

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, May 5, 2004 at 7:30 pm with Council President Diekhoff presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
May 5, 2004

Roll Call: Diekhoff, Ruff, Gaal, Rollo, Sturbaum, Volan (arrived at 7:40), Sabbagh, Mayer
Absent: Banach

ROLL CALL

Council President Diekhoff gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

There were no minutes to be approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Sturbaum noted National Preservation Week and the publication of the Interim Report. He added that this reflected a professional look at our community and plans for future preservation in keeping the character of the city.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

David Sabbagh congratulated winners of the previous day's primary election.

Mayer asked citizens to participate in the Hoosier Hills Food Bank food drive, the largest one held annually. He also noted the next day's Skateboard Park opening and invited the community to participate.

Mike Diekhoff marked the end of the University school year by wishing IU students good luck in their final exams.

There was no message from the mayor.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Duncan Campbell, advisory member to the Historic Preservation Commission, presented the Annual Report from the Commission and gave each council member a copy of "City of Bloomington Interim Report: Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Historic Preservation
Commission Annual Report

He highlighted the activities of the Commission in the past year including reports of the McDoel Conservation District and its new Historic Walking Tour Brochure. He reported on various projects and partnerships including WPA sidewalk repair, the Banneker Oral History project, Takings Law videos and presentations to Interior Design classes.

Rollo asked about the need for preservation of historic limestone quarries. Duncan said the historic quality of this industry is being lost in new technologies in the industry.

Mayer noted the restoration of the Raintree House on the IU campus. He reiterated the initiative to put this house on the National Historic Register.

Sturbaum noted the increase in home ownership in the McDoel neighborhood. He lauded Nancy Hiestand, Program Manager for Historic Preservation, Housing and Neighborhood Development Department, saying that this report would not have happened without her work.

Marc Haggarty reported on Empowering Silent Voices, a town hall meeting held on May 1, 2004 which examined problems in the criminal justice system regarding people who are disabled. He reiterated the need for a Crisis Intervention Team approach in Monroe County and said that the Committee for Crisis Intervention from Fort Wayne, Indiana, was ready to discuss this with the council.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mike Litwin, Environmental Commission chair, said he had a statement to read for the discussion on the Southern Indiana Medical Park petition from last week. He said that the southern portion of the property is one of Bloomington's most significant greenspace. He said that the Environmental Commission had advocated the preservation of this area from 1997 and welcomed the news that the petitioner was willing to donate this land and try out the Growth Policies Plan in terms of preservation and acquisition of sensitive areas. He expressed disappointment that the petitioner was being asked to pay for the construction of a road through this area, sending a message that adherence to principles of environmental protection were important only when convenient. He asked that the council rethink long term thoroughfare alignment in the area. He said that roads can be placed in more than one location but greenspace can only be preserved where it exists now. He asked that this parcel be preserved for future citizens.

PUBLIC INPUT (cont'd)

Adam Neff, reporter from WGCL am 1370 radio assigned to cover the council, thanked all for their help and cooperation and added that he was graduating and leaving Bloomington.

It was moved and seconded that the following people be appointed:

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

- Barbara Fuqua MLK, Jr. Birthday Commission
- Deborah O'Brien Commission on the Status of Women
- Jeannie Walters Urban Enterprise Association Board
- Danielle Bachant-Bell Historic Preservation Commission (advisory)

It was moved and seconded that the following people be reappointed:

- Douglas Wissing Urban Enterprise Association Board
- Chris Smith Urban Enterprise Association Board
- David Walter Redevelopment Commission
- Jerry Hayes Redevelopment Commission
- James Rosenbarger Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission
- Henry Glassie Historic Preservation Commission (advisory)
- Duncan Campbell Historic Preservation Commission (advisory)

It was moved and seconded that James Stewart's appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission by the Mayor be confirmed.

All of the above were approved by a voice vote.

There was no legislation for final action

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

It was moved and seconded that the following legislation be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. Clerk Moore read the legislation by title and synopsis.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Ordinance 04-09 To Amend the Bloomington Zoning Maps from RS 3.5/PRO6 to PUD and to amend the Preliminary Plan for the Renwick Planned Unit Development (PUD) – Re: 2401 East Moore's Pike (Ramsey Land Development, Petitioner)

Ordinance 04-09

There was no public input.

PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Michael Diekhoff, President
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington