

Report for June 16, 2004 Board of Director's meeting

CONA received a \$4,000 grant from the City of Bloomington to send 10 delegates to the Regional Network of Neighborhood Conference in Columbus Ohio. The conference will be held September 23-25. Neighborhood organizations may submit names for potential delegates until August 10. Submit names by signing up for more information at the sign-up sheet tonight.

Blooming Neighborhoods was a success. 15 neighborhoods joined the HAND to promote their neighborhood at the Farmers' market on June 5th. The mayor recognized the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association as the winner of this year's Mayor's Excellence Award. Highland Village Neighborhood Association received the of City Council Neighborhood Enhancement Award. Bryn Park Neighborhood Association received certificates of recognition in both categories. Jack Baker of the McDoel Gardens Neighborhood Association is the winner of this year's HAND Neighbor of the Year Award with certificates of recognition going to Lucy Schaich, Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association and Lois Sabo-Skelton, Green Acres Neighborhood Association. Broadview received the Hoosier Planning award from the Indiana Planning Association. CONA's awards for outstanding in-kind time donations went to

- o Jack Baker
- o David Walter
- o Craig Harvey
- o Carol Walter
- o Shirley Evans
- o Kathie Holland
- o Mark Hooker
- o Bill Sturbaum

Coming up! The 4th of July parade is on SUNDAY, July 4th 3 pm. Join CONA in our marching unit. Sign up today to walk with CONA!

Please take a promote your neighborhood flyer back to your neighborhood association and join CONA in our upcoming events!

June 2004

Accomplished

1. Blooming Neighborhoods
 - a. Good turn out and beautiful weather. 15 neighborhoods were represented.
 - b. 8 awards were presented:
 - i. Dave and Carol Walter, Bill Sturbaum, Kathie Holland, Carig Harvey, Mark Hooker, Jack Baker and Shirley Evans.
 - ii. Very few neighborhoods turned in info. Working on a way to put a form on the web for volunteer hours. When calling neighborhood leaders, found a great deal of confusion over the term "in-kind" hours. Would like to see this changed to volunteer hours for next year.
2. Registered with the Bloomington Volunteer Network
3. Minutes from previous meeting will be on Website one week prior to meeting. Check website for meeting agenda about a week before

In progress

1. CAPE grant – quarterly report was due today. Nancy filed an extension.
2. Several errors on website. Due to requests by 3 neighborhood presidents I am removing email addresses as they are collecting SPAM.
3. Fourth of July Celebration
 - a. Information to neighborhood associations should drop tomorrow
 - b. Two ways to participate:
 - i. CONA group:
 1. CONA parade unit for cost of \$10. Simple marching unit.
 2. Volunteer recruitment is HIGH priority. Will have sign-ups available at next week's meeting.
 - ii. Neighborhood Group
 1. Cost \$10 to neighborhood. Choice of marching unit or float. Volunteer recruitment is priority of neighborhood assoc.
 2. Banners available
4. National Night Out – Tuesday, August 3, 2004
 - a. Information to neighborhood associations should drop tomorrow
 - b. Host a BBQ in your neighborhoods
 - c. Great way to get to know new neighbors
 - d. More information coming soon
5. County fair booth
 - a. Information to neighborhood associations should drop tomorrow
 - b. Recruiting volunteers as we speak.

REPORT of the CONA PLANNING MEETING

June 16, 2004

The CONA Planning Committee met with Planning on May 26th, 2004. In attendance were J Baker, Tom Micuda, B. Sturbaum, and D. Walter.

1. **Conservancy District.** Eastside Neighborhood Association is asking for an overlay to limit the number of rental units in its area. Tom will set up a meeting with the Association, Legal, and Planning to discuss.
2. **McDoel Truck Traffic.** Tom responded to reports of semi-truck traffic on S. Madison that truck traffic is not allowed on neighborhood streets. His department would contact the fastener business receiving the deliveries and tell them to direct the truck traffic to Rogers and Hillside. Since then J Baker was contacted by Planning saying this had been done, and would the neighborhood report any additional infractions. To date no more have occurred.
3. **10th and Morton.** The petition for this development has been changed and down sized. This development on this one acre lot was to contain 250 bedrooms. It is now at 214. Parking was less than ½ spaces per bedroom. It is now at 150 spaces. *Planning still recommends the plan be turned down* until other large projects in the area are operational. It wants to observe the occupancy for a while before allowing additional bedrooms, so that overbuilding and low occupancy are avoided. The developer is expected to seek a continuance until June.
4. **Parking in Downtown and Adjacent areas.** There is continuing concern about parking around new projects coming on-line this fall. An ordinance will be presented to the City Council put time restriction on parking in areas that center on Morton Street. It will likely provide for 2 hour parking with ½ hour parking at building fronts. Weekend time restriction will likely be introduced. Tom notes that the Mayor's Downtown Plan will include parking.
5. **Country Club Road.** An 8 foot wide pedestrian path is scheduled for construction along the north side of Country Club Road from the Marsh parking lot to Rockport Road. It will cross the creek with a new bridge. Cost will be around \$700K. Bill Sturbaum argues that the project is unnecessary until the intersection at Rogers is improved. (This project is scheduled in the TIP for next year.). He feels that in general a developer rather than the City should be responsible for this sort of project, in the same manner as used in the Ramsey Park project, i.e., any large project that generates the need for sidewalks should place the burden on the developer.
6. **Omega Properties, Maple and Kirkwood.** Omega Properties wants ½ lot subdivision at this corner lot at Maple and Kirkwood. It wants to place two houses on the lot with one used as owner occupied and the other as a rental. Planning sees this as not in accordance with the Kirkwood Plan and wants discussion with the adjacent neighborhoods. Planning and the neighborhood want the existing house refurbished, and without vinyl siding. (The issue will have gone to the BZA for review by the time this is written.). The owner feels a 5 year time restrictions on the property use is adequate. *Planning feels that a longer period is needed.*

7. **Flood Plane.** We asked for additional information concerning flood plain management. The GPP requires that flood plains are to be observed and mapped. Funding for this effort is a problem and it has fallen behind. J Baker suggested that all City floodways should be re-modeled and updated by computer reflect changes brought about by development. Tom responded that this probably would be done in the next year or two. Flyovers for updating City topography including the flood plains are ongoing. FEMA requires the City to identify changes and infringements on the flood plain, identify structures affecting the floodway, etc., update maps, and report its actions every two years. A floodway petition for 5 % infringements into the 100 year flood plain must be submitted to IDEM.
8. **West Kirkwood.** In response to a study commissioned by the Redevelopment Commission for far west Kirkwood residents of the area have formed a group called the Kirkwood Group to insure that the Kirkwood Plan will control the streetscape improvements scheduled for this fall. They have been assured the *Plan will be followed and they will be involved in the process.* The street will not be widened. GRW Engineering is performing the study.
9. **Bryan Park Development.** The Plan Commission will hold its second hearing on the project on Monday June 14th. It is expected the areas of concern will include extending Wilson Street to Henderson, angle-parking on Hillside, and alley connections to hillside. (At the June 14 meeting the project was *passed 7-3 by the Commission.* Extending Wilson was denied, angle parking on Hillside was allowed, and alley connections to hillside were allowed.)
10. **Wampler.** City Legal has advised the BZA to listen to Mr. Wampler's petition after all, although it is the same as presented last year.
11. **Mitchell Property.** Planning will recommend to the BZA that *granted variances should be revoked* because of the owner's actions including the removal of a tree, that violated the original conditions and agreements placed on the development.