

The Greater Allisonville Community Council Newsletter

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GACC Briefs

Petition 2008-DV3-003: 4801 East 70th Street. T-Mobile LLC. Variance of Development Standards to provide for a wireless communications facility affixed to a telephone pole, extending the height of the pole by 15 feet (not permitted), and with an approx. 25-square foot equipment cabinet located on the ground within the right of way of 70th Street (not permitted). **GACC will hear this petition on February 12th. Scheduled for the BZA on Tuesday, February 26th at 1 pm.**

Petition 2008-UV2-002: 5880 East 71st Street. Variance of Use of Commercial Zoning Ordinance to provide for automobile sales (not permitted), and to provide for approx. 19,500 square feet of outdoor display and storage (maximum 200 feet of outdoor display and storage area permitted). **GACC will hear this petition on February 12th. Scheduled for the BZA on Tuesday, February 19th at 1 pm.**

Petition 2008-UV2-001: 7001 Hawthorne Park Drive. Variance of Use of the Industrial Zoning Ordinance to legally establish stone and marble fabrication and to provide for the retail sale of boats, the assembly and repair of boars and custom boat, auto, and aircraft paint detailing (not permitted). **GACC will hear this petition on February 12th. Scheduled for the BZA on Tuesday, February 19th at 1 pm.**

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The Metropolitan Development Commission approved the Sidewalk Amendment, 2007-AO-02. The next step is to the City-County Council. Once staff certifies the amendment the Council has 45 days from certification to act upon the amendment; otherwise, it becomes law as passed by the MDC.

The introduction is anticipated to be on March 3rd. There is no testimony or action at that time; it is simply referred to a Committee of the Council. It is anticipated that the proposal will be referred to the Metropolitan Development Committee (Metro Dev). The Metro Dev committee meets twice during March on **Thursday, March 6th** and Monday the 31st. The Metro Dev committee meets **at 5:30 p.m. in Room 260 on the Second floor of the City-County Building**

<http://www.indygov.org/eGov/City/DMD/Planning/Services/Current/ordinance.htm#sidewalk>

February Public Land Use Meeting:

Tuesday, February 12th -- 7 pm.

March Public Land Use Meeting:

Tuesday, March 11th -- 7 pm.

Epworth United Methodist Church

6450 Allisonville Road.

All are welcome to attend!

GACC Board Members

President:	Lori Olivier	845-5956
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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

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Indianapolis Fire Department Response to Fires in Neighborhoods without Hydrants

Many neighborhoods in the Greater Allisonville Community Council (GACC) service area do not have city water service on their streets and thus the residences and other buildings on these streets may not be near fire hydrants.

In the spring 2007 a fire occurred at a residence on North Chester Avenue. The Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD) responded in a timely fashion with eight

pieces of equipment, the fire was contained, and no one sustained any injuries.

What makes this fire different from other fires in GACC neighborhoods is that some blocks along North Chester Avenue, including those between 6200 and 6500, do not have city water service. GACC vice-president Bob Lehnen, who lives in the 6200 block of Chester Avenue, contacted IFD to determine whether the department responds differently to fires in neighborhoods without fire hydrants.

Robin Nicolson, Safety and Operations, IFD indicated that the department has complete maps showing locations of all hydrants in the GACC area. He noted that IFD's *normal* response to a residential fire is to dispatch *two* pumper trucks that carry over 1500 gallons of water to the fire.

In areas *without hydrants* IFD dispatches *three* pumper trucks. In all cases, IFD also sends the battalion chief, two ladder trucks, and other support equipment to a residential fire in our area. Nicolson noted that should more water be required to contain and extinguish the fire, IFD has the capability to access the nearest hydrant, even if it is some blocks away from the site of the fire.

Lehnen also contacted State Farm Insurance Company regarding whether the lack of hydrants on Chester Avenue affected home owners insurance rates in the area. Apparently, all major insurance companies today base their home owner's insurance rates on the response times of IFD. IFD response times in Washington Township are "excellent", and apparently home owners' insurance rates in the GACC area have actually declined in recent years because of the excellent fire service.

If you are concerned about whether or not your home owners insurance is affected by the quality of IFD services in your neighborhood, call your insurance carrier to verify these observations.

For more information regarding IFD fire service in your area, contact Robin Nicolson at 327-6837 or by email at n8815@indygov.org.

Community Radio coming to Central Indiana!

The mission of 91.9 WITT Community Radio is to provide unparalleled levels of access to the studio, which sets it apart from any other radio station in Central Indiana! The full-powered community radio station, slated to air in the summer of 2008, will give individuals from all age groups and cultural backgrounds an opportunity to develop their creative talents on radio.

"WITT will be staffed primarily by volunteers who will have the opportunity to share their interests and areas of expertise," says Jim Walsh, WITT Board member. "And until we get on the air, we need lots of volunteers to help launch the station."

On Friday, February 29th, community members will celebrate and demonstrate their support for WITT at a benefit concert for the station at Radio Radio in Fountain Square. Doors open at 8:00 pm, and the cost is \$7. All proceeds will go directly to 91.9 WITT Community Radio. Event organizers are interested in capturing information from attendees on ways in which they envision themselves being involved in Community Radio. Learn more about 91.9 WITT and the February 29th event at www.919witt.org or at www.myspace.com/919witt!

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department was established on January 1, 2007, by [General Ordinance 110](#), consolidating the former Indianapolis Police Department with the law enforcement division of the Marion County Sheriff Department. The ordinance assigns responsibility for the police department to the sheriff who appoints a chief of police, under whose direction the department operates.

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department
50 North Alabama Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Non-Emergency Dispatch: (317) 327-3811
Emergency: 911

The Division of Compliance has moved.

The new address is:

**1200 Madison Ave.
Suite 100
Indianapolis, IN 46225
Tel: (317) 327-8700**

The Division of Compliance is responsible for enforcing land use requirements and promoting responsible development through inspections and issuance of permits.

The functions of the division include licensing persons and business organizations engaged in construction activity, issuing various types of permits, conducting various types of inspections and taking other appropriate actions for the purpose of securing safe construction and assuring proper maintenance of existing structures.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIASIONS

Your city government continues to reach out to neighborhoods, community groups and businesses across Indianapolis through the Mayor's Neighborhood Liaisons. Previously referred to as Township Administrators, Neighborhood Liaisons are your direct link to Mayor Ballard's office, as well as any city department and service. The new name of Neighborhood Liaison better reflects their service to the community and their role in city government and it will also alleviate any confusion as to their connection with township government.

Whether you are a neighborhood leader, concerned citizen or business owner, we encourage you to utilize your Neighborhood Liaisons on a regular basis.

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