

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Volume 1

Issue 3

November 2000



Table of Contents
Good Neighbor Baskets
HAND/CONA Workshop
Mediation Training
and much more...

CONA Members attend Conference

On October 6, six representatives of CONA attended the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference 2000 in Louisville, Kentucky. Those attending included: Bill Boese, Westpointe; Jan Bulla-Baker, McDoel Gardens; Larry Crewell, Fritz Terrace; Bill Sturbaum, Prospect Hill; Marjorie Hudgins, Old Northeast; and Nancy Lumbley, program manager.

The luncheon keynote speaker was Linda Chavez, president and *John Olin Fellow* at the Center for Equal Opportunity, a project of the Equal Opportunity Foundation, based in Washington, D.C. Diversity in neighbors was one of the central themes in the workshops provided. The group attended a total of 18 workshops throughout the day. Much information was gleaned from the presenters and other neighborhood associations.

In follow-up to this conference, CONA is planning a morning workshop December 2. (See the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.) Everyone is invited who is interested in neighborhood concerns. You do not have to be a member of CONA or a neighborhood association in order to attend. The attendees came away with an affirmation of "strong neighborhoods make strong communities!"

Good Neighbor Baskets

In cooperation with the Bloomington Volunteer network and Family Matters Program, CONA is celebrating the National Family Volunteer Day by the spotlighting of families and volunteers who volunteer together and

benefit their communities by doing so. It is a good time to recognize our neighbors for whatever reason. Do you have new families in your neighbor? Elderly people who may have needs that the neighborhood could provide if you knew? A family that has been through a crisis? A "good neighbor" basket will say a lot about our concerns.

What do we do as a neighborhood association?

First, identify some recipients (ask children in the neighborhood for suggestions!); then, on Saturday morning, November 18, at the Monroe County Library, a workshop will be held to "create" these baskets. If your group wants to create these at a different time, a "good neighbor" kit is available from the Volunteer Network (1-800-865-8683). The contents of the basket can vary according to the person or persons receiving it. If you can not think of a recipient, bring a group from your neighborhood anyway and join the festivities!



December 2, 2000

Check that date on your calendar. CONA and HAND are sponsoring a workshop from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at City Hall (Showers Building). Topics to be covered: Neighborhood 101, Neighborhood Safety, and Neighborhood Projects and Activities. This workshop is meant to provide an opportunity for individuals to learn and to share ideas about neighborhood associations. Don't miss it! We need you there to make it a success!

Mediation Training



Mediation Training is a reality for Bloomington. A group of about 25 individuals are in the process of being trained as mediators. The training dates: October 28 and 29 and November 4 and 5. CONA has four individuals being trained: Bill Sturbaum, Bill Boese, Diego Boese, and Nancy Lumbley.

.....
CONA is a non-profit organization with the mission of "providing the training, resources, and advocacy needed to enhance our citizens' ability to shape quality neighborhoods." Contributions are tax deductible and appreciated. For further information, call the CONA number, 333-6377.

PROGRAM MANAGER



Nancy Lumbley became the **Program Manager** for CONA on September 18. She and her husband, Bill, live at 600 E. Maxwell Lane and have lived there for over 30 years. They have three grown children, Stephanie, Cynthia, and Patrick and are now enjoying grandchildren, soon to number five.

Nancy is a June retiree from the Monroe County Community School Corporation; she taught in and was department chair of the Language Arts Department at Bloomington High School South.

She brings to the position a strong belief in citizen participation having been a member of the League of Women Voters for 30 years. She says, "I am looking forward to working with neighbors from all over Bloomington and Monroe County."



BOOK PROJECT

CONA is putting together a collection of books, pamphlets and other sources of printed information about neighborhood associations or related titles. Please contact Nancy Lumbley, Program Manager (presently nlumbley@indiana.edu or 333-6377) if you have a suggestion, a contribution of a book, or any other kind of reference.

Noise Control Update

A result of the Off Campus Issues Committee and their concern over noise levels in Core Neighborhoods was the creation of a NOISE CONTROL brochure. These have been distributed in some neighborhoods. Erin Keneally, Volunteer Student's Bureau, and helpers distributed in selected neighborhoods during the Week of Caring. If your neighborhood was not reached but needs this information, contact Bill Boese (332-0433) for a supply of brochures.

WANTED: WebPage Help!

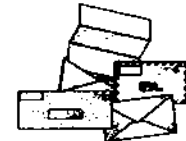
If you have web page design and maintenance "expertise" and would be willing to lend a helping hand, CONA would love to hear from you! Call Nancy Lumbley at 333-6377 and let her know of your willingness to help out.

WANTED: More Neighborhood Associations!

Is your neighborhood association a part of CONA? If not, join us. Neighborhoods working together can create the kind of community we all want. For information about CONA, call 333-6377 or simply come to a CONA meeting, the third Wednesday of the month in the McCloskey Room at City Hall, 7:00 p.m.

WANTED: Growth Policies Plan Update Readers

See the article on the policies update for details.



Neighborhood News

Westpointe Neighborhood Association reports a successful block party held October 7 and also reports that the student problems have improved. The neighborhood concern relating to the location of a detention center resulted in several speeches at the September meeting as to how neighborhoods can oppose such actions and they have distributed information regarding the appointment of the community task force and naming its members. They have also applied for a grant to improve the Allen Street tree scape.

McDoel Gardens reports a busy last couple of months. The efforts to become a Conservation District continued as the association met with Nancy Hiestand from HAND, displayed an album of photos of neighborhood homes and pictures of their historic design, and circulated a petition in the neighborhood generating great response. Still to come: compiling letters of support, appearing before the Historic Commission and then the City Council.

The association reports it did not receive a city grant for a design charrette, but the neighborhood continues to discuss the look and "feel" of the neighborhood as neighbors learn about each other. At the October meeting, officers were elected and the serving of Halloween treats and caramel apples celebrated the season.

Arden Place reports a lot of activity for its association beginning with a clean-up day in association with HAND in June. July 4th in Arden Place featured its 34th

annual parade! In September the neighborhood held a cookout/picnic while accomplishing a business meeting also. Presently, a grant is being sought from the City of Bloomington for a traffic survey; this is a neighborhood with no sidewalks so traffic is a concern.

Prospect Hill meets monthly to hear reports on current projects and to plan for new ones. At the present time, the neighborhood is working to preserve its WPA sidewalks, dating back to the depression years of the 1930's.

The association is working with **The Near North Side** neighborhood in mutual concern for the future of West Kirkwood from Adams to Rogers Street. A upcoming activity includes the two neighborhoods meeting with architects who will devise a zoning overlay for the area which will outline the kind and type of development desired by the neighborhoods. This information will be available to developers beforehand rather than into the project.

Prospect Hill is also concerned with alley beautification projects. Projects from Springfield, Ohio and Louisville, Kentucky will be discussed at the next monthly meeting of the association.

Editor's Note: We need more neighborhood associations sharing their activities and concerns. Do not wait to be contacted for news. Send it to Nancy Lumbley as it happens. (CONA Box 252, Bloomington, IN 47404-0252 or nlumbley@indiana.edu) Sharing ideas and activities is a good way for associations to help one another.

GROWTH POLICIES PLAN UPDATE

The City of Bloomington Planning Department released its preliminary draft of the Growth Policies Plan Update on October 23 in City Council Chambers.

Representatives of CONA were present to hear the report. The process continues and includes hearings before the document goes to the Plan Commission and finally the City Council.

CONA is recruiting a committee of representatives of neighborhood associations to read the draft or appropriate parts thereof so that CONA's input can be given. If you are interested in this project, contact Nancy Lumbley (333-6377). Your help is appreciated in advance.

CONA NEWSLETTER

CONA's grant from HAND for this year is a fulfillment of the Growth Policies Plan's recommendation that the city "...establish a council of neighborhoods and enlarge the geographical size of neighborhood organizations to encompass more than single divisions..."

So how is CONA doing?

→ CONA has the following members listed:

Ardent Place; Elm Heights; Hoosier Acres

Longed/Demon; McDonnell Gardens;

Prospect Hill; Old Northeast Downtown

South East Coalition; 6th and Ritter

Westpointe; Garden Hill

Is your neighborhood association listed? If not, become a part of CONA; there is strength in numbers. HAND knows of 56 neighborhood associations! CONA needs your voice to fulfill our mission. Call 333-6377 for an application TODAY!

→ CONA has active, energetic committees concerned with

♥ Off Campus Issues -- does your neighborhood have concerns in this area? JOIN CONA and other neighborhood associations as problems are addressed and solutions (hopefully) found.

♥ Advocacy -- in this area, CONA, working with other groups, has brought mediation possibilities closer to reality.

♥ Planning -- Tom Micuda, City Planner, meets monthly with a committee to discuss planning/zoning issues and answer questions. This is an invaluable link for our neighborhoods.

♥ Finance and fund-raising -- As a non-profit, this committee is inevitable. Are you a "wow" fund-raiser? If so, CONA would love your input.

♥ CONA -- all neighborhood association representatives -- meet third Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the McCloskey Room.

♥ NAG -- (Neighborhood Association Groups) -- meets on the 1st Friday at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall., either McCloskey or Hooker Room.

HAVE YOU RECENTLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND NOW YOUR CONTACT PERSON HAS CHANGED? LET CONA KNOW, 333-6377.

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

P.O. BOX 252

BLOOMINGTON, IN 47402-0252

<http://www.bloomington.in.us/~cona>



Sixth & Ritter
David Walter
208 North Ritter
Bloomington, IN 47404