



The Old Northside Neighborhood Association

Land Use Committee

The Old Northside (The ONS) was placed on the National Register of Historic Places as an Historic District in 1978. The ONS' National Register Historic District boundaries are Pennsylvania on the west, 16th Street on the north, Bellefontaine on the east, and Interstate 65 on the south.

Subsequently, The ONS was designated as an "historic area of Indianapolis-Marion County" by the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission (IHPC) and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Development Commission. The IHPC exercises "historic area review" over all design, demolition and exterior appearance changes which are proposed to be undertaken in The ONS.

The ONS Land Use Committee (LUC) reviews, for The ONS Board of Directors, all IHPC Applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness or Authorization within the ONS which require an IHPC Hearing. Additionally, the LUC reviews and participates with other entities in the formulation of proposed development and improvements near The ONS which will impact the quality of life in The ONS. The LUC interacts with its counterparts in other historic districts to maintain and improve relevant urban activities and facilitate appropriate development.

IHPC applicants are encouraged to meet with The ONS Land Use Committee before submitting an application to IHPC. The LUC meets with applicants to discuss the details of their proposals. This allows the LUC to assist all applicants and facilitate the process. After IHPC filing, the Committee will review the filing with the applicant, addressing concerns that the applicant, the immediate neighbors, or The ONS may have. The Committee makes its recommendation on each proposal to The ONS Board of Directors which determines The ONS' course of action as to each application.

The Land Use Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at All Saints Episcopal Church, 16th and Central Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. Those who wish to meet with the LUC are asked to contact Paul De Prez at 317-631-2974 in advance of the meeting to be placed on the agenda. Also, those with prepared concepts or design proposals are requested to email a copy in advance of their IHPC filing to DePrezLaw.ONS@att.net in order that those may be forwarded to all LUC members.

If you are filing at IHPC when you receive this information and have not met with the LUC, please call and email your entire IHPC filing, as noted above. The Land Use Committee looks forward to working with you to maintain and improve our diverse Historic District.