

we may be able to partner with BUEZ for space. Bill Sturbaum appointed a screening committee of Bill Boese, Chris Smith, Sue Shapiro, Sue Mayer, and Chris McGuire-Hastings to prepare a job description for advertising.

8. It was suggested by Bill Sturbaum that we could help form a community mediation board as a sub-group of CONA. Chris Smith questioned how much need there would be for this in the community. Kelly responded that people who go through training would be in better shape to assist others in jobs, work, home, community, etc. Mark Hood was concerned about future funding to keep this going. Kelly Crouch said that Dayton's board is partially city funded and partially court funded. Many times mediators can train others for income.
9. The IRS has a response to their request for additional information on CONA. Doris Sims assisted in preparing the response.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Minutes of CONA Meeting
September 16, 1998 7:00 P.M.
McCloskey Room, City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

Peter Wright	Larry Crewell	Bill Sturbaum
Eugene Fritz	Fran Moore	Carl Price
Bill Boese	David Walter	Sue Mayer
Pat Aungst	Marjorie Hudgins	Sue Shapiro
Chris Smith	Mark Hood	

Guests: Chris McGuire-Hastings, BUEZ

Important Dates:

Next NAG meeting is scheduled for November 6 at 8:30 a.m.
Next CONA Meeting is November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the August 19, 1998 meeting were approved.

1. **Financial Report:** There is a balance of \$704.30 in the checking account. One check was written for \$15.30 to pay for the printing of checks.
2. Bill Sturbaum reported that the Mayor's office would fund the registration fees for two CONA Directors to attend the Regional Neighborhood Association Conference in Lexington, KY on October 1 and 2. David Walter will be attending. Bill Sturbaum asked if anyone else was interested in going. There being no response, then Bill Sturbaum asked if the CONA Directors would support David Walter's expenses for the motel room. Carl Price moved and Bill Boese seconded a motion to reimburse David Walter's expenses up to \$200 for travel, lodging and meals.
3. The IRS has sent a letter to CONA requesting more information about the organization's purposes. There is a list of 20 questions to be answered. Most of the questions ask about the organization's political activities, such as lobbying governmental officials and donating funds to political campaigns. Chris McGuire-Hastings volunteered to assist Bill Sturbaum in answering the IRS's questions.
4. The program for the November meeting may include a presentation from the Indianapolis Greenways. The CSX railroad right of way is available for purchase from Ellettsville to the east side of Bloomington. Cook, Inc. has given some funds to set up a non-profit agency to purchase or develop the right of way. Bill Sturbaum will investigate this rumor further.
5. A brochure from the Indianapolis Leadership Academy. The Academy is funded by a grant from Lilly Foundation. The Academy may be able to assist CONA in training.
6. The next NAG meeting will be held on Friday, October 9. At the last meeting, it was decided that NAG is the best forum for the city to present new proposals to the neighborhood associations. The exchange of information about city initiatives before they are formalized should be of benefit to both. Peter Wright said that at our last meeting he learned that Susie Johnson sends an e-mail summary of her meeting notes to the mayor's office.
7. **Storm Drainage:** The new fee for storm drainage work will appear on our next water bill. The City Utilities wants to raise \$6 million for repairs to the downtown storm drainage system. Bill Boese said that there is no incentive to study drainage problems though out the city. HAND had \$75,000 in their budget (to be funded from the general fund of the city), but the funds were redistributed to other requests. The Directors agreed that storm drainage problems

occur in all neighborhoods, not only the downtown area. Fran Moore commented that the town was built as if it were on flat ground with no consideration for retention ponds. David Walter stated that his neighborhood had two storm water retention ponds, but neither of them holds water when it rains. Bill Boese and David Walter agreed that meetings with city officials on this problem have not been effective. As new developments occur in the city, more area is paved and the flooding gets worse.

8. Reports from the neighborhood associations:

Majorie Hudgins said that they had discussed with Nancy Heistand preservation of historic homes that happen to be used as rentals in their neighborhood. They wanted to know what programs are available to landlords to assist them in the upkeep and maintenance of their structures. Majorie estimated that 90% of the homes in her neighborhood are rental units.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

October 21, 1998

AGENDA

- I.** Distribution of minutes of the September 16, 1998 meeting
- II.** Financial report
- III.** Report from Regional Neighborhood Conference
- IV.** Mediation report
 - A. Kelley Crouch - Manchester College Seminar
 - B. Bill Boese - Dayton Mediation Center
- VI.** Recommendation from ad hoc mediation center committee
- VII.** Safe and Civil City report - Anne Pook
- VIII.** Appointment of screening committee
- IX.** HAND workshop on leading an effective meeting
 - A. Saturday, November 14th. from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 - B. Council chambers
- X.** CONA's November 18th. meeting
 - A. "The Economic Impact of Greenways"
 - B. McClosky Room, 7:00 p.m.
 - C. Open to all interested in rails to trails
- XI.** Neighborhood Association Group next meeting
 - A. November 6th, 8:30 a.m.
 - B. Conference room, Bloomington Police Headquarters
 - C. Parking on Washington and Grant Streets
- XII.** Report on CONA's 501 (c) (3) application
- XIII.** Adjournment

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October 21, 1998 7:00 P.M.
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Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

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Eugene Fritz	Betty Yoder	Carl Price
Bill Boese	David Walter	Sue Mayer
Pat Aungst	Sue Shapiro	Kathy Hubbard
Chris Smith	Mark Hood	

Guests: Chris McGuire-Hastings, BUEA
Susie Johnson and Kelly Crouch, HAND

Important Dates:

Next NAG meeting is scheduled for December 4 at 8:30 a.m.
Next CONA Meeting is December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the September 16, 1998 meeting were approved.

1. Financial Report: There is a balance of \$651.36 in the checking account. One check was written for \$52.94 to pay for overnight lodging of David Walter while attending the Regional Neighborhood Conference in Lexington, KY.
2. Susie Johnson and Kelly Crouch attended the Regional Neighborhood Conference and reported that they believed that CONA was heading in the right direction. Many of the ideas that CONA has voiced in the past were brought up at the conference. David Walter provided copies of several handouts that he collected at the seminars he attended.
3. Ann Pook from the Mayor's Office distributed house signs for a promotion of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Aimee Justice-Lundt also distributed flyer on the Bloomington United campaign. This is in response to hate literature that had been distributed on the east side.
4. Bill Sturbaum announced that HAND would host a workshop on November 14 on leading an effective meeting. The next NAG meeting will be held at the new Bloomington Police Headquarters building on East Third Street. Phil Stafford will represent the Evergreen Project and discuss the plans for the former Coke building on Washington Street. The next CONA meeting will focus on the economic impact of greenways.
5. Kelly Crouch reported that she had completed 40 hours training in mediation. She said that mediation is used when two people are in conflict are put together to build an agreement. Each person is allowed to voice point of view, individuals make agreements. Relationships can be repaired; solving disputes helps to heal. Fort Wayne has community and school mediators. Outside enforcement can polarize individuals.
6. Bill Boese reported on the Dayton Mediation Board. They have had 198 people come through for mediation. Dayton will provide training of mediators. Larry Crewell added that that funding came from Small Claims Court for the mediation board. Volunteers go through the training and provide mediation. He noted that the center has separate waiting rooms so that individuals do not have to be in the same room together while waiting to see a mediator. The rule is: Only one person talks at a time.
7. Bill Sturbaum reported that there is \$10,000 available in grant funds for a staff person for CONA. Kelly Crouch is writing for grant funds for training. We will need office space for staff;