

# **COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS**

**March 17, 1999**

## ***AGENDA***

1. Minutes of February 17, 1999 meeting
2. Financial report
3. Program manager's report
4. Neighborhood planning
5. Identifying traffic problems
6. Litter in neighborhoods
7. Student volunteers for neighborhood work
8. Nominating Committee alert
9. Fund raising for CONA
10. Neighborhood policing requests
11. Other concerns
12. Adjournment

Minutes of CONA Meeting  
March 17, 1999, 7:00 P.M.  
McCloskey Room, City Hall  
Bloomington, Indiana

Directors Present:

Larry Crewell	Peter Wright	Bill Boese
David Walter	Bill Sturbaum	Kathie Holland
Eugene Fritz	Chris Smith	Sue Shapiro
Carl Minor	John Arnold	Jane St. John
Jack Baker	Jan Bulla-Baker	

Guests: Kelly Crouch of HAND

1. Minutes of February 17, 1999 meeting were approved with corrections.
2. No Financial Report.
3. The Program Manager's Report was approved as handed out.
4. Bill Sturbaum led discussion about neighborhood planning. Neighborhood representatives should solicit responses from individuals as to where your neighborhood should be in 10 years. Have a checklist prepared for what is important to neighbors or add to list as new responses are gathered. Update the plan from year to year to see what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done, as well as identifying new planning needs.

Peter Wright noted that developers would come into a neighborhood without warning. Deer Park, for example, had a chance to be rezoned according to the neighborhood's wishes, but for some reason, everyone missed the meetings and the notification in the newspaper. He would like to have a subcommittee formed to try to keep track of future developments and find out what is going on behind the scenes.

5. Bill Boese said that the Detention Center is on hold pending the State of Indiana's decision about welfare reimbursement. The project may be abandoned if welfare is changed or not available.
6. Sue Shapiro said that vacant lots located near East Atwater/Third Street intersection were originally purchased by IU for the construction of a connecting street to smooth the flow of traffic between the two one-way streets. She said that it is unlikely that the lots will be used for this purpose due to the construction of the Mosque. For now, the lots will be left as green space.
7. Kelly Crouch said that HAND is being brought in with the City Planning Department to involve neighborhood associations with development. We should do as much homework as possible to identify potential changes to our neighborhoods before a developer comes into the process. Jane St. John suggested that we should compile a list of hot spots and give it to the city planners.
8. Bill Sturbaum asked about potential problem sites for traffic. Several intersections were listed, including High and E. W., Dodds and Rogers, Allen and Rogers, and Henderson and Winslow Road. Some disagreement was made as to the effectiveness of the speed bumps in various locations. Bill Sturbaum suggests that we bring to the next meeting a list of 2 or 3 problem areas in our neighborhoods. If we want to pursue any changes, Jane Flieg is our contact for presenting our problems to the Traffic Commission.
9. Kelly Crouch said that litter and debris in the neighborhoods could be handled by calling HAND. HAND will furnish trash bags for pickup of litter. Call 349-3420 for information.
10. Kelly Crouch also said that student volunteers are being recruited for assistance to neighborhood organizations. The volunteers would be organized into groups to work in one area for one year. Neighborhood compliance officers are going to put together a list of projects for each neighborhood.
11. Kelly Crouch reminded the Directors that HAND would sponsor a neighborhood cleanup. Each neighborhood cleanup is a one-day event to promote the collection of trash, brush and unwanted items for recycling or disposal. HAND will arrange to have city vehicles available for collection of

items as well as furnish manpower to assist the neighborhood in gathering trash and unwanted items.

12. Kelly Crouch spoke about this year's upcoming Neighborhood Grant program. One-time physical improvements to the neighborhood may be funded through this program. The minimum cost is \$5,000.00, with no maximum limit. The neighborhood is required to match the cost of the improvements with a 25% contribution. The contribution can be in cash or donated materials and labor. HAND will figure the contribution by allowing a maximum of \$10.00 per hour for non-classified labor and \$25.00 per hour for professional services. Any group of people, not necessarily residents, may get together to make neighborhood improvements under the grant.
13. Kelly Crouch passed out the results of the neighborhood survey. The survey was sent to several of the CONA members.
14. Bill Sturbaum mentioned that it is necessary for CONA to raise additional funds. The telephone bill is \$40.00 per month; soon we will be out of money unless new funding sources are identified.
15. Bill Sturbaum said that his neighborhood is compiling a list of neighborhood concerns for the neighborhood policing initiative. They have been working on the list for several months now and want to present it to the Bloomington Police Department soon.
16. Bill Boese reported that a meeting on neighborhood mediation was held recently. Several groups were in attendance, including IU Environmental Affairs, Monroe County Community Schools, and stakeholders in the committee. Bill reminded the Directors about CONA's involvement in the in the creation of a community mediation center. Information from our grant application (which was turned down) has been put together in a letterform and was distributed to the stakeholders at the meeting.
17. Eugene Fritz reported that there would be a meeting on March 22 to review the sign ordinance for the city.
18. Jack Baker reported that the former Thickstun Glass building on S. Rogers would be renovated. The McDoel Gardens Neighborhood Association will support variances to the city Zoning Ordinance to allow the building to be repaired and renovated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.