Minutes of CONA Meeting 7:00 p.m., October 15, 2003 City Hall Building Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

McDoel Gardens –Jack Baker 6th & Ritter - David Walter Hoosier Acres - Fran Moore Hoosier Acres – Betty Yoder East Side – Sue Shapiro Elm Heights – Charley Matson Elm Heights – Kathie Holland Prospect Hill – Bill Sturbaum Sunny Slopes – Craig Harvey NWSNA – Angela Castaneda

Longwood-Devon - Clancy Clements, Juhl Bruce, Maureen McMartin, Fiora Pizzo

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Garden Hill - Phil Worthington

Nancy Lumbley - CONA Program Director

Business Meeting

- 1. The minutes from the September 17, 2003 meeting were approved.
- Jim Opiat presented the Treasurer's Report. More Kroger coupons are available for purchase. Jim Opiat has submitted a resignation from the treasurer's position and Executive Committee. Carol Walter will take over the treasurer's books.
- 3. David Walter presented the final draft of the Strategic Plan. The document meets the general needs and expectations of the Directors with a few changes to show that CONA is an organization of neighborhoods in Monroe County. Craig Harvey made a motion to accept the document as amended. Bill Sturbaum seconded the motion and the motion passed. Jack Baker made a suggestion that the Strategic Plan was not complete without making a list of all things that are of interest and common to all neighborhoods. This list would be always there for reference. Craig Harvey made a motion to accept Jack Baker's suggestion. Sue Shapiro seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- 4. Nancy Lumbley made a report on the Regional Neighborhood Conference at Evansville. Eight representatives from CONA attended the conference. Several impressions of what was said and done at the seminar were related by the people who attended. Nancy Lumbley will help organize a workshop for later this fall or early next year to go over some of the workshop material.
- 5. Jack Baker reported on the Planning Committee meeting with City Planning. The Bryan Park proposal has been refilled in basically the same form that it was before. The GPP participation will be in the next round of discussions. The Planning Committee needs outlines on neighborhood zoning issues to bring to Planning. This brought up a discussion on how neighborhoods can find out in advance of developer's plans and petitions to City Planning. Petitions usually appear in the Legal Notices of the newspaper and the meetings are on the City of Bloomington's web site. Agendas are kept at the front desk of City Hall and may be available before the meeting on the web site.

- 6. Jack Baker reported that next Wednesday at 7 PM the MPO committee will be meeting to go over some amendments to the urban transportation plan that will incorporate language related to I-69 route C-3. The IDOT is going to the Tier 2 level of study for the route. He thinks that it will be a very interesting meeting.
- 7. Jack Baker also reported that he had a call from City Legal stating that the Indiana Supreme Court has upheld the city's ordinance restricting the number of unrelated adults who can rent a home to three or less. Their concern is that local judges may not see this as a serious offense worthy of a fine. Jack Baker suggests that we may want to write letters to the editor supporting this decision and urging a day to day fine for violations of this ordinance.
- 8. Phil Worthington handed out a sample letter about the recent "tail gating" activities before the Indiana University. This included handing out of items advertising a local bar and a tail gating contest. Jack Baker made a motion that the Executive Committee should meet and discuss Phil's request and then compose a letter to be sent the Indiana University administration. This motion was seconded by Bill Sturbaum and was passed.
- 9. Several members of the Longwood-Devon neighborhood association have attended tonight's CONA meeting. The Longwood-Devon neighborhood is located parallel to Hillside Drive near Deer Park. Two houses have been rented to students and it seems that more will be. They have made a complaint to HAND about the rentals. They need information about CONA and what resources are available to them.
- Sue Sharpio announced that there will be a forum on Sunday for the City Council and Mayoral candidates.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.