

The Greater Allisonville Community Council Newsletter

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GACC Briefs

Petition 2007-ZON-802 and 2007-VAR-802: 7955 & 8001 Oak Hill Drive. Petitioner Phyllis Wilson represented by attorney Gregory Silver. Rezoning of 4.66 acres, from the DA to the D1 classification to provide for single-family residential uses. Variance of Development Standards of the Dwelling Zoning Ordinance to provide for the creation of three lots with zero feet of street frontage, without direct access to a public street and for one lot with 30 feet of frontage on a public street (minimum 45 ft. of frontage on public street required, direct access to a public street required). GACC voted to oppose this petition. Petition Denied.

Dean Road Bridge over Howland Ditch: BR-05-063: Department of Public Works project anticipated start date: Cost range=\$500,000-\$1,000,000. Project in progress.

Racquet Square Development on 82nd Street: Updated plans available from American Structurepoint. Project started.

Petition 2007-DV1-010 and 2007-DV1-011. 6055, 6101 and 6165 North Keystone Avenue. Glendale Center, by Timothy Ochs. Variance of the Development Standards to provide for the construction of a 12 foot tall, 48.5 square pylon sign along North Keystone Avenue. GACC board voted **to support** this Petition with the following commitments: There will be no audible noise beyond the boundaries of the property. Only shielded down lighting. No billboards. No additional ground or monument signs. No duplication of business names on signs. Approved

Petition 2007-ZON-825 and 2007-VAR-825: 5802, 5804, 5806, 5858, 5860 and 5880 East 71st Street, 7201 Graham Road and 6161 East 75th Street. The Kroger Company, by Michael Quinn. Rezoning for 14.5 acres, from the C-3, C-4 and I-2-S Districts to the C-4 Classification to provide for regional commercial uses. Decision pending.

Petition 2007-DV3-030: 6020 East 82nd Street. Simon Property Group by Joe Calderon. Variance of the Development Standards of the Sign Regulations to provide for the construction of a 56.75- foot tall, 635.82-square foot pole sign (maximum 40 foot height permitted), with a 368 square foot EVMS component or 57.8 percent of the total sign area (maximum 254 square foot or 40 percent of the total sign area permitted), being within 15 feet of a signalized traffic intersection (minimum 125 foot separation required). This is the second presentation by the petitioner. GACC board did not take a position at the June 12th Public Land Use meeting. Decision pending.

2007-DV2-036: 6509 North Keystone Avenue. Variance of Development Standards of the Sign Regulations to provide for the construction of a 24 foot tall, 140 square foot pole sign with a 40 foot EVMS component located within 85 feet of a protected district (minimum 600 foot separation required). Presented by Nancy Long, with A1 Expeditors. Hearing: Tuesday, July 17th, 2007. Denied.

Project No. STP-9949(082) Des. No. 0300019: Bridge Rehabilitation Project: East 82nd Street over White River, Marion County, Indiana. GACC serves as a consulting partner with this project.

Petition 2007-DV2-027: 5035 East 76th Street Court. Variance of Development Standards to provide for the construction of an approximately 830 square foot cabana and an in-ground swimming pool in front of the established front building lines along East 75th Street and Allisonville Road (not permitted). Gerald Mann by Stephen Mears, attorney. GACC voted to **not oppose** this petition. Approved.

Petition 2007-ZON-833 and 2007-APP-833: 5151 East 82nd Street. PETsMART, Inc. by Tom Engle. Re-zoning of 1.678 acres from the CS District, to the CS classification to provide for an indoor kennel, associated with retail pet store. GACC voted August 14, 2007 to support this petition.

T-Mobile by attorney Timothy Ochs. Installation of a wireless communication facility in the right of way of 70th Street— West of Allisonville Road. Placement on top of IPL power pole. Petition to be presented at the GACC September 11th Public Land Use meeting.

<http://www.greaterallisonville.org>

September Public Land Use Meeting:
Tuesday, Sept. 11th -- 7 pm.

October Public Land Use Meeting:
Tuesday, October 9th -- 7 pm.

Epworth United Methodist Church
6450 Allisonville Road.
All are welcome to attend!

Binford Farmers Market

75th Binford and East 75th Street
Southwest corner
Saturdays only
June 7th-September 9, 2007
7:30-11:30 am.

GACC Board Members

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Boundaries: The GACC is bounded on the north by 82nd Street, on the east by Binford Boulevard, on the south by Kessler Boulevard and on the west by Keystone Avenue and the White River.

The **purpose and mission** of the GACC is:

To disseminate information on the environmental, social and economic issues that affect residents and businesses of the community

To provide a forum for public discussion of community issues

To act on matters of common interest to the GACC community

The Greater Allisonville Community Council, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) organization supported solely by membership dues and donations. It receives no tax monies or subsidies.

Thank you to Joy Masterson!

Thank you to Joy Masterson for her years of service to the GACC Board. Joy has tendered her resignation to devote more time to her grand-children. Thank you Joy! Enjoy!

Bits n' Pieces

ACTION ALERT!! #1. GACC is actively seeking new board members—please contact Don Melloy at 849-3222 or Rollin Rhea at 849-8115 if interested.

ACTION ALERT!! #2. GACC is in need of someone to write and distribute the GACC newsletter. Let's face it, Lori Olivier has been writing this for 4 years (26 issues). It's time to hear from someone else.

DiRectionS Rapid Transit Study



On Wednesday, August 22 the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) hosted in conjunction with GACC a Public Forum on Regional Land Use and Smart Growth at the Gene B. Glick Junior Achievement Center 7435. N. Keystone. Approximately 75 people were in attendance for this presentation.

“There’s always been a well-recognized link between transportation and land use planning”, notes MPO Senior Planner Amy Inman who is managing the Regional Land Use study.

For more information on the Regional Land Use study visit www.indympo.org or contact Amy Inman 327-5646 or ainman@indygov.org.

Green Commission

Mayor Bart Peterson announced the appointments of the ‘Green Commission,’ which was created to help implement the Indy GreenPrint – a city-wide vision designed to create a sustainable Indianapolis that contributes to climate protection and promotes energy efficiency and conservation.

Commission members will initially focus on creating action plan recommendations for the goals designated as “Community Challenge” in three of the Indy GreenPrint’s six areas: Energy and Emissions, Natural Resource Stewardship and Smart Development.

The Green Commission consists of 20 representatives from both the public and private sector. All appointments are unpaid and members will serve a two year term. The Green Commission includes: Drew White, Axis Architecture and Interiors, Tenley Drescher Rhodes, Baker & Daniel, Bill Brown, Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf Architects, Joe Shoemaker, Century 21 Realty Group, Carol Johnston, Christian Theological Seminary, Carey Lykins, Citizens Gas, Steve Corbitt, Corbitt & Sons

Construction Co, Inc. ,Robert A. Cole, Eli Lilly, Robert McKinney, First Indiana Bank, Jean Farison, Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Tim Maloney, Hoosier Environmental Council, Tyson Domer, Hundred Year, Mac Williams, U.S. Green Building Council – Indiana Chapter , Jodi Perras, Perras & Associates, Greg Fennig, Indianapolis Power & Light Company, Bruce Curry, IndyGo, Susan Becker, Indianapolis Public Schools, Lenore Tedesco, IUPUI Center for Earth and the Environment, Virginia A. Caine, MD, Marion County Health Department, Mark Stewart, SEND Community Development Corp.

The schedule of full commission mtgs. (all at Holliday Park 3-5 pm) and open to the public: Sept. 12th October 4th November 14th December 12th.

Bridge over Howland Ditch on Dean Road

GACC has been involved for 11 years in transportation issues affecting the 22 neighborhood organizations that GACC represents in the northeast area of Indianapolis. GACC had taken an active role in the Dean Road Bridge Project over the past 18 months. Prior to the first public meeting in April, 2006 on the bridge project, GACC had been discussing possible improvements and repairs along the entire Dean Road right-of-way. The project as it was discussed and commented on in April, 2006 was substantially different from the one undertaken on July 29, 2007. Over 20 trees of various sizes were removed. And, even with repeated requests not to add a blister lane—one was installed and this exacerbated tree removal.

GACC is concerned that that City Forester was not consulted in conjunction with this project. This project sets a bad precedent for the entire Dean Road corridor and the other rights-of-ways with a substantial urban canopy.

GACC requested: Eliminate the left-turn blister and retain all trees and vegetation not affected by the bridge replacement. If there were excess funds from the project, use them to extend the repaving of Dean Road. These requests were denied by the Department of Public Works.

