

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

MARCH 18, 1998

AGENDA

- I. Distribution of minutes of February 18, 1998 meeting
- II. Report on the state of CONA's finances
- III. Status of CONA's 501(3)(c) application
 - A. Application for incorporation submitted
 - B. Funding for application
- IV. Dayton, Ohio Priority Boards
- V. Neighborhood grant applications
 - A. Congratulations to successful applicants
 - B. Preparations for fall grants
- VI. Anti-graffiti committee
- VII. Report on development of RCA property
- VIII. Revision of GPP
- IX. March 25, Council Meeting
- X. Support letter for Brownfield grant
- XI. Other business
- XII. Adjournment

Minutes of CONA Meeting
March 18, 1998 7:00 P.M.
McCloskey Room, City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Important Dates:

Next NAG meeting is April 3 at 8:30 a.m. Next CONA Meeting is April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the February 18, 1998 meeting were approved without correction.

Bill Sturbaum gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Mark Hood, who is out of the country.

Income (donations)	\$800.00
Invoices	30.00 for filing of Articles of Incorporation
Balance	\$770.00

Bill Sturbaum reported on the following:

He passed out information on Priority Boards, the official citizen participation mechanism in Dayton, Ohio. A group from CONA will visit a Priority Board meeting in Dayton soon. Suzy Johnson of HAND will be attending a conference in Seattle, WA where she hopes to gather more information on similar organizations in the country and find out about their effectiveness.

A newspaper article had appeared about the awarding of the neighborhood grants by the City of Bloomington. Over \$30,000 has been allocated to five different neighborhoods. The remainder of the grant money has not been re-allocated; it may become available again this fall.

Jeff Wolsey, the Safe and Civil City Coordinator, was going to chair the committee on anti-graffiti measures. It was reported that graffiti and trash accumulation were the two main reasons for abandonment business centers.

The Rogers Group proposal for the eastside Shagbark development has prompted the appointment of a steering committee for revisions to the Growth Policies Plan. We should watch for an announcement of the committee members.

March 25 is the next City Council meeting. At the last meeting, 20 apartment property owners were there to speak against the new fees for rental inspections. They also spoke against the addition of new staff for HAND. They will be considering designating the house near 4th and Dunn historic to go along with the historic limestone sidewalk located in front of the house.

There is some funding available for "Brownfield" grants. This grant is for cleanup of contamination from old manufacturing processes. The S-T Semicon building would be eligible for such a grant.

Bill Boese reported on the progress with the Thompson/RCA site. There are three options under consideration: 1) no change to the plant, a new S-curve would be created to move traffic from RCA Lane to Grimes Lane, 2) Remove buildings 1 and 4, which also removes the utility center for power and heating with demolition costs in excess of \$1 million, 3) save building 4 and develop the site differently with a new S-curve to Grimes lane. A bill has been passed by the Indiana legislature and it has been signed by the Governor to assist any business that purchases the property up to \$1 million, depending upon the number of jobs created.

David Walter reported that the Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association had just completed a series of interviews with prospective consultants. The consultants are being considered for assistance in restructuring the BUEA and identifying funding sources for the organization. Because of the closing of Thompson, they will be experiencing a loss of approximately 75% of their funding.

Brian Hendrickson was introduced as the neighborhood representative from the Bicycle Apartments Tenants Association (BATA), which is located at the corner of East Fourth and Monroe Streets. They were formed to provide supervision of the apartments after the manager leaves in the evenings. Two Bloomington Police offices live in the complex as well, but they are not always there through the night. BATA has helped to cut down the number of calls that BPD responds to. At first, they were coming as often as three times a night, this has dropped to three or four times a month. BATA has been using a model apartment for self-help meetings, but recently CFC has refused to allow them to continue to use it.

Betty Yoder and Fran Moore explained that the most recent proposal for the Shagbark development had decreased the size of the store and the other buildings. However, it was still against the Growth Policies Plan.

Pat Angest reported that the Westside Neighborhood Association is concerned about security and safety in their neighborhood. They think that the Westside is an interesting place to live with several churches, schools and small businesses.

David Walter reported that he is working on Sixth and Ritter's newsletter and will be having a neighborhood meeting soon.

Larry Crewell said that Fritz Terrace is interested in additional grant money from HAND if it should become available.

Carl Price said that Matlock Heights will be having a reorganization meeting on April 20. Carl reported that two apartments had been reported for over-occupancy to HAND, but he did not have any information on their actions, if any. Carl also reported that one of his neighbors had made a complaint to the city and that their name was given out. Several of the members wanted to know if it was possible to keep this from happening. It was suggested that the neighborhood association make the complaint to prevent this from happening.

Bill Sturbaum reported that Prospect Hill was asking that four houses along Fourth Street be down-zoned from apartments to single family residential. The city will be soon vacating the fire station on Rogers Street and the city garages on Fourth Street. There is concern about the future use of these buildings. He noted that the railroad overpass at Third Street has graffiti on the inside of the railing and that kids are using it for a party place.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.