

Minutes of CONA Meeting
May 17, 2000 7:00 p.m.
McCloskey Room, City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

Bill Sturbaum	Jack Baker	Fran Moore
Bill Boese	David Walter	Sue Shaprio
Estelle Horgensen	Phil Worthington	Jan Bulla-Baker
Ann Robinson	Sue Mayer	Don Berry
Kathie Holland	Buff Brown	Bill Hayden
Jack Bolow	Beth Gallman	Carl Price

Nancy Flynn-Hunt, CONA Program Manager
Guests: Vicky Provine, HAND, Mike Hostetler

Minutes of the April 19, 2000 meeting were approved.

1. Treasurer's Report: Jan Bulla-Baker reported that the current balance in the checking account is \$4,450.58 with all invoices and bills paid. She has received dues from six neighborhood associations.
2. Bill Sturbaum introduced Mike Hostetler, Chief of Police for the City of Bloomington. Mike has been appointed to the position by the Mayor after Jim Kennedy resigned last month. Mike spoke about himself and said that he has been a city police officer for several years. During this time, he has gotten adjusted to dealing with students from other countries and different perceptions of right and wrong-doing. He has met with student organizations as well as the Safe and Civil City committee to discuss off-campus issues. Recently, the city police have increased bicycle patrols around student apartments and are having success with their "Party Patrols" to handle loud parties in the apartment complexes. He said that the officers do not have to wait until a complaint comes in, they will stop and warn people on their own. The second time that they stop, they will check ID's and make arrests. The police can also make arrests on the first visit if the address has a history of complaints.

Mike gave out some statistics on crime rates:

1998 - 13,500 Calls of all Types	1999 - 14,000 Calls of all Types (Monthly Totals)
1998 - 3,372 Citations	1999 - 4,263 Citations
1998 - 1,758 Loud Party Calls	1999 - 1,988 Loud Party Calls

From January to April of this year, they have had 591 loud party calls in comparison to 738 calls for the same period in 1999. The dispatchers handle about 13,000 (911) calls per month. Of those, about 650 are for EMS. The police always respond in person to calls, including those that are "hang ups". Many times, these are false, due to low batteries in cordless telephones or cell phones doing automatic dialing. A Request For Proposals will be going out soon for new software to provide a combined dispatch system for the city, county, EMS, fire and other calls. The county will be housing the dispatch system. They presently have 9 dispatchers.

In response to questions, Mike gave the following information:

In the last 4 years, they have added 15 police officers and now have ⁷⁸~~23~~ officers. They hope to add 3 more officers in 2001 using Federal grant funding for their salaries. With the present level of staffing, it is impossible to have foot patrols or to monitor streets for speeding.

Each police cruiser has a laptop computer for the officers to use for entering in data. He wants to get software to permit the officer to access on-line data for mug shots, criminal records, and making reports.

Mike is very happy with the new police headquarters building. There is no firing range in the building, the room is used for storage of evidence.

They get about 20 to 25 calls per month that involve weapons (guns), which is up from about five years ago when they would only get 3 or 4 per month. Mike has to sign off on all requests for handgun permits. He gets about 2 to 7 per day for a permit to carry a concealed weapon. He has 60 days to sign off on new permits and 30 days for renewals. All handgun permits require a criminal background check.

3. Bill Sturbaum noted at the next meeting we would be electing officers for the next year. People interested in serving should contact the Nominating Committee (Sue Shaprio, Sue Mayer and Kathie Holland).
4. Jeremy Weir of City Planning has the long-range Transportation Plan available for people to look at.
5. The Finance Committee is looking at the state NAP credits for funding. There is a deadline of June 1 for submitting proposals.
6. Copies of the flyer for the James Kunstler speech at the Convention and Visitor's Center were handed out.
7. Nancy Flynn-Hunt gave the Program Manager's report. She said that the Blooms of Bloomington had a good turnout.
8. Bill Boese reported that the Community Planning Committee was going to be meeting with Tom Macuda of the City Planning Department. He also reported that Doris Sims wants to do an assessment of vacant land in the neighborhoods for future development possibilities.
9. David Walter reported on a meeting between neighborhood representatives and the Indiana Rail Road to discuss the condition of the overpasses in the City. The IRR has promised to do some improvements to the overpasses and to clean up along their roadbeds.
10. Bill Sturbaum distributed copies of the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association welcome letter that is given to new residents when they move into the neighborhood.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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PRESENT: Jan Budia - Baker ✓

ESTELLE JORGENSEN
ANN ROBINSON
PAUL WOODINGTON
DON BERRY

JACK BAKER ✓
CARL PRICE
KATHIE HOLLAND
BILL BOESE ✓
BILL STEINBAUM ✓
SUE SHAPIRO ✓
SUE MAYER ✓
BUFF BROWN
BILL HAYDEN ✓
JACK BOLOW
BETH GALEMAN.

GUESTS: MIKE HOSTELER

NANCY FLYNN - HERT
VICKY PROVINCE - HAWK

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1. Sue S. Mares Bill B 2nd Approved As Connected.
2. \$4,450.58 IN ACCOUNT. HAVE RECEIVED DUES FROM 6 N.A.
3. Mike Hosteler - introduced by Bills.

VARIOUS CALLS FOR BPO.

MEETINGS w/ IUPD, SAFE & CIVIL CITY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW OFF CAMPUS ISSUES. TALKING TO STUDENTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS. SPENDING BUREAU TO ASK TO MEET w/ STUDENTS. COOPERATING w/ IUPD BIKE PATROLS - HIT VERY HARD ON APARTMENTS - STUDENT HOUSING. AGGRESSIVE PARTY PATROL. WILL STOP & TELL ON THEIR OWN. WILL ARREST ON 2nd CALL WILL CHECK I.D.'S. ~~of~~ PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE. IF SEVERAL COMPLAINTS FOR NOISE - DISORDERLY CONDUCT - IF MORE THAN ONCE, WILL ARREST IF SAME PLACE, SAME PEOPLE.

CONCERN IN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS:

1998 - 3,372 LITIGATIONS 4,263 IN 1999

LOUD PARTY

1998 - 1,758 CALLS . 1,988 IN 1999 (13% INCREASE)
 JAN - APRIL 591 CALLS 738 IN 1999
 COUNT ALL CALLS (13% INCREASE) 14,000 TOTAL
 13,500 IN 1999

ADD 15 police officers IN 4 YEARS. 98% of CALLS COME IN ON TELEPHONE 13,000 CALLS PER MONTH

WANT TO INCREASE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL - NOT CENTRAL

DISPATCH. BPO BT PRISM CISCO - COUNTY. COUNTY WILL GO TO BT PRISM

Est. Fax program is \$1/2 mil. Need CAD system & records system.

RFP is coming out - why have they by fall. \$182,000 FD

Block grant another \$300,000 grant. State has assessed

911 fee on cell phones. The county has 9 dispatchers - have

close to 1/3 union on hand.

If you can far emit - dispatchers will ask questions & assist you

First aid used emit calls per month. If someone calls &

hands up - if battery goes down, phone will call 911.

Police always respond to calls in person.

want to add 3 more officers in 2001 - Fed grant will

pay for 3 years. (\$75,000/3 yrs) Actual cost is \$50K/year.

wide years ago - had to cut back, lost several positions. Want to

add back position. Also need software with patrol assistant capabilities

of calls. Each car has a laptop - need to get software to

access on-line info for vic sites, ETA, reports.

Make is very happy with new police AOR Bourne.

Question - officers, pattern on part? No, but have no bikes.

Question - increase of traffic & speeding cars -

no to 25 - call per month with weapons - up from

3-4 / month from year ago / re loaded off.

no firing range in Bourne - used as evidence.

Question - every time gun permit must be signed by chief

2-7 per day for concealed permit to carry vt.

60 days on hold 30 days on renewal - have community police.

same photo

6. Bill S - ELECTION OF OFFICERS - NOMINATING COMMITTEE -
SUE, SUE & KATHIE ARE ON COMMITTEE. WILL BE
CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS. Call Sue @ 332-5069
7. TRANSPORTATION PLAN - JENNY WEIR - HAS PROGRAM AVAILABLE.
8. FINANCE COMMITTEE - HAS PROGRAM FOR TAX CREDITS - DEADLINE
IS JUNE 1 FOR APPLICATION.
9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF JAMES KUNSTLER TALK.
10. Blooms of Blooming - HAD GOOD TURN OUT.
11. REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE in OCT.
- Bill B - Community Planning Committee - King Slough, Bill B.
Will meet w/ Tom Miesner - Planning Director -
- DORIS WANTS TO DO AN ASSESSMENT OF VACANT LAND IN NEIGHBORHOOD.
12. Danellulta - Reported in Morning Meeting of INDIANS RR
ABOUT CROSSINGS & clearing of overpasses.
13. Bill S. distributed welcome letters.