

The Steering Committee for the Council of Neighborhood Associations of Monroe County, has begun to review the current Bylaws for the organization, and has proposed the following changes to the Bylaws of the organization:

ARTICLE I: NAME – no changes

ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE- no changes

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The proposal to change the word purpose to MISSION, with the following wording, which was taken from the CONA Planning Retreat of September 10, 2011.

ARTICLE III: MISSION

Neighborhood associations working together to create healthy, secure neighborhoods, provide organizational support, and serve as a unified, advocating voice for neighborhood concerns. CONA envisions a government that respects the non fiscal attributes of our community, which include our natural resources, green space, trees and other elements of the physical environment that enhance our overall quality of life.

Sections 1-4: Proposal is to remove these sections of the Bylaws, as they relate primarily to CONA as a corporation run by a paid professional.

ARTICLE IV: GOALS. Propose replacing goals with the following set of goals, as taken from the Sept 10 Planning meeting noted in the previous section.

GOALS

- Foster a sense of community in city and county neighborhoods
- Promote neighborhood preservation and advocate for appropriate land use
- Support and empower neighborhoods for effective community action
- Maintain and improve the quality of life
- Encourage the formation of new neighborhood (associations?) in our community
- Enhance communication and cooperation between neighborhood organizations
- Provide a forum where neighborhood organizations can discuss specific concerns

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Proposal is to replace Section 1 with the following:

Any neighborhood organization registered with the City of Bloomington or County Government has automatic membership in CONA. Any other neighborhood organization can request membership in CONA and be granted membership by a 2/3rd vote of the Board. Said application shall include:

1. A description of the neighborhood boundaries and
2. A statement of interest from the neighborhood organization.

Section 2,3,4 no changes

ARTICLE VI: BOARD MEETINGS

Section 1: Change Executive Director to Chairperson

Section 2: No changes

ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ~~AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR~~

Remove wording And Executive Director from the title of Article VII

Section 1: delete current wording and replace with

Section 1: An Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer; no member will be compensated for his/her services.

Section 2: remove entire section

Section 3: Remove only the first line of Section 3, rest remains as is.

The Steering Committee for the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) HAS put forward the following slate of candidates for Executive offices, to be voted on at the upcoming Board meeting on July 17th.

PROPOSED SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR CONA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Jon Lawrence

VICE CHAIR: Georgia Schaich

SECRETARY: Cynthia Bretheim and Sandi Clothier request to share this position

TREASURER: Elizabeth Cox-Ash