

GACC Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2011
Approved October 11, 2011

Board Attending: Daland Juberg, Bob Lehen, Don Melloy, Donald Barr, Mark Dollase, Steve Ferguson, Joe Goeller, Doug McKee, Rollin Rhea,

Board Absent: Mike Manion, Andy Seiwert

Others Attending: Christine Scales, Kostas Poulakidas,

1. Approval of August 9, 2011 Minutes

Approved. Don Melloy moved, Mark Dollase seconded. Passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report

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3. Comments on moving of Ladder 21 from Station 21 at 71st and Keystone.

Christine Scales reported the new developments concerning the removal of Ladder 21 (L-21) from the station at 71st & Keystone, noting that it appears that L-21 will be saved if adequate funds can be found to offset the move. Petitions available at Sullivan's as well as on-line to support saving L-21. At this point this is a delicate situation, and there is concern for the risk to the public. It was noted that budget considerations for the city are coming to a close. The 2012 Budget for Indianapolis – Marion County will be decided on October 17. Councilor Scales would like to sponsor a meeting of association leaders in the area and develop letters to the Mayor, City-County Council, and the Public Safety Committee which are meeting next week for consideration of the IFD and IMPD budgets.

Mark suggested contacting the media on the behalf of the area to do a story on this move. Suggests Ruth Hayes being involved. Rollin Rhea thought we should unite GACC, BRAG, and NORA. Daland suggested getting a meeting of association rep in the next week.

Kostas Poulakidas, candidate for City-County Council District 4, indicated he would be aggressive – telling the Mayor he would not vote for the budget with this issue not being resolved.

4. LAND USE PETITION

2011-DV3-031 6002 North Rural Street (Approximate Address)

Indianapolis, Washington Twp.

CD #3, Zoned C-4

Lowe's Home Centers, by Timothy E. Ochs, requests a Variance of development standards of the Commercial Zoning Ordinance to provide for the outdoor storage (not permitted) of lumber and roofing materials, and the outdoor storage and display of flow-through products such as

storage trailers, sheds, and similar items during the spring, summer and fall seasons (maximum outdoor display area may not exceed one percent of the gross floor area).

Tom Ochs: The original zoning for Lowes was as a home improvement store. Things thought to be included, i.e. outdoor storage was subject to a code violation recently. The plan presented represents what Lowes has been doing since they opened at the Glendale Center. There is to be no new construction involved, no building permits will be pulled. Current store is approximately 135,000 sq. ft.

Don Melloy asked about the size of the outside storage (current set at 1% of the size of the building). Rollin Rhea asked about the number of residence in the area. Ochs responded he was not sure, but did indicate he sent out over 400 notices and there has been no response. Bob Lehnen thought the requested variance was not desirable, particularly with the exposure on Rural Street. He suggested screening being provided on the Rural Street side. Mr. Ochs will check on the use of the semi-trailer and its possible movement. Bob Lehnen also questioned the location of the shed sales area. Don Melloy also mentioned stripping of access lane from Rural Street to better delineate the entry from parking areas.

Bob Lehnen made a motion to support the petition with the commitment that Mr Ochs will discuss screening on Rural (commitment), removal of trailer, and addressing safety issues related to location of shed sale area, stripping of access areas, and report back. With the understanding that final determination would occur after Mr. Ochs reports back on the decisions from the petitioner on the foregoing issues. Don Melloy seconded. Passed unanimously.