Passed: 8-1 (Swain)

RESOLUTION 95-04

RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of affordable housing in Bloomington, particularly in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington and the Common Council are on record as supporting the development of more affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, development of affordable housing often requires all parties to the planning and zoning process - petitioner, neighbors, community and government - to make sacrifices towards and encourage initiatives that promote the greater common good; and

WHEREAS, a recently proposed innovative approach to address the lack of affordable housing in the downtown area was withdrawn from the planning and zoning process by the petitioner; and

WHEREAS, the neighbors to said development generally supported the development but wanted to more fully discuss certain aspects of the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington and the Common Council should, among other responsibilities, act as moderators and facilitate a reasonable and mutually agreeable solution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. The Common Council calls upon all parties to the recently withdrawn affordable housing development downtown to sit down with representatives of the Council acting as facilitator and resolve as many differences as is reasonably possible.

2. The Common Council calls upon the petitioner to resubmit the affordable housing development plan and the neighborhood representatives to discuss with the petitioner only those matters within the petitioner's control, and further calls upon the City administration to support efforts to see that this affordable housing development proceeds in a timely and judicious manner.

3. The Common Council calls upon the Board of Zoning Appeals to hear and vote on the innovative affordable housing development proposed for the downtown area as soon as legally and practically permissible.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 1st day of February, 1995.

Iris Kiesling

IRIS KIESLING, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 3rd day of February, 1995.

Tomilea Allison

TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution, sponsored by Michael Bonnell, supports affordable housing in the downtown area and encourages that work continue on the Madison and Fourth Street project in particular.