

# **COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS**

**May 20, 1998**

## ***AGENDA***

- I. Distribution of minutes of the April 15, 1998 meeting
- II. Financial report
  - A. Authorization of signature cards
  - B. Status of non profit application
- III. Report of Program Committee
- IV. New neighborhood organizations
- V. Neighborhood handbooks available
- VI. Nominating committee report
- VII. Parks and Rec block party, June 26th.  
(details at next meeting)
- VIII. Next meeting dates
  - A. NAG, June 5, 8:30 a.m., McClosky Room
  - B. CONA, June 17, 7:00 p.m., McClosky Room
- IX. Open discussion: downtown skateboarding, graffiti, farmers market, etc.
- X. Adjournment

Minutes of CONA Meeting  
May 20, 1998 7:00 P.M.  
McCloskey Room, City Hall  
Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

Larry Crewell	Peter Wright
Eugene Fritz	Sue Mayer
Bill Boese	David Walter
Mark Hood	Betty Yoder

Guest: Bob Woolford (Bryan Park) and Chris Maguire-Hastings (BUEZ)

Important Dates:

Next NAG meeting is normally scheduled for July ~~7~~<sup>10</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Next CONA Meeting is July 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Grant Applications are due in March 16 to the HAND Department.

Minutes of the April 15, 1998 meeting were approved with correction of grammar.

1. Mark Hood made the financial report. The checks received as donations from the Neighborhood Associations have not yet been deposited. An account will be opened at Irwin Union Bank. The IRS has received CONA's application for non-profit status and will respond in about 120 days.
2. Sue Meyer reported for the Program Committee. The committee's recommendations, in no particular order, are:
  - a. Two or more people representing CONA should attend the next Regional Neighborhood Association Conference.
  - b. A committee should be formed to assemble a handbook for CONA. The handbook could include a statement of purpose for CONA, copies of the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, forms for membership application to CONA, HAND policies pertaining to Neighborhood Associations.
  - c. Start up a WEB page.
  - d. Form a Civic Committee whose members would be the eyes and ears of CONA. They would attend public hearings, city council meetings, etc.
  - e. A person needs to be designated as the "publicity person" to work with the local media to report on CONA activities.
  - f. Organize a trip to Dayton, Ohio to investigate their neighborhood conflict resolution procedures.
  - g. Start up a newsletter for distribution to the members.
  - h. Prepare a calendar for important dates, meeting dates and times, other items of interest to CONA members.
2. Chris Maguire-Hastings reported that there would be a review and update of the Growth Policies Plan in the next year. CONA members should make note of the hearing times and dates in order to attend and make recommendations.
3. David Walter noted that volunteers to work on the committees and other recommendations of the Program Committee need to be recruited. Volunteers do not have to be members of the CONA Board of Directors to participate.
4. Peter Wright reported that Sycamore Knolls had a neighborhood-wide garage sale last weekend. It was very successful. They are making plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July neighborhood

party. They will have a parade through the neighborhood for the kids to dress up and receive prizes for costumes. Bill Boese indicated that neighborhood garage sales help neighbors to get to know each other better. Westpoint had a sale last month and are planning another one this fall. The Neighborhood Association placed ads in the newspaper. The cost of the advertising was paid for by voluntary contributions by the neighbors.

5. Bob Woolford reported that his neighborhood had their first organizational meeting. About 30 people attended. 7-8 people volunteered to work on the organization of the neighborhood association, by-laws, etc. They are working on a neighborhood association name and defining the neighborhood boundaries.
6. Chris Maguire-Hastings introduced herself to CONA as the director of the Bloomington Urban Enterprise Zone. She is planning on attending our meetings. The BUEZ is a non-profit organization formed to manage funds contributed by businesses in the BUEZ. The BUEZ sponsors small business development classes and other programs to assist businesses in the BUEZ. Because of the loss of funds from Thompson/RCA, the BUEZ is going through reorganization. The BUEZ is interested in supporting neighborhood associations in the west side as well as CONA.
7. Sue Meyer reported that the Bloomington Farmer's Market is up and running at its new location on the south side of the City Hall. Most of the participants are happy with the new location. Some of the farmers thought that their sites would be larger than what they were at the old location. There is a concern that the asphalt pavement would become too hot in the summer sun. They would like to have more shade for the coffee area. The location is so new that there will be other adjustments to be made in the setup.
8. Bill Boese reported that the Westpoint Neighborhood Association is working on the entry to the neighborhood off of Allen Street. A new sign is on order. They had a block party with clowns, balloons for the children and other activities. About 100 people attended representing about 30 families out of the 68 that make up the association.
9. Bill Boese also reported on the progress of the youth detention center that is proposed on the north side of their neighborhood. Westpoint was invited to join the task force composed of county prosecutor, county commissioners and county judges. At their meeting with the task force, Westpoint voiced their objection to any type of detention facility being constructed next to the neighborhood.
10. Eugene Fritz reported that the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department would be attending their next neighborhood association meeting on May 26. They are in the process of setting up a new park in the former Smaltz Farm. The park will be about 6 ½ acres in size, located mostly in the flood plain. The neighborhood association would like to have limited parking, playground equipment for the children and minimal picnic facilities. One neighbor attended the meeting and suggested that tennis courts be constructed. Eugene did not think that this was likely.
11. Betty Yoder reported that Hoosier Acres is quiet after the Shagbark development crisis. An auction was held at one of the homes. Trucks and other vehicles parking on the grass damaged several lawns. The Auctioneer said that he was not responsible for this damage and would not pay to have it repaired. Betty also asked about the noise ordinance and how it could be applied.
12. Bob Woodford passed around a sheet for neighborhood representatives to indicate when their next neighborhood meeting would be held. HAND representatives would like to attend the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.