INDIANAPOLIS – (August 28, 2008) Nominations are currently being accepted for the Charles L. Whistler Award – the most prestigious honor given by the Indianapolis Mayor’s Office.

This year, the award will recognize one or two individuals who have brought together the Indianapolis public and private sectors for civic improvement. The deadline for nominations is Monday, Sept. 15.

A lawyer and community leader in the grand tradition, Whistler gave his time and extraordinary abilities to the Indianapolis community without asking for power or position in return. At the time of his death in 1981, he was a senior partner at Baker & Daniels and chairman of both the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee’s Urban Growth and Revitalization Task Force and the White River State Park Citizen’s Advisory Committee.

This is the 24th year for the award in Whistler’s honor. Mayor Greg Ballard and the board of the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee invite community members to nominate a current leader who exemplifies this vital Indianapolis tradition.

Award nominations are open to anyone in the community, except currently appointed government employees and elected officials. Candidates should reflect the passion and the skill that Charles Whistler displayed for making the public-private partnership work for the overall betterment of the community.

The recipient(s) of the award – presented by the Mayor through the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee – will be recognized at a reception later this fall. Award recipients’ names will also be added to a limestone and granite monument located in the Charles L. Whistler Memorial Plaza at the City Market.

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2008 Charles L. Whistler Award Criteria:

- Demonstrates visionary and enthusiastic leadership in serving the community
- Provides outstanding service in bringing together the public and private sectors for civic improvement
- Ineligible: Currently appointed government employees and elected officials

Nominations:

- Forms must be received in the GIPC office by Monday, Sept. 15
- Nomination forms are available online at [http://www.indygov.org/eGov/Mayor/gipc_whistlerawards.htm](http://www.indygov.org/eGov/Mayor/gipc_whistlerawards.htm)
- Nomination forms may be photocopied
- Letters of support may be included (quantity is not a factor in judging)
- Mail completed forms to: Charles L. Whistler Award c/o: Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee 1501 City-County Building 200 E. Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46204
- Forms also may be faxed to (317) 327-4435 or e-mailed to mhendrix@indygov.org
- For questions about nominations, call (317) 327-3820

Past Whistler Award Recipients:
1983: Thomas H. Lake
1984: Thomas W. Binford & David R. Frick
1985: Frank P. Lloyd
1987: Mattie M. Coney
1988: Donald W. Tanselle
1989: Ramon L. Humke & Henry C. Ryder
1990: Richard O. Morris
1991: Eldon Campbell
1992: Michael A. Carroll
1995: Robert H. Reynolds
1996: Thomas M. Miller & Sam H. Jones
1997: Dr. Gene Sease
1998: Jack Shaw & Dan & Lori Efroymson
1999: Andrew Paine & Yvonne Shaheen
2000: Rev. T. Garrott Benjamin & Michael Maurer
2001: Jerry Semler & Fay Williams
2003: Alex Carroll & Rev. Charles Williams
2004: Dr. Beurt Servaas & Gerald Bepko
2005: Joseph D. Barnette, Jr. & G. Frederick Glass
2007: P.E. MacAllister & Marge Tarplee

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