.

Business Meeting

1. Minutes of the March 20, 2002 and April 17, 2002 meetings were approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: David Walter moved approval of the financial report. The motion was seconded by Kathie Holland and approved by voice vote.
3. Bill Boese gave an announcement from Lucy Schaich that she will be sending out additional information about the "Community on Parade" for the Bloomington Fourth of July parade. A banner will be made for use during the parade that will become the property of the neighborhood association. Construction on a float is planned for June 15.
4. Bill Sturbaum reported that the latest revision of the Growth Policies Plan came out this week. Hearings start next Monday. Bill Sturbaum also reported that the weed ordinance will be rewritten.
5. Vicky Provine reported that eleven neighborhood associations were present at the Farmer's Market for BloomingNeighborhoods celebration. Nancy Lumbley gave out some awards to people who were not present last Saturday.

New Business

1. David Walter handed out copies of the revisions to the By-Laws. The Directors would elect members to the Executive Committee. Then the five-member Executive Committee would handle the affairs of the organization, elect officers, and fill in for each other when absent. The amendment will be voted on next CONA meeting.
2. Nancy Lumbley brought up the concept of a "Consent Agenda" where committee reports, the treasurer's report and the minutes would be handled as one item for vote. If there was an objection to one of the items, then it can be separated for discussion and vote. The first items on the agenda will be voting items and the consent items will be last on the agenda. President Bill Boese requested that such a method be tried next month.
3. Nancy Lumbley reviewed options for CONA to be represented at the Farmer's Market on July 20 and August 10 operating the cart rental service. This will help to give CONA a community identity. The west end of the Farmer's Market is open for setting up tables for information purposes only, no items may be sold. CONA can appear here any time.

Neighborhood Concerns

4. A short discussion of neighborhood association concerns was held. Blue Ridge is concerned about the city's plans for calming devices along North Dunn Street. Broadview neighborhood is asking for new sidewalks and streetlights. Broadview will have a neighborhood cleanup on June 1. McDoel Gardens is working on a corridor plan for South Rogers Street.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Subject: follow up from CONA meeting

Date: Thu, 30 May 2002 18:19:38 -0500

From: Tom Micuda <micudat@city.bloomington.in.us>

To: "Baker, Andrew Jackson" <ajbaker@indiana.edu>

Hi, Jack. Sorry I was unable to attend your Wednesday CONA meeting with our department. I had a previously scheduled work session with our Plan Commission. Lynne Friedmeyer has given me a full report of your meeting, and I thought it would be a good idea to add some of my thoughts.

1. Doug Wissing house on Howe St. - From talking with Lynne, I gather that several members of CONA are upset that Mr. Wissing was allowed to build his house on the property line instead of where it was originally approved. All I can say in response is that Mr. Wissing was given approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals to build on the property line. We have to live with that decision, whether we agree with it or not. Since he was granted this approval, the City has no power to seek fines for Mr. Wissing's actions. We simply have to do a better job seeing that this type of case does not happen again. I don't see this BZA decision as giving builders a license to not follow their building plans. We see this type of case every few years, and the BZA's decision will not increase its frequency.

2. Results of the recent Dvorak lawsuit concerning occupancy limits - Because Mr. Dvorak was able to successfully appeal our current occupancy regulations at the Indiana Court of Appeals, the City will need to develop alternative occupancy regulations in case we are not able to overturn this court decision. HAND is working with City Legal to develop some stronger rental code standards that will hopefully prevent registered rentals from being overoccupied. The City Legal Department is also having an intern research the planning regulations of other college communities that deal with occupancy issues.

3. Fences being built over property lines - I concur with Lynne's comment that if someone builds a fence across a property line, it falls under a civil dispute between the two owners. The only way that the City would get involved is if the fence was encroaching upon an easement or right-of-way.

4. County proposal for the former Thomson site - From what Lynne said, it sounds like some neighborhood folks have been led to believe that a jail would never be built if the County's proposal was approved for the Thomson site. At this point, the County's petition would allow them to construct a jail should there ever be a future need for such a facility. I've encouraged the County to hold a neighborhood meeting to clarify their plans for the area and a jail specifically.

5. Allowing CONA to be more aware of City projects before they occur (example:the Miller>Showers Park improvements) - The best way for CONA to become informed about City projects is to invite City department heads from Public Works, Utilities, and Parks to a couple of your meetings each year. For example, you could set aside a meeting in January for department heads to provide an overview of capital projects that are being considered for the upcoming calendar year. In July, you could invite them back for a status report on existing projects and an overview of any future projects they might be considering. If this idea is too burdensome, you could have staff from HAND research the projects of these 3 departments and provide a report themselves.

Program Manager's Report
June 12, 2002

Program manager has:

1. continued to work on routine work for the organization. I have returned several inquiries of interest or information from phone contacts and email.
2. I have attended a planning meeting session in Ellettsville and left information at the Ellettsville Library about CONA. I plan to attend one in Harrodsburg tomorrow.
3. Followed up contacts from Farmers' Market Contacts
4. Forwarded several contacts and ideas to Colleen Stroetz for possible SIG grant funding.
5. Written most of the July newsletter
6. Explored possibilities of County Fair appearance
7. Updated newsletter mailing list
8. Begun a new INKIND HOURS tabulation
9. Continued to work on a logo for CONA
10. The Program Manager needs the help of the Board (or other neighborhood people recruited by the Board) for several committees and projects that are a part of our Update. Needed are people
 - a. for the Marketing Committee (short-term: plan the booth and possible give-aways for the week);
 - b. Membership Committee (short-term: help recruit new neighborhood groups; long-term: [September] plan a picnic or other gathering for old and new neighborhood associations – SIG grant will pay majority of expenses.
 - c. Action Team – observe public meetings and return back to CONA
 - d. Finance suggestions – people in the business community
 - e. For Farmers' Market help (July 20 and August 10 plus informational any Saturday)

6. Ordinance regulating indoor furniture in frontyards - The best thing that CONA can do on this issue is to contact HAND staff. A future ordinance would have to be administered by this department. If HAND staff does not follow up, I know that Tim Mayer has expressed interest in having these regulations on the books. He might be interested in taking up this issue.

7. Improvements on West Kirkwood - After things die down a little on the GPP, I will be meeting with Public Works concerning setting up a schedule of improvements on West Kirkwood. We will start meeting this summer.

8. Weed Ordinance - I know from talking with HAND and the Mayor's office that updates to our existing ordinance are not a priority. At this point, I don't think that anyone is researching the issue of defining and listing different types of weeds. My guess is that this scope of work will need to be initiated by a Council member.

I hope this additional information is useful and can supplement anything that Lynne told you in this week's meeting. I'll be back to meet with you next month.

tom