

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: May 11, 2009

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:37 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Kent Smith, Chairman
Jeff Cardwell
José Evans
Brian Mahern
Dane Mahern
Janice McHenry
Lincoln Plowman

Absent Members

Virginia Cain
Jackie Nytes

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 183, 2009 - appoints Matthew Symons to the Metropolitan Board of Zoning Appeals, Division I
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council met on Monday, May 11, 2009. Chairman Kent Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Jeff Cardwell, José Evans, Brian Mahern, Dane Mahern, Janice McHenry, and Lincoln Plowman. Absent were Virginia Cain and Jackie Nytes.

PROPOSAL NO. 183, 2009 - appoints Matthew Symons to the Metropolitan Board of Zoning Appeals, Division I

Mr. Symons said that he has lived in Indianapolis since 1987, he graduated from Cathedral High school in 2000, and graduated from Wabash College in 2004. He said that he works for the State of Indiana as a Press Secretary for the House of Representatives. He said he also works in for local government as the Director of Public Affairs for the Marion County Prosecutor's Office.

Councillor Brian Mahern asked what Mr. Symons has been doing since December of 2008. Mr. Symons said that he started attending Law School part-time in September of 2007 and in the last semester, he started attending school full-time in order to finish his degree in three years.

Councillor Dane Mahern asked if Mr. Symons would be able to attend all the meetings that will be required for the Metropolitan Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Symons said that he was informed that the board meets on Tuesdays and said that he will be able to attend the meetings.

Councillor Evans asked why Mr. Symons wants to be on the Metropolitan Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Symons said that in 2007, he bought a house and becoming a property owner for the first time made things like zoning very important. He said in the fall semester, he took a property course in Law School and it outlined the importance of zoning and how zoning affects the average person and their homes.

Chairman Smith asked if Mr. Symons has been part of any other boards or committees. Mr. Symons answered in the negative.

Councillor Plowman moved, seconded by Councillor Evans, to forward Proposal No. 183, 2009 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Chairman Smith said that he would like to acknowledge the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) and all of the law enforcement officers that put there lives on the line everyday for the citizens of Indianapolis/Marion County. He said that they are greatly appreciated.

Conclusion

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Smith, Chairman
Metropolitan Development Committee

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