

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

June 16, 1999

AGENDA

1. Minutes of May 18th meeting
2. Financial report
3. Program manager's report
4. Attendance at June 19th Strategic Planning Workshop
 - A. Time: 9:00 a.m. till noon
 - B. Place: Star Center conference room (Star Center is located on West Allen Street between South Walnut and South Morton)
5. Y2K and emergency preparedness
6. Nominating Committee alert – July election of officers
7. Discussion: Conducting a neighborhood meeting
8. Congratulations neighborhood grant recipients
9. Report from the neighborhoods
10. New business
11. Adjournment

Future meeting dates: June 19th Strategic Planning Workshop, Star Center, 9:00 a.m.

2nd July~~10th~~ NAG, McCloskey Room, 8:30 a.m.

July 21st CONA, McCloskey Room, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of CONA Meeting
May 19, 1999 7:00 p.m.
McCloskey Room, City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

Chris Smith	Larry Crewell	Bill Sturbaum
Peter Wright	Jack Baker	Sue Mayer
Bill Boese	David Walter	Sue Shapiro
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Nikki Thompson , CONA Program Manager

Guests: We welcome Phil Worthington, who is organizing a neighborhood association for the W. 17th St. and N. Walnut area by the IU Credit Union And Jeremy Weir from City Planning.

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3. The Program Manager's report for last month's activities is attached. CONA's organization plan has been completed and presented to HAND.
4. Bill Sturbaum asked that the Nominations Committee meet and prepare a slate of new officers for election in August.
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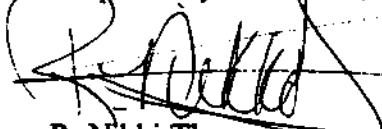
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PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT

1. The grant proposal CONA submitted to the Social Services Funding Committee of Bloomington Common Council on May 11th was denied. The proposal requested \$10,000 to be used for establishing a Bloomington Community Resource Center.
2. CONA met with HAND on May 24th to renegotiate our contract with the department. The strategic planning workshop came out of this meeting. The workshop will be held on Sat. June 19th from 9am -12pm in the Star Center. As a part of our contract with HAND, we have to create a strategic plan for CONA. Letters were sent to all neighborhood association members about the workshop.
3. Tonight's CONA meeting and the 19th workshop was publicized in the Herald Times, WFHB and BCAT. On Thursday, June 10th the Herald Times did an article on CONA and the 19th workshop.
4. CONA executive board along with Doris and Susie of HAND met with facilitator Shirley St. John and Vicki Provine to hammer out the details for the workshop. St. John will facilitate the workshop.
5. Advertisements about the program manager job begin last week. CONA has received several phone inquiries and five resumes. The hiring committee will meet early July to interview candidates. The committee plans to have the person hired by mid-July to begin training before I depart July 30th.

Respectfully Submitted,



R. Nikki Thompson
Program Manager, CONA

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MAY 19. 1999

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES:

A. MONEY

1. CONTINUE TO PURSUE GRANT MONEY.
2. WRITE INTO OUR BY-LAWS THAT A ANNUAL FEE OF \$50.00 OR SOME AMOUNT TO SUPPORT CONA.
3. BECOME PART OF ONE OF THE CITY WIDE FESTIVALS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES.
4. SELL HOT DOGS AT THE IU BALL GAMES.
5. HAVE A WEEKLY BINGO.
6. CONTINUE TO REQUEST MONEY FROM BANKS.
7. REQUEST MONEY FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES.

B. BECOME MORE PRO-ACTIVE WITH NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS.

1. BOOTH AT FAIR
2. BLM. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
3. NEWS LETTER
4. GET ON CH-12



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1. CONA completed and submitted a grant proposal to the Social Services Funding Committee of Bloomington Common Council on May 11th. The proposal requested \$10,000 to be used for establishing a Bloomington Community Resource Center.
2. CONA has tossed around the idea of expanding the scope of the Mediation Center to a Resource Center. This will model the Indianapolis Neighborhood Center where community members can receive more than just mediation but also training in the following areas: "Starting a Neighborhood Association", "Conducting Effective Meetings", "Computer Training", "How to Recruit and Retain Members", "Grant Proposal Writing, etc." These training workshops will be designed to strengthen neighborhood associations and CONA.
3. CONA received help from the Community and Family Resource Office with the City of Bloomington. CONA received about 8-10 potential sources of funding to apply for.
4. CONA Finance Committee met on May 19, 99 to discuss the information received from Community and Family Resources along with thinking of new ways to finance CONA.
5. CONA executives began working on a strategic plan and mission statement. Within the coming weeks, CONA should have a sound mission statement to present to the mass for approval.
6. CONA will begin exploring new ways to publicize and increase name recognition. Hopefully by the end of summer, CONA can be highlighted on Bloomington's Public Access Television or a local radio station programs.
7. CONA must create and submit an organizational plan to HAND in order to satisfy the criteria for receiving the \$10,000 grant. A rough draft was submitted to Kelly on May 17, 99 and a finalized version will be submitted to her on Friday, May 21, 99. Also the May 31, 99 deadline for submitting a progress report is due to HAND.
8. I will be leaving CONA at the end of July. I am going to be traveling for about seven months doing research in West Africa. A search committee will be reformed to fill my vacancy.

9. Below is a list of ideas that CONA executives would like to see accomplished:

- Secure funding by applying for grants, fundraisers (sell hot at IU games or host Bingo), etc
- Amend bylaws to reflect an annual fee of \$50/per neighborhood association
- Become visible in community; be a part of city wide festivals or other activities
- Create a signature event in the community for the purpose of heightening CONA's name and services; strengthen sense of community and neighborhood responsibility
- Establish Resource/Mediation Center
- More pro-active in neighborhood and public policy issues
- Start a newsletter
- Actively solicit members
- Increase publicity, awareness, involvement and recognition of CONA
- Offer workshops to enhance neighborhood associations and make them more effective
- Create a mission statement and strategic plan so CONA can be on one accord as to where it wants to go

Please add to this list so that all of our ideas are shared and implemented.

Respectfully Submitted,

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