

Council of Neighborhood Associations

Draft Meeting Agenda

8/13/19 7:00 PM

Hooker Room City Hall

- Call to order
 - Introductions
 - Approval of minutes
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Replacement for John Grigutis
 - Hospital Re-use Report (Patrick)
 - UDO Adoption Draft activities for August
 - Read the draft
 - Attend Plan Commission meetings?
 - Announcements
 - Neighborhood Issues
 - Adjournment
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TREASURER'S REPORT

July, 2019

CONA Checking-Beginning Balance	\$ 562.99
Ending Balance	\$ 562.99
CONA Savings-Beginning Balance	\$2021.47
Interest	<u>\$.52</u>
Ending Balance	\$2021.99
Green Acres Neighborhood Assn. Savings	
Beginning Balance	\$ 246.67
Interest	<u>\$.06</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 246.73
Eastern Heights Neighborhood Assn.	\$ 227.70
Interest	<u>\$.06</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 227.76

Council of Neighborhood Association (CONA)
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2019, 7:00 pm

Present: John Kennedy, Spicewood; Peter Dorfman, Near West Side; Patrick Murray, Prospect Hill; Mary Beth Roska, Prospect Hill; Don Granbois, Covenanter; Paul Ash, McDoel; Elizabeth Cox-Ash, McDoel; Jan Sorby, Bryan Park; Jon Lawrence, Bryan Park; Susan Catt, Blue Ridge; Tom Schafer, Park Ridge East; Judy Berkshire, Eastside; Cynthia Bretheim, Prospect Hill, Kate Rosenbarger, Prospect Hill; Sue Sgambelluri; Ridgefield; and Becky Holten, Prospect Hill.

Secretary's Report: minor changes were noted to be made to the May minutes. Patrick Murray moved to accept minutes and Peter Dorfman seconded. Passed unanimously. One minor change was noted to be made to June's minutes. Patrick Murray moved to accept minutes and Peter Dorfman seconded. Passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Eastside Heights neighborhood added a neighborhood account to CONA's account. Tom Schaffer moved to accept minutes and Judy Berkshire seconded. Passed unanimously.

Announcements: None

Special Attendee: Sue Sgambelluri City Council elect, District 2

Special Guest: Kate Rosenbarger, City Council elect, District 1, introduced herself and briefly described her personal public office goals which include: bicycle transportation, alternative forms of participation in city council meetings (not just coming to the city meeting at night), living wage and exploring why people age 20 to 40 don't choose to live in Bloomington. Kate then asked for questions from CONA members.

How does Kate feel about the 4th street garage and where she stands on rehab or rebuild?

--asked by Paul Ash.

Kate is against the rebuild of a new garage, she thought the garage should have been rehabbed and that we should provide shuttles so people could park outside the downtown and take a shuttle in to the downtown area.

CONA members listed general problems the downtown and Bloomington in general is having because of parking: public library moving because of parking challenges, city is supposed to be a regional hub but if there is no place for parking it is discouraging, roads are generally in bad shape in the city, sidewalks are lacking in many areas of city

and are in poor condition in other areas of city, need to establish alternative transportation before eliminating parking downtown.

Kate: Ideally parking should pay for busses. For people who work downtown there are cheap parking passes, \$50/year.

CONA members discussed: Public transportation is always subsidized –it never pays for itself. Several members said that Bloomington’s data on transportation is over 20 years out-of-date and we can’t have meaningful discussion about transportation without good data. Also, the state has made it illegal for the city to go outside its city limits to offer rural transit.

Kate said they are looking at providing micro busses for the west side of Bloomington, it will be like an “Uber bus” that someone could call up on an app when they need it.

How does Kate view housing issues as related to the new UDO.

Kate said wants to see up-zoning all neighborhoods.

CONA members asked what the goal for up-zoning is: to gain affordable housing or to stop sprawl?

Discussion topics covered: Habitat for Humanity and Bloomington Restoration Inc. model of small houses on small, split lots, the exorbitant cost of building a triplex and 4-plexes, the Indiana University enrollment cliff, Bloomington’s previous failed Land Trust company, limitations of financing for land trust companies (CDIF won’t work with this model), existing underutilized lots and undeveloped land within the city and the huge size of land parcels in the “Residential Estate” zoning category were all part of the discussion that insured.

Everyone at the meeting generally agreed that growth is coming from retirees and the new medical campus.

John Kennedy explored the question of what would keep the 20-40 age group of people living in Bloomington—would it be more affordable housing or something else?

Sue Sgambelluri thought better jobs

Kate thought a living wage, a good place to rent in an area that is walkable

CONA members thought a living wage, an interesting job and a nice small house to buy.

Kate talked about how her generation likes to rent stuff: they like to rent their clothes, houses and cars and have their groceries delivered. They are not into owning stuff.

CONA members talked about first-hand experience with young people in their 30s who are desperately trying to find a house to purchase and can’t find anything but McMansions.

Short discussion of the Transportation Plan:

Tom Shaffer opened the discussion by stating that the Transportation Plan lacked discussion about the bus system. Sue Sgambelluri believes it’s more of a “mobility” plan and that really there are only trade-offs discussed in the plan rather than real solutions—agreeing with Paul

Ash that if you take money to build a multi-use path it come from roads for cars (as an example).

Short UDO Update:

John Kennedy reported that the new draft of the UDO should be on the web in early August comments will be taken through the 26th of August. And then the UDO will go to Plan Commission to be voted on.

Peter Dorfman asked that new council members not compare Bloomington goals to other communities that are much different demographically than our community such as Minneapolis. Sue Sgambelluri said that she cares about “intentional” growth based and not just growth for growth’s sake.

John Kennedy thanked Kate and Sue for coming to the CONA meeting.

Sue Sgambelluri said that the new candidates rely on others for education and asked CONA to prioritize our issues and let her know what they are. She asked, “what does she least understand about CONA?”

Hospital Site Update:

Becky Holten reported that Browning has been chosen as the master developer, but this position is now being called the “The Owner’s Rep”. Browning will oversee public outreach and will develop some of the site plan. Patrick Murray reported that McDoel Gardens and Prospect Hill are working on a letter to the City administration requesting 1) a glossary of terminology for clarification/understanding, 2) copy of the RFP, RFQ, Master Planner, Master Developer, Owner’s Rep, Master Plan, 3) public access to the 2015 peer communities’ findings and Urban Land Institute community interviews and 4) a formal charrette for the neighborhoods surrounding the hospital site. Patrick shared a copy of the draft letter with CONA members. Much encouraging discussion developed.

Adjournment: 9:26 pm