

CONA
Monthly Membership Meeting
John R. Hooker Room, City Hall July 20, 2016

Jon Lawrence, Bryan Park; Jan Sorby, Bryan Park; Cynthia Brethem, Prospect Hill; Don Granbois, Windemere Woods; Carol Wise, Sunflower Gardens; Carrie Winkel, Crescent Bend; Judy Berkshire, Eastside; Dave Walter, 6th & Ritter; Tom Shafer, Park Ridge East; Paul Ash, McDoel; Elizabeth Cox-Ash, McDoel; Sandi Clothier, NWSNA; John Kennedy, Spicewood; Veda Stanfield, NWSN; Carol Gulyas, NWSNA; John Kennedy, Spicewood; Chris Sturbaum, Prospect Hill.

Guests:

Tim Carter, Jonathan Trudeau & Garrett Clevinger, guests from Ball State; Patty Mulvihill, City Attorney; James Roach, City Planning; Doris Sims, City HAND; Liz Grenat. CJAM

White-tail Deer Research Report

Tim Carter, Jonathan Trudeau, & Garrett Clevinger from Ball State presented information about their research studying the deer population in urban and rural Bloomington and surrounding counties. Giant traps of one kind or another help researchers mark deer, count deer and collect data. 43 deer were collared in the rural area, 39 deer were collared in urban Bloomington.

Collars, staff, and details cost thousands of dollars. GPS helps. There are no numbers for how many deer are here. The study helps with densities and location. Male deer have larger ranges, females have smaller ranges; largest numbers are staying in town.

The collared deer are tracked, making note of where they are, where they range, and where they live. They will be followed for the next year.

Deer that live in town are living longer than deer living in rural settings.

Numbers fluctuate from year to year and urban or rural, making decisions difficult.

Most deer are in south urban Bloomington.

Causes of deer mortality: Vehicle collision is the largest cause of death in town. Myopathy (death caused by capture) is largest cause in rural areas.

Short-term rentals (Air B&Bs, B&Bs, stand-alone vacation homes, etc.)

Doris Sims spoke about what they are, how they're regulated. The City has drafted an Air B&B regulation, and sent it to AIR B&B headquarters, Chamber of Commerce, and other parties for input.

Two departments are responsible for the regulation that is passed: City Planning & Transportation (Christy Langley) to enforce the problem. HAND will handle inspections (property maintenance fee inspections are \$75/single residence).

Host rentals, with primary residence =owner is onsite or returning. Commercial host properties are B&B. There are not that many problems with host rentals because of professionalism or host onsite. Big IU weekends cause problems because homeowners are inexperienced. If there is a separate structure, such as a studio, that would be a host Air B&Bs. We don't want to reduce the owner-occupied which results in loss of small affordable housing.

If people rent a house as a short-term rental, unrelated adults cannot exceed 2 more than rental district, which might be a problem in case of graduations and university ball games.

Definition regulations:

- Max 30-days in a row per visit.
- The property must be operators primary residence
- Tenants may rent their space to others, as long as owner oks it, which is a sublet.

Sandi Clothier mentioned her studio, which was a residence before she bought the property. Could it be two separate residences? It is only lawful non-conforming use for storage and studio space, unless she receives a use variance for it. Two rental houses on one property is not ok, and there is a problem when the property changes hands.

The City is drafting the short-term rental application, which will require some kind of proof. There is a \$100 application fee and annual renewal for \$10, and inspection every two years. Penalties for no permit are: \$2500 first time offense, \$5000 second time offense, \$7500 third time.

City legal will meet with hotel associations in September. Problems or questions should be sent to HAND for regulation, and maybe to legal department. Legal will make a draft and presentation to City Council in the fall sometime.

CJAM

Liz Grenat, Exec. Director of Community Justice and Mediation Center

CJAM has been around for 20 years with a focus on mediation, education, and restorative justice. CJAM learns from conflict, prevents harm, and grows in understanding.

This is a new position for Liz with CJAM, which has 30 volunteer mediators (3000 hours/year), and 2 paid staff.

Mediation trainings are offered to anyone in the community. Next training is 5 Saturdays and Sundays. Neighbors are encouraged to get the training.

There are three kinds of mediation:

1. Small Claims Mediation
2. Victim/Offender reconciliation program.
3. Shoplifting & Theft program

Normally, two sessions of mediation help each situation. About 70% of mediations come to a solution, and even when parties don't agree, benefits really help people feel better. Participants do not give up their legal process by coming to CJAM.

Nominating Committee

Elizabeth and Sandi volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee. The slate is needed for the September meeting. Jon announced that he wants to let go of being Chair. Sandi announced that she would no longer be a secretary. John Kennedy may consider being the Chair. Jon Lawrence said he would consider being an at-large executive member.

Approval of the Minutes

Small edits were approved. Jan Sorby moved to accept the minutes, Paul Ash seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

The GANA account requires signatures to pay out from GANA account, and John Kennedy moved. Jan Sorby seconded. Unanimously approved.

Education Committee

A small and simple grant might work for a program in the winter. Topic needs to be chosen. Something could be done in Jan, Feb, or March.

Should CONA piggyback for a meeting with the City on the UDO?

Technology

Nothing new.

Cell Tower

Other Issues

Duke Substation

There was a motion by Tom Shafer, and seconded by Judy Berkshire, to support the Council and Maple Heights's neighborhood association urban design proposal rather than the berm and plant proposal by Duke.

600 people signed the petition asking that the site be better designed for surrounding neighborhoods. Duke proposed a fence and plants if the alley is vacated. The City isn't clearly communicating with Duke. Duke is not committing to using any of the designs they already have seen. So far, they only have suggested they would build ceiling-less walls around the station. Mark Cornett created a design which was passed around, with a sound and visual buffer.

Residents should make their desires known to mitigate the substation's impact on the neighbors. With an agreement, that property will be very valuable. The disadvantage if the substation isn't properly designed is huge. Surrounding commercial and the tech park and the value of property will be severely affected by the substation.

UDO

There may be a new Growth Policy Plan online. Check out the proposed UDO online.

Scott Robinson has asked to attend and talk about Planning at a future CONA meeting.

Tech Park

David Walter said that Kirkwood Design has been working on a proposal for the tech park. There should be a proposal by August.

Bloomington Hospital Committee

A meeting has been announced to get the group together again. They're going to hire a professional consultant.

ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.