

Minutes of CONA Meeting  
June 21, 2000 7:00 p.m.  
McCloskey Room, City Hall  
Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

Bill Sturbaum	Jack Baker	Eugene Fritz
Bill Boese	David Walter	Bill Hayden
Phil Worthington	Jan Bulla-Baker	Sue Mayer
Kathie Holland	Larry Mongin	Beth Gallman

Nancy Flynn-Hunt, CONA Program Manager

Guests: Vicky Provine, HAND; Mayor John Fernandez

Minutes of the May 17, 2000 meeting were approved.

1. Treasurer's Report: Jan Bulla-Baker reported that the current balance in the checking account is \$3,933.54 except for the most recent invoice from the Program Manager.

2. Bill Sturbaum introduced Mayor John Fernandez. The Mayor thanked CONA for the organization's work and progress over the past few years. Mayor Fernandez said that he will be looking to CONA for feedback on the new ticketing program and that he had some new concepts that will be put in place over the next couple of years to present to CONA. For lack of a better term, he is calling them "Good Neighbor" programs as follows:

a. In 2001 he would like to see a "Quiet Nights" program. He will ask for funds to promote a proactive noise enforcement program with one part being a direct mail and advertising campaign and the other part being funds for overtime work by police to enforce the noise ordinances.

b. The second program will be a "Mediation Initiative" to provide training in dispute resolution. He understands that CONA has been working on this and he would like to make the city a partner with CONA in the effort. He mentioned hiring Marsha Bradford to do the training.

c. A pilot program called "New Urbanism" will be set up to look at West Kirkwood Street from Rogers to Adams Street. The second site will be along East Atwater and East First Street from Jordan Avenue to the east. He wants to develop a design-based tools for development in the future along these major corridors by involving neighborhoods. He wants to get some infill models that can be achieved as well as to look at some economic benefits such as tax abatement.

d. The next program will address the need to convert rental houses to single family homes. There are over 4000 single family rental units in town that could be eligible for tax abatement, grants, or other incentives to be used for single family homes.

e. Finally, he sees a need for more neighborhood reinvestment community wide. He wants to look at large improvement projects that will involve several city departments. He feels that there are funds available in each department that can be combined for large and small projects that will encourage more investment and home ownership in the neighborhoods.

Questions and Comments about Mayor Fernandez's programs included David Walter expressing his displeasure at the limits of the West Kirkwood project. He felt that it should be extended to the west to the Kirkwood Trailer court and to the east to the Court House square. Mayor Fernandez replied that the West Kirkwood project might be extended to the Courthouse square, but it would not be extended two blocks to the west to Hopewell Street.

Jack Baker stated that there was confusion about who was responsible for the sidewalk replacement program. He also felt that the South Roger's Street corridor should also be studied as part of the West Kirkwood project. Jack thought that if the conversion of rental houses to single family homes is successful, then students would be forced out farther away from campus and the amount of traffic would increase on the roads leading to the campus.

Mayor Fernandez stated that each day there are 10,000 commuters into Monroe County with 3,500 alone from Lawrence County. (There are about 35,000 students at IU, with only about 12,000 housed on campus)

3. Bill Sturbaum announced that the Finance Committee would be meeting soon to discuss funding to pay for grant writing.
4. Bill Sturbaum requested a report from the Nominating Committee. Sue Mayer reported that the Committee had made the following nominations: Bill Boese – President; Bill Sturbaum – Vice President; Jan Bulla-Baker – Treasurer, David Walter – Secretary. Because the next meeting is July 19, nominations from the floor must be received no later than July 5. The meeting minutes with the nominations will be mailed to the CONA Directors on July 9. David Walter moved, and Sue Mayer seconded the recommendations of the Nomination Committee. The motion passed by voice vote.
5. Jan Bulla-Baker reviewed the current membership list of neighborhood associations who had paid their dues.
6. The NAG meeting minutes were reviewed. An Off-Campus Issues Committee meeting will be held on July 12.
7. Nancy Flynn-Hunt gave the Program Manager's report. She said she has taken another job and a new Program Manager will need to be hired.
8. Bill Sturbaum made the following announcements: There are openings on the Plan Commission and on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mediation training will be done in late October. The mediation training will be done over two weekends for a total of 32 hours of training. Also the Citizen's Academy will start September 7 and go for 8 weeks on every Thursday from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. There will be no cost for the Citizen's Academy.
  
9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.