

Minutes of CONA Meeting  
February 16, 2000  
McCloskey Room, City Hall  
Bloomington, IN  
Directors Present:

Bill Sturbaum	Bill Boese	Sue Shapiro
Beth Gallman	Jack Baker	Jan Bulla-Baker
Carl Price	Fran Moore	Ann Robinson
Sue Mayer	Eugene Fritz	Phil Worthington
Dick Robinson	Chris Smith	

Guest: Kerry Conway with the City of Bloomington

1. Minutes of meetings for January 19<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup> to be read at March meeting.
2. Financial Report savings total is \$3364.52.
3. Request to move meeting from March 15<sup>th</sup> to March 22<sup>nd</sup> because of Spring Break and probable low attendance, request approved.
4. Kerry Conway discussed the importance of Neighborhood Associations helping to recruit Census worker. She passed out two articles the 1<sup>st</sup> on recruitment and the 2<sup>nd</sup> on participation. She also gave us copies of a census flyer with information for employment and dates and the importance of the census. She went on to explain that both federal and state programs receive funding based on the numbers given by the census. All copies are attached.
5. Bill Sturbaum discussed the importance of the NAG meetings, and that the Mayors office was questioning whether it was worth the time and energy to continue. Bill felt that part of this was due to the low attendance at these meetings and asks that everyone present please try to talk to their association members to increase the attendance. Also mentioned were options such as having the meeting every two months or giving one-half hour of the CONA meeting to NAG. It was felt that the first suggestion was perhaps to long of a time and that the second suggestion would require the mayors staff to work outside of their normal hours and might not be greeted readily. One other suggestion mentioned by several board members was that perhaps attendance would be better if the name was change, they felt that the acronym NAG was perhaps a deterrent.
6. Bill Sturbaum passed out notepaper and asks everyone present to please write down their association officers and their phone numbers and e-mail addresses if possible. These were to be passed over to the Program Manager so that she could compile a list.
7. Neighborhood Planning Meetings. Several board members had attended their respective meetings. They reported that the meeting are held to a tight schedule outline but still felt that they were heard. Some of the things that were important to the members were, Quality of Life, Land Use, Environment, Infra-structure, Maintenance of Rental Properties, Traffic, development and drainage.  
  
Bill Sturbaum went over the dates for the rest of the meetings. Eugene Fritz mentioned that there were several areas that were not scheduled for these meetings because they did not have associations in place.
8. Bill Sturbaum asks that all board members please help find a volunteer for the Off Campus Issues Committee. CONA currently has 2 volunteers but needs a third. The next meeting is March 29<sup>th</sup> in the Kelly room from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.
9. Proposed Change to By-laws to require dues. Proposed amount was originally \$50.00 for those associations that could afford to pay the dues. The reason for the proposed dues is that the \$10,000. Grant from HAND stipulates that cona receive that money if the following is done. 1. CONA hire a Program Manager. 2. CONA sponsor a training session. 3. CONA establish and collect from 50% of members, dues.  
  
It was projected that 10 to 12 associations might pay the dues. It should not be mandatory for fear of associations dropping out. It was suggested that the dues could be set at a minimum amount and a suggested amount also suggested was that if someone donated the money for dues it could be a tax deduction for that individual also that there could be amendments established.  
  
A draft of the proposal will be sent out by the 12<sup>th</sup> of March.
10. 2000 see article 4
11. Mediation Workshop to be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> 2000 at the Monroe County Public Library, Room 1C from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Najeeba Syeed will be instructing this workshop. It is requested that you call and reserve a spot by March 20<sup>th</sup>. The number to call is the CONA office at 333-6377, just leave your name and number and that you are reserving a spot
12. A. It was first mentioned by Bill Sturbaum that CONA is in need of 3 volunteers for a Grant committee. They would evaluate the Neighborhood grants that are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Grants can be for anywhere from \$2000.00 to 10,000.00 per neighborhood and the match is only 10%.
13. Motion to adjourn made by Sue Shapiro, meeting adjourned.