

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

7:00 P.M. October 19, 2005, City Hall Building

AGENDA

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2005
2. Treasurer's Report – Catherine Stafford
3. HAND Neighborhood Grants– Vickie Provine
4. Executive Committee – Craig Harvey
 - a. Executive Committee Elections
 - b. Discussion of future of CONA in community
5. Planning Committee Report – Jack Baker
6. Zoning Ordinance Committee Report – Tim Mueller
7. Neighborhood News from the Board Members
8. Adjournment

Upcoming CONA Meetings

Planning Committee: October 26 at Noon in Kelly Conference Room

Executive Committee: November 9 at 5:30 PM at Fairview Methodist Church

Next CONA meeting: November 16 at 7:00 PM in the Hooker Conference Room

Minutes of CONA Meeting
7:00 p.m., October 19, 2005
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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
Arden Place – Kathy Berry	Prospect Hill - Cynthia Bretheim
Bryan Park – Barry Klapper	East Side – Molly O'Donnell
Old Northeast – Catherine Stafford	Green Acres – Ann Kreilkamp

Guests: Vickie Provine – HAND,

Megan Hart, Andrea Conrad, Angie Botos and Mallory Reabold are seniors and attended the meeting as a requirement of an IU course.

Business Meeting

1. The minutes from the September 21, 2005 meeting were approved with the correction that Tim Mueller is from Elm Heights neighborhood association.
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 the balances in the treasury are getting low, but as long as we do not have to pay an Executive Director, we can continue for awhile
3. Vickie Provine made a presentation on ways that Housing and Neighborhood Development could assist neighborhood associations through grants and technical assistance. She said that the City of Bloomington's web site has links to neighborhood associations who have web sites, new neighborhood maps and the 2006 calendar for neighborhood events has been posted.
4. Craig Harvey reported that the Executive Committee had interviewed a candidate for the Executive Director position. Unfortunately, to get a quality individual working for CONA would cost in the range of \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year. Craig believes that the position energizes the membership, that it is easier to provide support to the neighborhood associations and that we get more volunteer effort to support CONA programs. Catherine Stafford said that position description is for someone to take care of ordinary business such as mail, getting newsletters out, answering questions. CONA can spend more time on programs and less on fund raising if there is no Executive Director. Vickie Provine reminded the Board that the City of Bloomington supported CONA early on, but has decreased funding to CONA and is not likely to pick up the cost of an Executive Director in the future. In general, what will CONA do over the next year without an Executive Director? Is there value in the organization and the services that it delivers? Can CONA's advocacy and strong policy statements or position papers help to get volunteers to public meetings to speak for their neighborhood association? Either CONA is not doing enough or it needs to do more to provide support for

neighborhood issues. At the next meeting, each Board member should bring a list of three items that CONA should be doing.

5. Craig Harvey presented the slate of candidates for election to the Executive Committee: David Walter – Secretary, Catherine Stafford – Treasurer, Richard Carr, Craig Harvey and Cynthia Bretheim. Jack Baker moved to accept the slate of candidates. The motion was seconded by Kathie Holland and the motion passed by voice vote.
6. Jack Baker passed out a summary of the Planning Committee report of last month's meeting with Tom Micuda, Planning Director. The major item, the downtown development plan, will be voted on by the City Council in the next month. The plan will become part of the Growth Policies Plan and will be referred to for future work in the downtown area.
7. Tim Mueller provided copies of the CONA Zoning Ordinance Committee's report on the proposed Unified Development Code to the Board. He warned the Board that the comments in the report are based upon a rough first draft of the new Zoning Ordinance and that it is likely that a second draft will be available for review from the consultant. Some of the items that were commented on may be deleted or rewritten in the second draft. David Walter made a motion that the report should be made available to the neighborhood associations as soon as possible. Catherine Stafford seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote.
8. Neighborhood News included a report from Jack Baker that McDoel Gardens is will have a Halloween party for the neighborhood.

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

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