

GACC Public Meeting – March 11, 2008
Epworth UMC – 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bob L., Mike B., Don B. and Lori O.

Guests:

Bill McCallister – Steinmeier Estates

Don Lawless – Sylvan Ridge

Dawn Wilhite – Eastwood

1. Bill asked general questions about GACC and membership structures. He said he's not really interested in paying dues but maybe we should structure dues so that the neighborhoods pay dues instead.
2. General discussion on the GACC website and how it could be useful for organizing neighborhoods and posting relevant information for BRAG, possibly cross-posting BRAG and GACC items on each website.
3. Introductions were made; welcomed new GACC Board Member, Don Barr.
4. Lori suggested the possibility of focusing GACC's interests by shedding Lawrence Township from the GACC boundaries. This would mean that Graham Road was the cutoff, rather than Binford Boulevard. More discussion is needed but there seemed to be interest from those present. [I love this idea. –MB]
5. GACC and BRAG are both opposed to the Maaco used car lot petition. Lori will attend the hearing for GACC.
6. General discussion that GACC and BRAG have occasionally acted in conflict with each other over land-use issues due to poor communication. A BRAG liaison should be designated to attend BRAG meetings and perhaps vice versa.
7. General discussion on the legality and possible violations of the new EVMS sign at Castleton Square. Simon may have breached its agreements.
8. General discussion on the Wyandot School and possible adaptive reuse efforts.
9. General update on the Allisonville Road bike path and re-striping effort. Bob stated that an informational meeting is planned for April 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Eastwood Middle School.
10. Bob gave an update on the new sidewalks project along 62nd Street. This still needs approval from the MDC and Bob will write a letter of support from GACC to the appropriate officials, including Christine Scales.
11. There have been complaints about the Capri Restaurant construction and cars cutting over the site to avoid traffic signals on Keystone Avenue.
12. GACC will not likely take a position on the Renaissance Bay temporary sales office petition. Nora seems to be opposed.
13. There is a new petition for an EVMS on an existing billboard near 86th Street and River Road. Strong opposition was voiced to this idea.
14. Bill stated that he was unaware of many petitions and there needs to be a better way to get notice to the neighborhoods. E-mail and the internet seem like the best solutions and Lori agreed to utilize her large database of e-mail addresses and those recipients wishing to be removed shall be removed.

15. Don stated that the communities are disorganized and more cohesion is needed. A constantly updated website would be good for disseminating information to those interested.
16. Mike suggested that GACC start a community blog using a free service, such as Blogspot or Yahoo Groups. A blog would need to be monitored so that inappropriate comments can be removed.
17. Bob gave another update on the sidewalks projects and described how they are paid for, i.e., Genie grants (sp?).
18. The GACC board retreat is scheduled for this Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. Location to be [???
19. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,
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