COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS June 16, 2004 AGENDA

- 1. Resignation of Kathie Holland from Executive Committee
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May19, 2004
- 3. Treasurer's Report
- 4. Elections for Executive Board
- 5. Executive Director's Report Ange Cahoon
 - a. 4th of July Parade July 4
 - b. County Fair Booth July 24 31
 - c. National Night Out August 3
 - d. Regional Neighborhood Conference September 23-25
- 6. Planning Committee Report Jack Baker
- 7. Membership Committee Report Craig Harvey
- 8. Park & Ride Report Kathie Holland for Elm Heights/Bryan Park Neighborhood Associations.
- West Kirkwood Avenue Design David Walter
- 10. Renwick Development Proposal Sycamore Knolls
- 11. Bryan Park Development
- 12. New Business and Reports from Neighborhood Associations
- 13. Adjournment

Upcoming CONA Meetings

Planning Committee: June 30 at Noon in Kelly Conference Room Executive Committee: July 14 at 5:30 PM at Fairview United Methodist

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Next CONA meeting: July 21 at 7:00 PM in McCloskey Conference Room

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Mr. Hooker was awarded a CONA 2004 certificate of Appreciation for all the studies that he has prepared for the Eastside Neighborhood Association and passed on to CONA. These include: An executive Summary of the "Gainesville Report" on the impact on the local community of University of Florida students living off-campus; a study of how the communities of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia (a university community) and Lawrence, Kansas deal with the issue of residential rental property regulations in single-family residential zoning districts; a summary of the minutes of the City Council of the City of St. George, UT, showing the history of the creation of a Neighborhood Conservation Zone; a collection of talking points gleaned from looking at other citieso web sites to serve as the basis for a work-shop on the topic of the Removal of Snow from Sidewalks; a detailed proposal for the establishment of a Residential Neighborhood Preservation District through a zoning overlay; and a petition to the City to implement parking restrictions on Eastside Drive so as to ensure that the street would be passible for emergency vehicles.

The City Traffic engineer said that Mr. Hooker's presentation of the parking problem on Eastside Drive was "one of the most well-prepared and informative requests that [he had] ever received regarding a parking conditions request." Mr. Hooker's parking proposal was approved by the City Council on 2 June 2004.

Mr. Hooker is retired from the Federal Government. Since his retirement, he has written a number of books, including: "Tolkien Through Russian Eyes" (Walking Tree Publishers, 2003), "The Politically Correct Netherlands Since the 1960Õs" (translator, Greenwood, 2000), "Implied, but not Stated" (Universal Publishing, 1999), The History of Holland (Greenwood, 1999), "Customs and Etiquette in Holland" (Global Books, 1997) and "The Military Uses of Literature" (Praeger, 1996). He is also widely published in the Tolkien specialist periodic press in English, Dutch and Russian. This summer, he will be making two presentations at MythCon XXXV and one in Holland.

Candidate's statement:

I regret that I cannot be present at this CONA meeting, but we will not be in Bloomington, as we are leaving on back-to-back trips to visit my mother, my wife's family and to make conference presentations. (Airline ticketing policies being what they are, I find it impossible to reschedule the trips so as to be able to attend the CONA meeting.)

I think that CONA needs to become more aware of the political aspects of the process that it hopes to influence, and the need to make City decision makers conscious of CONA's political power. One of the first things that could be done to enhance CONA's political power would be to maintain a City Council Voting Log on CONA's web site which would show how Council members voted on issues of interest to CONA. This would serve CONA's interests, because the first step towards political accountability is knowing who is responsible, and political accountability is what makes politicians vote for what CONA's constituents want. In this day and age, knowledge is power, and I am an experienced knowledge broker, who knows, that, as Einstein said, 'Imagination is greater than knowledge.' A vote for me is a vote for a proactive CONA.