

**CONA GOALS WORKPLAN
2011-2012
(Approved June 15, 2011)**

1. To Improve the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Local Government.

How will we know this has been accomplished?

Checklist:

- ✓ CONA will make input to the 2011 and 2012 City and County Budget relative to unnecessary and unaffordable expenditures, and give priority to expenditures that positively impact community/neighborhood and economic development. (Budget Committee)
- ✓ CONA will formulate recommendations for improving local transportation, including address of city department cooperation/accountability, streamlining regulations, and energy/sustainability. (Budget and Energy and Environment Committees)

2. To Preserve the Character of our City.

How will we know this has been accomplished?

Checklist:

- ✓ CONA will monitor proposed Land Development changes as they affect the quality of life in neighborhoods and impact historic resources. A report will be made to the Board at least quarterly. (Land Development & Historic Resources Committee)
- ✓ CONA will formulate a plan for preservation of our city's heritage, including designation of additional landmarks outside of the downtown area, heritage tourism, and for enhancement of the arts, by November 2011. (Land Development & Historic Resources Committee)

3. To Further Improve Our Neighborhood/City Partnership.

How will we know this has been accomplished?

Checklist:

- ✓ The CONA Executive Committee will seek to meet with the Mayor regarding neighborhood priorities and concerns bi-monthly and seek to meet with the Chair of the City Council as needed. (Executive Committee)
- ✓ The Chair of the CONA Public Safety Committee and the President will seek to meet with the Chief of Police regarding neighborhood public safety priorities and concerns bi-monthly. (Public Safety Committee and President)

- ✓ CONA will undertake/support initiatives to enhance youth involvement in City activities and advocate for increased employment opportunities for youth. (Midtown Committee)
- ✓ CONA will hold a North/South City Forum for the purpose of highlighting neighborhood strengths in south St. Pete and dispelling negative stereotypes by October 2011. (Diversity Committee).
- ✓ CONA will seek opportunities to partner on behalf of neighborhood priorities and concerns with groups and organizations representing diverse constituencies throughout the city. (Executive and Diversity Committees)
- ✓ The CONA Leadership Committee will undertake a special project with the Midtown Committee by October 2011. (Midtown and Leadership Committees)

4. To Clean Up Our City.

How will we know this has been accomplished?

Checklist:

- ✓ CONA will seek to partner with the Police Department to reduce the crime rate by 5% (Calendar Year 2011 compared with Calendar Year 2010). (Public Safety Committee)
- ✓ CONA will publish the city crime rate in its newsletter quarterly. (Public Safety Committee)
- ✓ CONA will partner with the Police Department to establish Crime Watch Programs in two neighborhoods now lacking them by December 2011. (Public Safety Committee)
- ✓ CONA will seek to be present as sentencing of offenders (especially repeat offenders and drug traffickers) working in coordination with the Police Department, the State Attorney, and neighborhoods. (Court Watch Committee)
- ✓ The CONA Codes Committee will work with neighborhood associations to develop neighborhood goals and plans and qualify for grant funds. (Codes Committee)
- ✓ CONA Codes Committee will meet quarterly with City codes enforcement management to review matters of mutual concern. (Codes Committee)
- ✓ CONA will work with the City and appropriate member neighborhood associations to further improve maintenance of Williams Park, Mirror Lake, Downtown Library, etc. and to advocate for relocation of the bus interchange from the park and reduction of waiting time for remaining buses. Report to be made to the Board on status by December 2011. (Land Development & Historic Resources Committee)
- ✓ CONA will formulate recommendations for comprehensive improvement of the sign ordinance. (Land Development & Historic Resources Committee)
- ✓ CONA will develop a plan for encouraging conservation and protection of our city's environment, including dissemination of information to neighborhoods on energy friendly projects; promotion of anti-littering; LEED certification for neighborhoods and section 8 housing; reduction of nitrate/phosphate fertilizing; and water conservation by October 2011. (Energy & Environment Committee)

5. To Grow CONA.

How will we know this has been accomplished?

Checklist:

- ✓ CONA will undertake/support initiatives to enhance youth involvement in CONA activities. (Leadership Committee)
- ✓ CONA will hold a capacity-building workshop for neighborhoods without associations or with inactive associations, with emphasis on the Midtown area by October 2011. (Midtown and Membership Committees)
- ✓ CONA will achieve a goal of 65 members/associate members by September 2011, with at least 2 new member neighborhood associations from the Midtown area. (Membership and Midtown Committees)
- ✓ CONA will achieve a goal of an average attendance of 30 members/associate members at its Board meetings for the last six months of 2011. (Executive Committee)
- ✓ CONA will recruit a Leadership Class for 2012 of up to 30. (Leadership Committee)
- ✓ Devote one Board Meeting to the theme of Energy & Environment. (Energy and Environment Committee).
- ✓ Devote one Board meeting to the theme of Diversity. (Diversity Committee)

CONA Vision Statement

CONA is committed to maintaining its stature as a leading community organization for building a safe, high quality, and seamless city in order to meet the current and future needs of our diverse community. The vital role CONA plays in strengthening and advocating for neighborhoods through our many initiatives and activities contributes to a city of neighborhoods offering quality of life, and embracing mutual respect and appreciation among all peoples.