

## CONA MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2013

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm, and introductions were made around the table. Attendance: Bill Milroy, ONE, Dave Walter, 6<sup>th</sup> & Ritter, Debra Morrow, Broadview, Sandi Clothier, NWS, Elizabeth Cox-Ash, McDoel, Paul Ash, McDoel, Carrie Winkel, Crescent Bend, David Derka, Eastside, Georgia Schaich, Green Acres, Jo Basey, Blue Ridge, Patrick Murray, Prospect Hill, Cynthia Bretheim, Prospect Hill, Don Granbois, Blue Ridge, Jan Sorby, Bryan Park, Jon Lawrence, Bryan Park.

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed to be read and any corrections noted. Elizabeth made the motion to approve, and Cynthia seconded; the minutes were approved. (note: at the end of the meeting, it was noted that the last paragraph of the minutes for September, which talked about neighborhood signs, should have read: neighborhood sign toppers, not straw bales).

### MRF

Jon introduced Larry Barker, the Executive Director of the Monroe County Solid Waste District; he was invited to talk with CONA about the benefits of establishing a MRF, or a Materials Recovery Facility, which would be located at the site of the former Anderson Road Landfill. For more on his talk, see the attached Power Point Presentation that Mr. Barker presented to the group.

Questions were asked, about the city and their support for the facility, and the costs involved. Also asked was how we could support this venture, and who is already on board with this approach. Steve Volan, council member and MCSW President, Julie Thomas, Cheryl Munson and Scott Wells, who was also at the meeting, are those in the political sector who are actively supporting funding a study to assess the true costs and benefits of the MRF. CONA will continue to follow this and bring other voices into this discussion.

### University Courts

Jon noted that we received a letter from the Historic Preservation Commission thanking us for our involvement and support for the preservation of the six houses scheduled for demolition in the University Courts neighborhood (this was in response to our voices at the city Council meeting as well as the letter that we sent to the State Historic Preservation board, advisors to Mr. McRobbie). Bill Millroy added that he wrote to IU Trustee Tom Morrison, but has not received a response. It was also noted that the Mayor is in support of saving the homes and appreciates the support from the community. Jan mentioned that anyone wishing to write a letter to the editor read this letter and pick just one topic that resonates and create a letter around that issue. It was also noted that the Historic Preservation Commission has recommended University Courts for Local Designation, it will be heard by the City Council either sometime in November or December. Jon mentioned the walk that

several CONA members took with Nancy Hiestand (HAND, Preservation Staff) through the area and the enormous history embodied in this area.

#### Education Committee

Georgia noted that in a past brainstorming session for CONA the idea of sending several representatives to a regional conference was suggested; Georgia would like to hear from us about this and other ideas for CONA. A communication workshop will be held in November sponsored by CONA, and HAND (Vickie Provine, Neighborhood Coordinator). The education committee will be meeting again before the next meeting, and Georgia will be sure to notify all who signed up for the committee.

#### Outreach/ Party

A meeting place for the outreach party for CONA has been reviewed; Upland Brewery will be more expensive than we would like, so Jon has talked with Susan at Nicks and has been offered a room for 40, 75, 100 or 200 people; we must decide if we want food, and what amount, but the room is being offered with wait staff for us and great flexibility. We still need to determine invitations, date, who should be invited. Jo Basey mentioned that the City Golf Course Shelter house might be good, but we would most likely have to bring food in. Inviting officials, neighbors, and other groups was discussed briefly and will be discussed more in our next committee meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth reported that we have received our 120 free checks, and that 2 separate accounts have been set up, one for neighborhoods and one for CONA. She has disbursed the prize money awarded early this year at the lecture on leadership, and informed the group that we will be receiving an additional \$391.42 from fees not spent at that lecture. A short discussion on the details of using CONA for accepting money from individuals or organization, to specific neighborhoods followed; Elizabeth will talk with Vicki about the questions brought up. David noted that every time a donation is made to CONA, they are given a receipt from the organization, and said this is one way that being a member of CONA can benefit neighborhoods. It was mentioned that CONA should generate a form letter for the receipt of funds for neighborhoods, and Elizabeth said she would work on this.

#### Google Groups Protocol

Jon brought up the many emails that came in regarding the MRF; he said it is important to get notices out to things that are necessary CONA business, and was somewhat concerned that this would affect members' willingness to be on the Google Groups. It was brought up that we probably need to come up with some

guidelines for using the Google Groups, and that possibly having a second Google Groups for specific topics would be an answer. Jon also mentioned his hesitation in sending something about the Affordable Care Act to CONA members. Jo, Sarah and Jon will work on this committee to come up with some guidelines.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Action Items:

Meetings of the education, outreach, and Google group protocol committees  
Creation of a form letter for the receipt of funds for neighborhoods.

Minutes submitted by Sandi Clothier