

**Minutes of CONA Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., September 19, 2001**  
**McCloskey Room, City Hall**  
**Bloomington, Indiana**

Directors Present:

Kathie Holland	Bill Sturbaum	Estelle Jorgensen
Jack Baker	Jan Bulla-Baker	Jim Opiat
Shirley Reading	Bogan Reading	
Nita Levison	Terri Inskip	David Walter

Nancy Lumbley, Program Director  
Vickie Provine, HAND

Guest: Kerry Thompson, Marcy Wenzler, Susan Fernandes

1. Bill Boese opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their life in the destruction of the World Trade Center buildings in New York City.
2. Bill Boese introduced the first pair of guest speakers, Marcy Wenzler and Kerry Thompson, who represent the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenge from Habitat for Humanity. The challenge is to provide decent housing for all by identifying which houses need repairs. This has been done by a "windshield survey" of all the neighborhoods by Habitat volunteers. This survey has found 368 houses that need exterior painting or are either deteriorated (needing major repair) or dilapidated (having major deficiencies). The next step will be to contact the homeowner and provide them with a lists of available contractors to do the work, where to obtain financial assistance, and what community resources are available in the community to assist them with repairs. Volunteers are forming a Solutions and Resources group to do this next step. Marcy and Kerry are asking that CONA support this work by signing a statement to support the elimination of substandard housing in Monroe County.
3. Bill Boese introduced the second guest speaker, Susan Fernandes, who has been working on the revisions to the Growth Policy Plan. She said that groups have been meeting since January to rewrite the document. She believes that some of the revisions appear to loosen restrictions on growth. One item that she would like to see in the document is a "Vision Statement" - a statement of what is desired in the community when development occurs. Susan recommends that everyone review the document by visiting the City Planning Department to view a copy(it is also available on line at the City Web page) and contact their City Council representatives with their concerns.
4. Minutes of the August 15, 2001 meeting were approved with the correction of

spelling of Estelle Jorgensen's name.

5. Treasurer's Report: Jan Bulla-Baker reported that CONA was collecting funds for the Gate Way Project, the painting of the rail road overpass at Adams Street and West Eighth Street. Jan also said that all of the Kroger Coupons had been sold and asked permission to purchase more for sale. It was moved by Nancy Lumbley and seconded by Jim Opiat to expend the funds. The motion passed.
6. Nancy Lumbley presented the 18 month financial plan. After review of the various items, David Walter moved and Kathy Holland seconded that the financial plan be accepted. The motion passed.
7. Jack Baker made a quick summary of the Planning Committee meeting with Tom Micuda. Tom gave insights on several questions about proposed developments around the city. Tom thought that the Kirkwood improvements would continue west to Rogers Street. The West Second Street (Bloomfield Road) planning is starting.
8. Nancy Lumbley discussed the need to raise additional funds for CONA to meet the requirements of the contract with HAND. Another \$1000 needs to be raised this year. The calendar project was discussed; the sale of advertisements is not going well. Some of the comments from potential customers include the need for the calendar to be available earlier in the year, that a better prototype calendar is needed, and that more time is needed to cultivate customers. The calendar project will have to be delayed to 2003. Nancy has Lazarus coupons available for sale to raise funds as well.
9. Nancy Lumbley passed out copies of the CONA Strategic Plan update. The October meeting will be a working meeting focusing upon the strategic plan, so all directors are requested to study this document and come prepared to to discuss new directions for CONA.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.