

CONA helps members follow important zoning changes

CONA provides a vital link helping to alert your neighborhood to important zoning changes. That's needed because neighborhoods often do not get involved in important zoning issues until it's too late and the train has left the station. Ordinary citizens, unlike land planners, developers, consultants and government employees; don't get paid for or profit from reading hundreds of pages of proposed ordinances and attending dozens of public meetings and hearings so as to have a voice in new zoning laws.

CONA President Ann Kaplan, and Lourdes Ramirez, President of CONA member Siesta Key Association, have devoted countless hours to reading proposed new laws, attending dozens of meetings and hearings and drafting provisions more protective of neighborhood interests. Now Kaplan has been invited by Ramirez to join a new watchdog group being put together by Ramirez to follow complicated zoning proceedings impacting neighborhoods, especially Siesta Key. Ann will continue to monitor and alert CONA members throughout the county to important zoning developments as she works with this new group. If you are interested in helping Ann on this important project, please email her at Annkaplan@msn.com. That's another reason why your association needs to join CONA or renew its existing membership.