

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

**November 17, 2004 7 pm
McCloskey Conference Room
City Hall Building
Bloomington, Indiana**

Agenda

- 1. Demolition Delay Ordinance – Chris Sturbaum, Bloomington City Council**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 20, 2004**
- 3. City Ordinance (BMC 12.04.070) amendment proposal on "Duty to Shovel 36 Inch Wide Path 24-Hours After Snowfall."**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Executive Director's Report – Ange Cahoon**
 - a. CAPE Grant Updates**
 - b. Snow Busters – training**
 - c. Studio Tour of Near Westside**
 - e. Fund Raiser – Tortilla Flats**
- 6. Mark Hooker – Non-Conforming Uses of Property**
 - a. Setback Parking Restrictions**
 - b. Nuisance Violation Ordinance – Evanston, Ill.**
 - c. Neighborhood Notification**
- 7. Planning Committee Report – Bill Sturbaum**
- 8. New Business and Reports from Neighborhood Associations**
- 9. Adjournment**

Upcoming CONA Meetings

Planning Committee: November 24 at Noon in Kelly Conference Room
Executive Committee: December 8 at 5:30 PM at Tortilla Flats
Next CONA meeting: Dec. 15 at 7:00 PM in McCloskey Conference Room
Executive Committee Retreat – November 20 at Brown County State Park
Neighborhood Workshops – 9 AM to 3 PM on February 5, 2005

**Minutes of CONA Meeting
7:00 p.m., November 17, 2004
City Hall Building
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Directors Present:

6th & Ritter - David Walter

Elm Heights - Kathie Holland

Sunny Slopes - Craig Harvey

Southampton - Richard Carr

Elm Heights - Mark Hooker

Park Ridge East - Gerry Steele

East Side - Molly O'Donnell

Prospect Hill - Bill Sturbaum

Hyde Park Village - Tom Cook

Elm Heights - Kathie Holland

Sycamore Knolls - Shirley Davies

Ange Cahoon - CONA Executive Director

Elm Heights - Tom Rearick

Green Acres - Georgia Shiach

Business Meeting

1. Chris Sturbaum from the Bloomington City Council discussed two pending ordinances. The demolition delay ordinance will be considered by the Plan Commission on December 13 before it goes to the city council. The proposal is to require a 90 waiting period before any building listed in the historic building survey can be demolished. The waiting period is needed to allow local review and discussion about the need for preservation of the building before it is removed. The Plan Commission has heard from developers that a 90 day waiting period is a burden to a property owner and that a shorter time period of 45 days would be adequate. The impact on neighborhoods is that the fabric of the neighborhood can be disturbed by the removal of single family bungalows and the construction of large modular homes such as what happened on East Cottage Grove. There is also a concern about notification to adjacent property owners - should it be limited or widespread? Should there be a notice in the newspaper appearing alongside the property transfers and marriage licenses?

The second ordinance, "Snowbusters", will be voted on at tonight's city council meeting. There is an amendment to change the language from "shall" to "may" for the assessment of a fine for failure to remove snow from sidewalks within 24 hours after the last snow has fallen. The second amendment is to provide a means for appealing the fine. Mark Hooker passed out some information on possible reasons for not assessing a fine. Another concern is if the ordinance is "fair" to individuals who happen to have a sidewalk in front of their home when compared to a business owner who can hire the work done. This becomes a "tax" on those individuals. The city is asking neighborhood associations to assist in identifying individuals who are unable to clear their walks and to help find volunteers to shovel snow. The purpose of the ordinance is not to collect fines, but to educate people on their civic duty to provide a safe pathway for pedestrians. Bill Sturbaum made a motion that a CONA representative should attend tonight's meeting to speak in favor of the amendments. Craig Harvey seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote. Craig Harvey volunteered to attend the city council meeting.

2. The minutes from the October 20, 2004 meeting were approved