GM STAMPING PLANT REUSE COMMISSION SET TO BEGIN WORK JUNE 19

Weeklong series of events will guide recommendations for future use of industrial site

INDIANAPOLIS – On June 19, 2011, the General Motors Stamping Plant Reuse Commission, led by the nationally acclaimed Urban Land Institute, will kick off a weeklong series of events designed to develop recommendations for the future of the industrial site. Mayor Greg Ballard created the Commission early in 2011 to assess the property and propose possible redevelopment uses of the 100-acre site along the White River, adjacent to Downtown and the White River State Park.

“The former GM Stamping Plant can be among the greatest redevelopment opportunities in the history of our city,” Mayor Ballard said. “The Reuse Commission brings to bear the right combination of local voices and national experts in helping us create a plan for what the site could become and I look forward to hearing their recommendations.”

The Commission comprises a panel of independent national experts from the Urban Land Institute. It will be chaired by former Indianapolis Mayor William H. Hudnut III and includes former Pittsburgh Mayor Tom Murphy. During the weeklong assessment, the Commission will consider local market conditions, environmental concerns and existing infrastructure. At the end of the week, the Commission will publicly present its recommended use for the site.

The planned agenda for Commission is as follows:
- June 19 – ULI team arrives in Indianapolis and meets with local representatives
- June 20 – Site tour and public reception sponsored by Indianapolis Downtown, Inc.
- June 21 – Local stakeholder meetings
- June 22 – Working day for Commission
- June 23 – Working day for Commission
- June 24 – Public presentation of Commission’s recommendations. Q&A session follows

EDITOR’S NOTE: Media advisories about the Commission’s specific itinerary along with times, locations and additional information will be provided at a later date. Biographies of Commission members are attached.