

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS
AGENDA
May 16, 2001
McCloskey Room; 7:00 p.m.

- 7:00 GUEST: Kara Bush, Wildlife Habitat presentation
- 7:30 Call to order
Approval of minutes
Treasurer's Report
- 7:45 Committee Reports
Off Campus Issues -- Phil Worthington
Planning -- Jack Baker
Finance -- Kroger coupons available (Jan)
DUES are due -- \$20 (Jan).
Calendar Project -- advertising plan - Dave Walter
Still needed -- a few artists or photographers for monthly artwork
If you have suggestions of businesses or individuals that you believe
would help support the work of CONA, please inform Nancy.
Contributions are tax-deductible!
- 8:00 Old Business
Website
Blooming Neighborhoods and Join Hands Day, June 16 -- Vickie Provine
- 8:15 New Business
Melrose Development
BZA Hearing -- June 7, 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers
- 8:30 Any other neighborhood concerns?

DATES: Planning (noon) last Wednesday of month, Off-Campus Issues (5:30 meeting)
-- May 22; CONA June 20.

Minutes of CONA Meeting
7:00 p.m., May 16, 2001
McCloskey Room, City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

Bill Boese	David Walter	
Sandy Clothier	Bill Sturbaum	Bill Hayden
Dan Sullivan	Lucy Schaich	Kay Thorbecke
Judi Ramaino	Veda Stanfield	Kate Cruikshank
George Keller	Jan Bulla-Baker	Jack Baker

Guests: Kara Bush, Community Wildlife Program

1. Minutes of the April 18, 2001 meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: Jan Bulla-Baker reported that the current balance is \$6,072.21 with \$4,454.36 of this amount in savings. Jan said that the city budget for next year has a cut in funding from \$10,000 to \$8,000 for CONA. Bill Boese suggested contacting your city council representative to ask for restoration of funding. The funding goes to pay our Program Manager's wages.
3. Bill Boese introduced our guest speaker, Kara Bush. Kara is a Masters candidate with SPEA and has been involved with the Community Wildlife Program. She had several handouts about the program and mentioned that three cities in Indiana have been certified as wildlife refuges. The minimum requirement for a community to be certified is to have 15% to 20% of single family homes, 10% multi-family homes, one school yard and one work place certified along with parks and recreational areas. To obtain certification of a area, there must be food, water, shelter, and places available for the raising of offspring. A form from the National Wildlife Federation is filled out listing these items and the fee for filing is \$15.00. Once the minimum requirement of locations has been achieved in a community, the community is certified as Community Wildlife Habitat. Kara is presently working with 7 local schools for certification and she would urge individual homeowners and apartment owners to join with the program so that the community can become certified. Additional information and applications are available on line at inpaws.org.
4. Bill Boese indicated that the "Quiet Nights" door knob hanger has been changed and new ones are available. David Walter said that there have been at least two letters in the Indiana Daily Student protesting the fines for violations of the ordinance, so it must be working very well. One letter complained that tickets were issued for a band practicing after 9:30 PM. The author said that they were Music majors and could not get a practice room on campus for their band.

5. Jack Baker reported on Planning Committee's meeting with Lynn Friedmeier of City Planning last month. He said that the plans for Melrose Place were going to be revised by the developer so as to cut the number of apartments and reduce the height of the project. Planning has started for the West Second Street Corridor, the West Third Street Corridor planning is completed, and the Greenways Committee will be submitting their plan for pedestrian/bicycle paths to the community for comment at the end of this month. Lynn was questioned about IU's plans for a new road north of the Indiana Rail Road tracks and E. Tenth Street as well as IU's Master Plan. Lynn said that she had no knowledge that either project was moving forward at this time.
6. David Walter also reported that the Planning Committee had discussed with Lynn the unresolved issue of Bloomington Import Auto Repair, an illegal occupancy in the Sixth and Ritter Neighborhood. Lynn said that the Owner of the property had been asked for proof that the building was constructed in compliance with the Indiana State Building Code for an auto repair business. Lynn was asked about the junk cars that are parked outside of the business.

She said that while the City of Bloomington has an ordinance to prohibit inoperable cars from being parked outside for more than 3 days, it is not being enforced. Lynn said that first of all, the City Police cannot enter upon private property to ticket the cars. Secondly, a private tow truck operator will not tow a car unless they are paid in advance. Thirdly, if Planning did attempt to enforce the ordinance, they would have to enter upon private property to ticket the vehicles and pay for the towing charges. Bill Sturbaum related a similar problem in his neighborhood where a property owner had erected a fence around his house, put down gravel and parked junk cars on it. The City is helpless to make the owner remove the cars.

Bill Boese said that this is an issue that CONA should take up as a group and see what changes need to be done to either city ordinances or procedures.

7. Jan Bulla-Baker and David Walter reported on the progress on the Community Calendar. David passed out some examples of non-profit calendars and said that selling advertising space on the calendars would pay for the printing and give CONA a good income. The idea is to distribute the calendars for free and to give advertisers several in exchange for their payment. The estimate for printing 1000 calendars is about \$4,500 and the possible income from sale of advertising is \$12,000. The first calendar would feature local artist's work and would be available for distribution in October.
8. David Walter and Lucy Schaich reported on the Web Page, it is up and running. The web address is conaonline.org.

9. Lucy Schaich reminded everyone that "Join Hands Day" will be held on June 16, 2001 to celebrate neighbors and neighborhoods. She handed out information brochures and urged each neighborhood to come up with a project for that day. She also reported that three awards will be given by the city to neighborhoods or residents who have promoted people's involvement in the neighborhood.
10. Jack Baker reported that there have been at least two break-ins in his neighborhood. It appears that not all of the criminal activity that occurs in the City of Bloomington is reported in the local papers. He said that his house was broken into and he did not find out that a neighbor's house was also robbed until he spoke to them later that week.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

CONA
Council of Neighborhood Associations
Treasurer's Report
May 16, 2001

Checking Balance- April 18, 2001 **\$1796.32**

Expenses:

4/24/01 \$ 126.75 Baker Custom Printing
4/26/01 356.00 Program Manager-44.5 hrs.
 8.12 Mailing
 27.95 Web
4/29/01 197.96 Radio Shack
4/30/01 1900.50 CCRP
5/03/01 250.00 Blue Marble
5/08/01 172.00 Program manager – 21.5 hrs.
5/08/01 1000.00 Transfer to savings

Deposits:

4/24/01 \$100.00 Kroger Coupon sold
4/26/01 20.00 Arden Place 2001 dues
 20.00 Elm Heights 2001 dues
 20.00 Garden Hill 2001 dues
4/30/01 1900.50 Transfer from savings
5/08/01 50.00 Kroger Coupons sold
5/08/01 2500.00 HAND 4th Quarter
5/08/01 20.00 South Griffy 2001 dues
5/08/01 100.00 Kroger Coupon sold
5/14/01 25.00 Kroger Coupon sold

Balance: **\$2512.54**

Savings Account: **\$4454.36**

Mediation Funds transferred to checking 1900.50

Interest: 4/30/01 5.81

 5/08/01 transferred from checking 1000.00

Balance: **\$3559.67**

Total: **\$6072.21**

Restricted Funds: \$2,500.00 1st Quarter Grant

Jan Bulla-Baker *Treasurer*