



Building Community - Neighborhood by Neighborhood

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

7:00 P.M. November 16, 2005, City Hall Building
AGENDA

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2005
2. Treasurer's Report – Catherine Stafford
3. Discussion about lobbying and 501 (h) status – Catherine Stafford
4. Maple Heights Neighborhood Association – application to join CONA
5. Planning Committee Report – Jack Baker
 - a. County Comprehensive Plan Update – Craig Harvey
6. Zoning Ordinance Committee Report – Tim Mueller
7. Planning for 2006 – Craig Harvey
 - a. Three items for CONA to do for Neighborhood Associations.
 - b. Bloomington Regional Neighborhood Conference (BRRC)
 - c. History of Neighborhoods and Associations
8. Adjournment

Upcoming CONA Meetings

Planning Committee: November 23 at Noon in Kelly Conference Room
Executive Committee: December 14 at 5:30 PM at Fairview Methodist Church
Next CONA meeting: December 21 at 7:00 PM in the Hooker Conference Room

CONA supports the formation of neighborhood associations, provides advocacy for neighborhood issues and concerns, and aspires to make neighborhood in Monroe County safe, welcoming and desirable places in which to live.

Minutes of CONA Meeting
7:00 p.m., November 16, 2005
City Hall Building
Bloomington, Indiana

Board Members Present:

6 th & Ritter - David Walter	Sunny Slopes – Craig Harvey
Elm Heights – Kathie Holland	Southampton – Richard Carr
Elm Heights – Tim Mueller	McDoel Gardens – Jack Baker
Prospect Hill - Cynthia Bretheim	South Griffy – Kate Cruishank
Maple Heights – Jane Goodman	ONE & Highpoint – Catherine Stafford

Business Meeting

1. The minutes from the October 19, 2005 meeting were approved.
2. Catherine Stafford reviewed the Treasurer's report. The report indicates Assets of \$6,339.67 with Liabilities of \$4,300.25 for a total equity of \$2,039.42. The net income for the year is -\$5,254.55. Catherine stated that there were no expenditures for the previous month.
3. The Board welcomed a new member – Maple Heights Neighborhood Association – to the meeting. Jane Goodman will represent the association, which is located between 11th Street north to 17th Street and from College Avenue west to Maple Street. Jane said that the neighborhood has applied for a city grant to create a neighborhood park near the rail road overpass at W. 13th and Madison. She is concerned about the release of liability that the city and rail road have requested in their land lease. This lease is for 10 years and will allow the neighborhood to use the land for the park. The neighbors are concerned that they will be personally liable for individuals who may visit the park and somehow become injured while on the property. The Board discussed this and decided that more information would be needed to find out if CONA could provide the liability insurance for the neighborhood association.
4. Catherine Stafford passed out information concerning how non-profit organizations can lobby elected officials. A 501 (c)(3) can provide information advocating changes to public policy, but they cannot be specific about a certain law or ordinance or support one candidate for public office over another. By making a 501(h) election, a non-profit is allowed to devote up to 20% of their expenditures to go towards lobbying public officials. After discussion, Catherine Stafford made a motion to have the Executive Committee to make the 501(h) election for CONA. The motion was seconded by Craig Harvey and the motion passed by voice vote.
5. Jack Baker was unable to attend the CONA meeting, but a summary of the Planning Committee report of last month's meeting with Tom Micuda, Planning Director was passed out. David Walter went over the report and answered questions about some of the items. Jack Baker had high lighted two items, the Elm Heights concern about the redevelopment of the K&S grocery site and the effect that developments have on public school system as possible advocacy issues for CONA.

6. Craig Harvey reported that Monroe County will be updating their zoning ordinance soon. Craig has talked to the county officials about having CONA review the proposed changes similar to what has been done for the city. He would like to keep the Zoning Ordinance Committee active for this purpose.
7. Tim Mueller provided draft copies of the CONA Zoning Ordinance Committee's report on the proposed Unified Development Code (UDC) to the Board at the last meeting. Because some of the items covered in the proposed ordinance spill over into other sections of the municipal code, it is difficult to foresee what will be retained in the next version of the UDC, but it is likely it will be very different from what the ZOC has been reviewing. Cynthia Bretheim made a motion to accept the ZOC report as written and submit copies of the report to the appropriate members of the steering committee for the new ordinance and to the City Planning Staff. The motion was seconded by Richard Carr and passed with voice vote.
8. Craig Harvey reported that he has started work on planning the Bloomington Neighborhood Network Conference which will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2006 from 8 AM to 12 noon. His tentative list of workshops include: Students vs Landlords, Neighborhood Association History, Grants and Neighborhood Projects, and Real Estate Initiatives.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.