Minutes of CONA Meeting November 15, 2000 7:00 p.m. McCloskey Room, City Hall Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

Bill Sturbaum
Bill Boese
Beth Gallman

Jack Baker David Walter Jan Bulla-Baker Buff Brown Larry Crewell Phil Worthington

Kathie Holland

Lucy Schaich

Elsa Harik

Nancy Lumbley, CONA Program Manager

Guests: Vickie Provine, HAND

1. Minutes of the October 18, 2000 meeting were approved as corrected.

- 2. Treasurer's Report: Jan Bulla-Baker reported that the current balance in the checking account is \$6,700.00 with \$3,000 of this amount in a savings account.
- 3. Program Manager's Report: In addition to the report handed out, Nancy wanted to mention that a workshop is scheduled for December 2 at City Hall for neighborhood associations. Nancy will be sending out letters requesting support of CONA through donations. We have to raise \$2,500 by the end of the year. Directors are requested to send lists of their neighborhood association members to Nancy. She would like increase the CONA newsletter's mailing list to include such members.
- 4. Bill Boese introduced Sergeant Scott Oldham of the Bloomington City Police. Bill mentioned that CONA has a \$2,500 grant for Neighborhood Crime Watch that Sergeant Oldham will assist with. Sergeant Oldham discussed the Neighborhood Crime Watch program. He said that he wants to meet with each Neighborhood Association to prioritize neighborhood needs for this program. He does not want to dictate to the neighborhoods what to do about crime, but to assist them in knowing "who do I call" when they notice something out of sorts. This includes noise complaints, bad checks, etc. The Neighborhood Crime Watch signs can be put up in the neighborhoods with the approval of the City Engineer's office for location.
- 5. Sergeant Oldham went on to say that the City Police have been pulling over drivers with loud music, especially the "boom boom" bass. So far, over 120 vehicles in 4 weeks have been cited for load noises. He also said that the "Party Patrol" is working harder. They now respond to calls for loud music at problem houses (these are houses that have been cited in the past for loud music) by driving by the property to note the condition, then checking back in 20 minutes or so to see if the condition is still the same. If the noise level is

- still the same, they then start arresting people instead of just issuing a warning. He suggested that if neighbors have noise problems they should contact the police at 349-3305 to make a complaint.
- 6. Bill Boese then introduced Chris Sturbaum, who is a member of the City of Bloomington's Historic Commission. Chris passed out a brochure and discussed the ways that the Historic Commission is working to preserve community character, especially the downtown area and pre-WWII housing and commercial buildings. He said that they want to nurture and heal areas where older buildings have been removed to allow development of parking lots, drive-through banks, and commercial business buildings that are incompatible to existing buildings. Local studies indicate that people are attracted to Bloomington because of the character of the community, that it has charm and is in a comfortable setting. In order to preserve this, the Historic Commission is recommending that the continuity of scale, setback, fenestration and height of new buildings that compliment and relate back to the older, historic buildings.
- 7. Phil Worthington reported on the Off Campus Issues Committee meeting. He felt that the meeting went well. There is a need to rewrite the Student Code of Conduct. Dr. Croomer of Monroe County Schools took 1200 noise brochures for distribution at the high schools.
- 8. Bill Boese asked that a committee be formed to develop a position paper about the Juvenile Detention Center. Bill has attempted to attend the meetings and to get CONA representation on the committee. Bill believes that the committee is not well organized, two members have already resigned. David Walter and Bill Sturbaum volunteered to work on a position paper for CONA.
- 9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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