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### Quarterly Report

Second Quarter 2000

Each area of the Strategic Action Plan is identified along with the relevant chronological benchmark date. Following each benchmark date and task, a brief description of CONA'S activities is listed. Please refer to the attached materials for a more detailed description of CONA activities.

#### **ADVOCACY**

##### **Benchmark:**

**April 2000**

1. The second meeting of the Off Campus Issues Committee was held on April 12th, 2000. A total of 16 people attended. We were divided into groups to list what "We the Neighbors of Bloomington" could do as a community and then put into groups representing each entity of the community i.e. I.U., City of Bloomington, MCAA and CONA-NA's to list what we could each do to accomplish the task. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 12th. Since CONA is the organizing group we have put together and implementation program to be presented at that meeting.

#### **OPERATION AND FINANCE**

##### **Benchmarks:**

**April-June 2000**

1. A Nominating Committee was appointed by CONA. An announcement of procedure for nominating was made to all board members that were present and a letter with the same guidelines was sent out to all Neighborhood Associations. The Nominating Committee gave a report of Nominees at the June meeting. A letter and or e-mail announcing the deadline for any other nominations was sent out 2 weeks prior to the date of the vote. A final letter was mailed with the nominations to all CONA members 10 days before the election. The election will be held at our July 19th meeting.
2. A Grant was written and submitted to Progressive Technologies for support in the areas of training for Web Design, advanced Soft-Ware for Web Publication and Graphics Programs, a Copier and Printer to produce our Newsletters and Brochures in house and extended hour of operation for access by NA's to use our equipment for research and development.
3. A Funding Committee has been formed. Their basic function is to research all types of funding, grants, donations and fundraising events. The member list is attached. We have also produced an introduction letter to give to potential funding sources.
4. The Planning Committee had their first meeting to organize a plan of action. They will set up a time each month to meet with Tom Micuda of the Planning Commission to gather information about upcoming

changes to the community. They will then contact the affected neighborhoods and offer assistance in formulating a plan for acceptance or appeal. It is hoped that by doing this we can get the information soon enough to allow for action based on education and planning rather than emotion.

5. Dues have been collected from 85% of our members that have sent in applications. The list of members is attached.

## **TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

### **Benchmarks:**

#### **June 2000**

1. Meetings with Coalition for a Peaceful Community have produced an opportunity for training in the field of Mediation. This will be a total of 32 hours of training for each individual and will certify them to be a Mediator. Several of our members are interested in achieving this status. The cost is estimated at around \$100.00 per person. The class will be taught by Bob Gross, the director for Education for Conflict Resolution.
2. As stated before part of the money applied for to Progressive Technologies is for training in the area of Web-Design.

## **PROMOTING PUBLIC IMAGE**

### **Benchmarks:**

#### **May 2000**

1. The Fundraising Committee will create a yearly event that will make CONA more known in the community.
2. Our second Newsletter of the year has been created and produced. We have enlarged our distribution by placing copies at the HAND office and at the Monroe County Public Library.

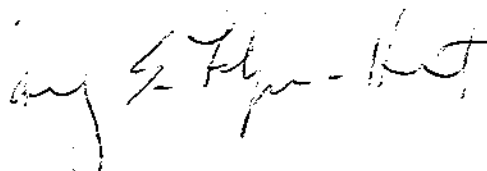
## **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

### **Benchmarks:**

#### **April-June 2000**

1. I continue to send out information via e-mail or postal to all Neighborhood Associations. Our attendance at the monthly CONA meeting has increased by approximately 22%. I came up with this figure by using the total number of persons in attendance the first three months and comparing it to the total the last three months.
2. I have worked on having a guest speaker to attend each meeting. In May we had Police Chief Mike Hostetler, in June we had Mayor John Fernandez. The information is sent to all NA's in advance to help attract potential members.
3. Applications were mailed to all Neighborhood Associations to be filled out and submitted.
4. I created a letter to let potential members know what benefits CONA has to give. This letter was mailed out to all associations.

Prepared by: Nancy E. Flynn-Hert, Program Manager for The Council of Neighborhood Associations



# **OFF CAMPUS ISSUES COMMITTEE IMPLEMENTATION**

## **CONA and NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS:**

Become aware of what properties are rentals in your area.

Lead by example

- Keep your area clean and maintained
- Circulate newsletters to renters
- Create door hangers, magnets, flyers with useful info
- Organize more Neighborhood Associations

Use media as strength to get the word out by producing a public announcement concerning Off Campus living to include

- Trash/recycling schedule
- Bus info
- Important Contacts
- Mowing and trash ordinance info

Help in eventual connection between City and IU buses

## **Indiana University:**

Neighborhood watch programs-IUPD

Push for City/I.U. bus system

Help to get flyers, magnet etc. placed in the appropriate places for registration week and first week of classes

Set up a web-site and/or add to existing site consumer info for students

## **City/HAND, Police Dept., Safe and Civil City:**

Assist in the creation of flyer, magnet and or door hanger

Help with development of Neighborhood Associations

Create and or link web site with I.U.

Neighborhood watch programs

Enforcement of Violations

## **Menroe County Apartment Association:**

Help Neighborhood Associations know what properties are rentals

Have an available list of Neighborhood Association contacts

Hand out or place on properties info letter, flyer, magnet and or door hanger

Help promote media and web info

All groups work closely and stay in contact

April 12, 2000

We, the neighbors of Bloomington:

--will work toward enabling students to be smart housing consumers, good neighbors and responsible citizens by being an example of and teaching relevant skills.

--will build a respectful and friendly community by promoting efforts for clean and comfortable residential neighborhoods.

--will initiate a welcome environment by greeting and getting to know neighbors and, in this way, more easily achieve reasonable noise levels and less harmful alcohol consumption.

--will support efforts to develop public transportation and Park and Ride programs to reduce students' need for cars and to reduce traffic-related problems.

--will work for reducing sprawl and making housing more affordable by supporting neighborhoods comprised of residents with shared values.

# OFF CAMPUS ISSUES

April 12th, 2000

Groups were separated into the entity that they were present to represent and ask to tell what they could contribute to the implementation of "We The Neighbors Of Bloomington".

CONA/Neighborhood Associations: Bill Sturbaum, Bill Boese, Kathy Holland, Carl Price, Sue Mayer, Carol Dariing and Nancy Flynn-Hert. Can assist with all.

- Respect, Lead by example
- Use Newsletters
- Use Newspapers, HT, IDS
- Organize more Neighborhood Associations
- Clean up your own block in your own section
- Get list of rental properties for neighborhoods from HAND

I.U. Group: Suzanne Phillips, John Irvine and Leslie Sloane. Can try to help with item one

- Mentioned that most of these things have been tried in the past
- Orientation is focused on academics, not local
- Perhaps try for Strategy Change, mentioned by Shirley St. John
- IUPD can help with neighborhood training for watch programs

City: Susie Johnson, Vickie Provine, Marsha Bradford and Mike Hostetler. Will work on one, two and three and assist in contacting appropriate people for four and five

- Bike Patrol
- Neighborhood Meetings
- Proactive Party Patrol, early fall and spring

MCAA: Rosey Krakovitz, Mark Hoffman, Marjorie Hudgins. Will work on one and three and parts of two

- Problem-Landlord cannot join NA's
- Many Landlord would like to join NA's and CONA