



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. The owner of the property, Phyllis Wilson, attended the June 13th Land Use meeting. The petitioner did not attend. GACC asked for a continuance for the Hearing Examiner on July 27th. Petitioner stated there is no new information and will not attend the GACC August Public Land Use meeting. **Next hearing date before the Hearing Examiner is August 24th at 1 pm.**

Petition 2006-UV1-017: 5990 East 71st Street. Lucky Dog Retreat. 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. **Petition approved.**

Petition 2006-UV2-023: 6945 Hawthorn Park Drive. 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. **Petition approved.**

Petition 2006-PLT-037: 7474 Allisonville Road. Approval of a sub-division Plat to be known as Schmidt Woods. Dividing 7.23 acres into two lots. Driveways off of 75th Street. Petitioner and his attorney will attend the August 8th Public Land Use meeting. **Hearing August 9. 1 pm City-County Building.**

Petition 2006-UV1-024: 8409 Union Chapel Road. Petitioner Denise Deig. Single family in D-611 and flood venting variance. Petition presented to the Nora-Northside board as this property is on the boundary of both organizations. GACC did not hear this petition. Heard before the BZA on July 11. **Continued to BZA 1 on August 1.**

Petition 2006-DV3-031: 2801 Marina Drive. Variance of Development Standards of the Zoning Ordinance to provide for construction of two, five-story multi-family buildings with a maximum height of 70 feet. (maximum height 35-foot permitted, maximum three-stories permitted) and to provide for 39, three or four story multifamily buildings with a maximum height of 60 feet (maximum 35-foot height permitted, maximum three-stories permitted). **Petitioners attorney will present at the August 8th GACC Public Land Use meeting. Hearing August 22 1 pm City-County Building.**

Petition 2006-DV1-012: 5959/5987 East 71st Street. Variance request from CVS for establishment of an electronic variable message sign (EVMS). GACC voted to oppose this petition. Was continued to BZA 3 on July 25 then **Petition was withdrawn.**

August Public Land Use Meeting:

Tuesday, August 8th -- 7 pm.

September Public Land Use Meeting:

Tuesday, September 12th -- 7 pm.

Epworth United Methodist Church

6450 Allisonville Road.

All are Welcome to attend!

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

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<http://www.greaterallisonville.org>

On July 25th Mayor Peterson announced the release of the **City of Indianapolis Raw Sewage Overflow Long Term Control Plan and Water Quality Improvement Report** for public review and comment. To view the entire document online or to request a CD of the plan, visit www.indycleansteams.org.

The public is invited to submit comments on the plan via mail, fax or online.

MAIL COMMENTS TO:

City of Indianapolis Long Term Control Plan Comments
c/o Indianapolis Clean Stream Team 151 N. Delaware Street, Suite 900 Indianapolis, IN 46204

FAX COMMENTS TO:

(317) 327-8699

GACC and BRAG welcome new neighbors to our area... Patrol officers who will be using facilities at Binford/East 71st Street to do police work and to collaborate with businesses and residents in the area. You'll start to see them on location within the next several weeks.

Please thank **Captain Brian Mahone, Rick Barrett, and Peter Courtney** for their efforts to make this a wonderful reality. BRAG will be announcing a formal ribbon cutting ceremony soon to celebrate!

National Night Out was Tuesday, August 1. For a more complete history of National Night Out go to: <http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno/history.html>

The purposes of this event:

- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Bits n' Pieces

Welcome to our newest GACC Board member: **Daland Juberg**. Daland and his family live on 79th street. He is employed by Dow Agrisciences and is active in the boy scouts.

As reported by **Mo Profeta** in the previous GACC Newsletter, our neighborhoods continue to see the purchasing of homes with larger lots that can be re-plated and divided. Established neighborhoods, good schools, convenience to shopping, large trees, etc make this a desirable place to live.

Thank you to Sheryl Crum with Health and Hospital. The property located at 4040 E. 71st was cleaned up on July 25th. The property at 6440 Dean was reinspected on 7/27/06 to determine if the property owners have brought the property into compliance. If the property is not in compliance on July 27th we will then be putting in a request to either DPW or our Environmental Control group to have the property cleaned. Both of these crews having a waiting list due to the number of requests they are getting on a daily basis and the property will be cleaned as soon as possible.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact by email, scrum@hccorp.org or by phone 221-2187.
Sheryl Crum
Team Leader
Health and Hospital
221-2187

The "driveway" from the **Capri Restaurant** to Union Chapel Road is unauthorized. Code compliance has been notified.

The sheds behind the **Chinese Medicine** home on Allisonville Road are in violation of set-back requirements. Code Compliance is investigating.

Explanation regarding Signage...It is the GACC Board's policy to strongly support compliance with the Sign Regulations of Marion County. The sign ordinance was crafted through public process with input from all affected and interested parties and should not be varied without application of that same public process. The addition of signs in any area of our neighborhood which do not integrate with the protective overall concept of the Sign Regulations will contribute to a continual degradation of our neighborhood esthetics and environment. Therefore the GACC Board will oppose all requests for billboards and electronic variable message signs (EVMS).

With that said a very **BIG THANK YOU** is due to the **CVS store at 71st and Binford Boulevard** (se corner) for withdrawing their request for an Electronic Variable Message Sign. **THANK YOU** for being supportive of our neighborhood!

The CVS building team, specifically, **Tom Mariani**, had a legitimate question regarding the EVMS at the Sullivan's Hardware store on 71st and Keystone. The rationale for not-opposing the EVM sign that Sullivan's requested two years ago as are follows:

The GACC board was willing to trade for an EVM (which is supposed to be fixed, not flashing or moving) for the removal of a large billboard on the property. **Thank you to Sullivan's for adhering to their commitment to remove the billboard!**

This area of Keystone had already been compromised by the signs at Norgate and to a lesser extent by the Walgreen's at 62nd and Keystone.

In general GACC is opposed to EVM signs. The presumption is that if an EVM is not opposed there must be clear public benefit. In the Sullivan case, it was the removal of a billboard.

The Binford case raised a different issue: The area is EVM free. Once we allowed one EVM –a precedent would be set. We want to protect the nature of Binford Boulevard and did not feel that an EVM sign was in the best interest of this corridor.

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