

**CONA WORK PLAN  
(CONA GOALS WORKSHOP)**

**Goal # 1. To work with the City and police to reduce the City's crime rate by 10% by September 2008.**

*Objective #1.* Track the City's crime rate on a quarterly basis.

- a. Report the crime rate in CONA's newsletter quarterly.

*Objective #2.* CONA'S Public Safety Committee develop recommendations for reducing crime and report progress quarterly, including no selective enforcement; special attention to violent crimes, car thefts, and sexual predators; proper compensation for police officers by August 1, 2007.

*Objective #3.* CONA Public Safety Committee monitor new Community Policing Program and report progress quarterly.

**Goal # 2. To establish reasonable ordinances and alternative resources for the homeless.**

*Objective #1.* Establish Temporary Committee on the Homeless and Affordable Housing. (Note: While two of the top five CONA Goals address Homeless and Affordable Housing issues, since these issues are interrelated a single committee is recommended to deal with them.)

- a. Committee to review Homeless Summit, Coalition on the Homeless, and other information and develop specific recommendations regarding the homeless and affordable housing by August 1, 2007. Emphasize restrictions on use of public right of ways, provision of adequate shelter, services designed to obtain work and encourage independence of homeless persons, proper care for children, measures to support the business community as well as neighborhoods, no selective enforcement, and centralization of services and donations.

**Goal #3. To increase the supply of affordable housing in the City.**

*Objective #1.* Establish temporary Committee on the Homeless and Affordable Housing. Emphasize data on trends in affordable housing, causes of decline in affordable housing stock, incentives for developers and landlords to provide affordable housing, possible conversion of vacant condos to housing, and provision of "Katrina-type" housing. Committee to report by August 1, 2007.

*Objective #2.* Track the availability of affordable housing on a quarterly basis.

- a. Report the supply of affordable housing in CONA's newsletter quarterly.

**Goal #4. Improve the effectiveness of CONA by developing shared goals with the City, but with backup strategies.**

*Objective #1.* Seek City input and comment regarding long-term draft recommendations made by CONA Committees addressing major City issues (Public Safety, Homeless, Affordable Housing, Historic Preservation, Land Development, etc.).

*Objective #2.* CONA Leadership meet at least quarterly with the Mayor, City Council Chair, and appropriate City Staff to discuss CONA recommendations for improving our City, and to solicit from City officials those issues and projects regarding which they would like CONA's help.

**Goal #5. Increase networking between neighborhood associations.**

*Objective #1.* Continue CONA Leadership Development Program. (This program provides both vital information regarding our City's operations and needs, as well as a unique opportunity for neighborhood leaders from across the City to become acquainted and learn from one another. Relationships are formed that greatly facilitate successful joint action on matters of mutual concern at a later date.)

*Objective#2.* Continue CONA Mentoring Committee and Program. This program promotes the sharing of successful ideas and projects among neighborhoods as well as assisting in neighborhood association development.

- a. Committee review networking ideas coming out of the Leadership Program "Effective Meetings" session and develop a plan by August 1, 2007 for implementation.
- b. Committee develop plan for increasing CONA's Membership by 20% by November 1, 2007. Plan to be completed by July 1, 2007.

**Goal #6: Improve the quality of life throughout the City's neighborhoods by providing for balanced growth, good environmental stewardship, and preservation of our historic resources.**

*Objective #1.* Reestablish the CONA Committee on Historic Buildings and Landmarks as the Committee on Historic Resources and Land Development. Land Development includes concern for parkland, environmental issues, zoning, growth, and support of persons with developmental disabilities.

- a. Committee update its "Recommendations for Better Preserving St. Petersburg's Landmarks and Heritage" (June 2006) by October 1, 2007.
- b. Committee review implementation of new Land Development Regulations and report progress to CONA for first six months, eight months after regulations take effect.

*Objective #2.* Establish Temporary Committee to plan second CONA "Green City Event."

a. Committee report plan to CONA by August 30, 2007.-----  
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