

TO: Mayor Fred Paris & Franklin City Council Members

proposal for
old Fire Station
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FROM: Bob Welsh, President (IAM, Inc) Temporary address @ 5910 E. Southport Rd,
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This narrative is preliminary to final location (hopefully the vacated Fire Department in Franklin) of the newly formed "Indiana Auto Museum, Inc" (501-c3 EIN-30-0454240) and intended to present an overview of development. We have three incorporators, Bob Welsh, pres, Hershel Murphy, VP/Sec, and Mike Welsh MD, Treas. All present board members have considerable experience with antique car collections. A younger staff will be developed as the Museum matures.

Foremost, the Museum will be "one of a kind" in that ONLY Indiana manufactured cars and commercial taxis will be collected and displayed. Although not widely known, Indiana is a fore-runner in auto manufacturing beginning during the early years of the 20th century. Well over 250 makes were manufactured in Indiana ---- 65 makes alone in Indianapolis and the balance in 35 other Indiana cities. The Indiana Chamber of commerce and each of the 35 cities Chambers and Mayors should be strongly involved to provide their manufactured cars and participate in the financial aid. The State provided amply hardwood supply, and artisans as well, necessary in the building of early machines. Taxicabs were prominent in Indiana production too. Being past President of the Checker Car Club of America (2000-2004 establishing the Club as a Not-For-Profit Corp in Indiana I am interested in taxis (commercial vehicles) as well as antique cars in general, and have been for over 40 years.

Indiana Auto Museum hopes to acquire building space to adequately display most of the Indiana manufactured cars. The Museum shall be self-supporting after real estate and inventory acquisitions. Some private grants are available for startup. IAM, Inc will be leasing out space for income to companion crafts specializing in antique cars--- such as upholstery, parts, insurance, body/paint, electrical, and of course general mechanical. Additionally, income will come from car donations to be sold on-site. Rental storage for antique cars may be offered to respective owners.

Admission charges for individuals will probably be waived, allowing numerous organized car clubs to become permanent members and charged annually for meeting rooms and other facilities. Video/theater accommodations will provide filmed movies to further explore Indiana manufacturing history, accompanied by appropriate speakers on automotive subjects. This educational tool is provided especially for youths, however, varied audiences including nursing home residents, can be expected. There are many other details to prepare such as web-site, mail out brochures, letters to respective Indiana City Mayors/ Chamber of Commerce, and general administrative chores plus the display acquisitions.

If you have any recommendations/suggestions regarding IAM, Inc, please feel free to contact Bob Welsh (317) 780-1937 Indianapolis, Indiana

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Mayor Fred Paris

Franklin, IN

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RE: The Fire station

Dear Mayor Paris,

The Indiana Auto Museum (IAM), a 501 (c) 3 corporation, would like your consideration to have the fire station that may be offered to a not for profit entity. The museum would be for the benefit of all. We would especially focus on school children to educate them on the history of the manufacturing process in America and especially the car manufacturing history in Indiana. It is our ambition to have this at no cost to all school groups and, possibly, free to all.

It is not commonly known that Indiana was one of the initial innovative locations for car manufacturing. Some of the world's finest cars such as Dusenbergs, Auburn, Cord, Stutz and Cole were Indiana products; Continental, Martindale, and Millikan were made in Franklin. We would like to have representations of as many of the 250 makes from Indiana as possible; we would first focus of representatives from all 35 Indiana communities who have made cars. We would hope that all of these communities would feel a tie to our museum and to Franklin for further communication and contribution.

Bob Welsh, my father and the president of IAM, has been in manufacturing for over 40 years; he has also served as president of the Checker Car Club of America. While Bob's plants were mostly in Shelbyville, we have many ties to Franklin including Franklin being my place of employment (Johnson Memorial Hospital) and Franklin being my wife's hometown.

We would love for you to be our guest for dinner and to further share our enthusiasm for having a museum for the entire state headquartered in Franklin.

I am most appreciative of your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Welsh".

Mike Welsh, MD