

**Minutes of CONA Meeting  
7:00 p.m., December 19, 2001  
McCloskey Room, City Hall  
Bloomington, Indiana**

**Directors Present:**

Elm Heights - Kathie Holland  
Prospect Hill - Patrick Murray  
Prospect Hill - Bill Sturbaum  
Near West Side - Sandra Clothier  
Bryan Park - Bill Hayden

West Pointe - Bill Boese  
McDoel Gardens - Jack Baker  
Bryan Park - Jim Opiat  
6<sup>th</sup> & Ritter - David Walter

1. Minutes of the November 14, 2001 meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: The checking account balance is \$1,053.69. The savings account balance is \$3,039.54 for a total of \$4093.23.
3. The proposed budget for the following year has been prepared by Nancy Lumbley. Expenses are estimated at \$16,942.00 and income at \$17,430.00. \$8,000.00 of income will come from the HAND grant, the remainder is to come from contributions. Pat Murray moved that the proposed budget be approved. Jack Baker seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.
4. Bill Sturbaum and David Walter reported on the Visioning for Neighborhood workshop that was held last Saturday. Maps of neighborhoods were drawn, information exchanged, and new perspectives of how to look at your neighborhood were gained.
5. Bill Sturbaum presented a position paper on the Growth Policies Plan for adoption by CONA. Some minor changes were proposed and approved by the Directors. Kathie Holland moved approval of the position paper. Sandra Clothier seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote. Bill Sturbaum will make the changes and forward the position paper to the media.
6. Bill Boese asked if anyone would speak on the Landlord Proposal. David Walter responded that this is Phil Worthington's proposal to have landlords notified by the City Police when their tenants are ticketed or arrested. So far, the Chief of Police is not interested in the additional paperwork this would need. David will make copies of Phil's proposal for the next meeting.
7. Jack Baker reported on the Planning Committee's meeting with City Planning on November 28. There has been no progress by the City Legal department on the illegal occupancy by Bloomington Import Auto repair at W. 7<sup>th</sup> St. The Crescent Donut Shop's parking lot was paved and now has parking barriers to prevent people from cutting through the lot and striking vehicles backing

out from the building. McDoel Gardens will participate in a visioning meeting. The new Cracker Barrel Restaurant is in compliance with landscaping requirements.

8. Bill Sturbaum reported that the Historic Commission has grants available for projects in neighborhoods. Contact Nancy Heistand at HAND for additional information and the grant forms.
9. Bill Sturbaum asked for the support of the "Popcorn Boycott" by CONA. This boycott is to show community support for the Von Lee Theater and to keep motion pictures downtown at the Von Lee if it is sold by Kerasotas Theaters. Jim Opiat moved that CONA support the Popcorn Boycott. Pat Murray seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote.
10. David Walter passed around photographs of the recent flooding in his neighborhood. The retention pond is clearly not retaining any water whatsoever, while his neighbor's house is in the middle of a small lake. David reported that the recent construction work for new sewers and storm water drainage had cut off the normal storm water flow even worse than normal.
11. Kathie Holland expressed a desire to step down from the Vice President's office. The nominations committee will have to meet to honor this request. Additionally, next year new officers will need to be elected.
12. Jim Opiat reported that Rick Deckard was remodeling a house and garage at E. Grimes Lane and Woodlawn Ave. Into a duplex. Jim wanted to know if there was anything that could be done to prevent this from happening. He had talked to the Monroe County Building Department, but was informed that unless a building permit is issued, they had no authority to stop the work. It was suggested that HAND or City Planning could investigate this.
13. Pat Murray reported that Prospect Hill is looking into having traffic calming devices installed on W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

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