

The Greater Allisonville Community Council Newsletter

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GACC Briefs

Petition 2006-ZON-036. 8001 Oak Hill Drive. Davis Investments represented by attorney Mary Solada. Rezoning of 4.66 acres, from the DA District to the D1 classification to provide for residential uses. Planner: Kathleen Blackham. **GACC board determined that there was insufficient information to make a decision at this time and invited both remonstrators and petitioner to return to the June Land Use meeting. Tuesday, June 13.**

Petition 2006-SE2-003. 5127 East 65th Street. Special Exception of the Industrial Zoning Ordinance to provide for the retail sale of equipment and ingredients for beer and wine-making in an existing building. Located in Schmoll Industrial Park. Petitioner: Anita Johnson. Currently located in BroadRipple. Planner Kathleen Blackham. Public Hearing before BZA II on Tuesday, May 16. 1 pm. **GACC Board voted to support this petition.** It was noted that the planner recommended applying for a variance and the petition number was not available. Petitioner, Anita Johnson agreed to the following commitments: No EVM sign. She will not apply for a sign variance--will adhere to the Sign Codes. Will use downward lighting outdoors.

Petition 2006-HOV-018. 7938 Allisonville Road. Variance of Development Standards of the DA zoning ordinance to provide for the construction of a 1,210 square foot garage addition with 12-foot north side yard setback, with a 19.5 foot side yard aggregate. (Minimum 30 foot side yard setback required, 75 foot side yard aggregate required.) This was continued from the April 18 hearing. Planner Jeremy Moore. Planner recommending approval. Public Hearing before BZA II on Tuesday, May 16. 1 pm. **GACC Board voted to**

support this petition with the following commitment--the apartment created with the new garage space will not be a rental property.

Petition 2006-UV2-016: 2321 East 63rd Street. Stephanie Watson. Variance of Use of the Dwelling Districts Zoning Ordinance to provide for a salon use within the existing attached garage. There is a for sale sign on the property. Public Hearing: Tuesday, May 16. 1 pm. Planner: Kathleen Blackham. BZA II. Petitioner did not appear. **GACC board reviewed this petition in her absence and voted unanimously to oppose this petition due to the predominately residential nature homes on the west side of Keystone Avenue.**

Petition 2006-UV1-017: 5990 East 71st Street. Variance of use to legally establish a dog day care and kennel (not permitted) with outdoor operations (not permitted) with a 10 ft east side transitional yard (minimum 20 foot side transitional yard required). A member of the GACC Board spoke with petitioner, Kurt Mathewson. Hearing scheduled June 6th. GACC is entitled to request a continuance but declined to do so. Petitioner agreed to the following commitment: commit to only one dog at a time in the outside run. Petitioner stated that BRAG supports this petition in the interest of bringing more retail to the area. **GACC did not hear this petition.**

6945 Hawthorn Park Drive (no petition number at this time). F. Michael Holdeman seeks to send customers from main store—Country Friends, to showroom at 6945 Hawthorn Park Drive to purchase furniture and home décor items at retail in showroom. **GACC has not heard this petition.**

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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) (4) organization supported solely by membership dues and donations. It receives no tax monies or subsidies.

June Public Land Use Meeting:

Tuesday, June 13th 7 pm.

July Public Land Use Meeting:

Tuesday, July 11th 7 pm.

Epworth United Methodist Church

6450 Allisonville Road.

All are welcome to attend!

<http://www.greaterallisonville.org>

Bits n' Pieces

Dean Road. The GACC Board has sent letters to the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Mayor's office in support of the creation of a new bridge over Howland Ditch on Dean Road. But, the board is opposed to the creation of "blister lanes" as the fear is it would set a precedent to widen Dean Road—which the board is opposed to.

Urban Coyotes. As reported in the January GACC publication-coyotes are on the increase in our neighborhoods. Recently there have been reports of coyotes killing a dog in Mendenhall Estates and a cat along Allisonville Road. Contact Animal Control for more information:

Animal Care & Control

2600 South Harding St.

Indianapolis, IN 46221

accd@indygov.org Phone: 317-327-1397

GACC Elections. Thanks to GACC member, **Nancy Meade** for calling to the Presidents attention that she neglected to call for nominations from the floor at the April Annual meeting. Per Roberts Rules of Order, floor nominations were called for at the next public meeting in May. No nominations were received at this meeting and the current board was reelected. In should be noted that after the meeting an individual did express interest and the GACC nominating committee is interviewing this person now. At the GACC executive meeting in May officers were elected for one more term.

Lawrence Township. Thanks to a Lawrence Township GACC member for calling to the boards attention that Lawrence Township issues are neglected. The board is responsive to these concerns. Kelly Wood, Lawrence Township Neighborhood Liaison does receive this newsletter and will be invited to an upcoming meeting to specifically address Lawrence Township issues.

Mosquito Control. Department of Public Works. 2460 City-County Building
200 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Phone: (317) 327-4000

Oak Hill Drive

The Oak Hill Neighborhood Association will be present at the June 13th GACC Public Land Use meeting to express their disapproval with a planned zoning change within their neighborhood.

A developer wants to erect 8 houses on 4-plus acres which is currently zoned D-A. This proposed development will change the entire nature of the neighborhood-- including the destruction of a large quantity of trees. In jeopardy is a 300 year old oak that stands at the top of Oak Hill.

This development will adversely impact and exacerbate the drainage flow going into Sycamore Springs where significant rain runoff problems already exist. To address these drainage issues the developer is required to create a detention/retention pond.

Many neighbors are firmly against this development. Community opposition to the proposed development comes from Beaumont Farms, Sycamore Springs, and all adjacent streets to Oak Hill as well as homes all along 79th Street east of Oak Hill to Dean Road.

The average lot size in adjacent areas is better than 2 acres per household. Half acre lots are not in the harmony with the area. If this project is approved the next development could be in your back yard—it will set an undesirable precedent in our neighborhoods. For example, if there are any homes near you with sizeable lots, this will open a whole new policy of tearing down one house and putting up many, that don't fit into the present conditions. We need to put a stop to this before it runs rampant. Submitted by Mo Profeta.



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The IndianaMap

The IndianaMap is a single statewide map for Indiana. It includes the information people need most in a format that is accessible to both expert GIS users and the general public.

The IndianaMap Project is a portfolio of ongoing projects that lead to the creation of this map.

Want more information? Visit www.indianamap.org to see and use "your" IndianaMap.

The Thin Book of Appreciative Inquiry by Sue Annis Hammond

Are you familiar with "Appreciative Inquiry" (AI)? Are you intrigued by what it might be, but don't want to invest lots of time until you have a better idea? It might be time for you to read, "The Thin Book of Appreciative Inquiry", written by Sue Annis Hammond.

Appreciative Inquiry (AI) is a method developed by David Cooperrider and Case Western Reserve University. AI creates the opportunity for positive change by exploring what is "right and good" in a situation rather than what is "wrong or broken". AI is rooted in the philosophy that, by exploring what works, the potential for replication of that success is highlighted; whereas, focusing on what doesn't work amplifies problems. Based on this outlook, AI has been promoted as a technique for identifying and developing potential in both for-profit and non-profit arenas.

Take a look at what attracts new residents and slows sprawl. It's simple things like walking. Go to:

<http://www.mlui.org/growthmanagement/fullarticle.asp?fileid=17055>

The Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources and the Indiana Dept. of Transportation hosted the **Indiana Trails Plan Summit**. There is a local follow-up session for you to contribute: 6-8PM June 22: The Garrison, Fort

Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis. You can review the current version of the plan at: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/2006trailssummit/plan.htm>.

