

PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION COMMISSION

November 2, 2009 5:30 P.M.

Administrative Conference Room

PRESENT: Lillie Kay Mitchell (Chairperson), Ron Roberson, Dot Stagich, Jonathan Frase, Susan Hirsh, Suzanne Jackson, Jody Dwyer, John Arth, and Mark Billingsley

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: Lillie Kay Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were reviewed and approved as distributed

REPORTS

DISASTER PLANNING – Susan Hirsh announced that she would be attending the Disaster Preparedness Meeting to gather information and would focus on any ideas we could use or model after for those not attending the CERT course. Jody Dwyer announced a Mock Disaster was planned and asked if the commission should be included. It would be in February or March.

SPEAKERS BUREAU – Ron Roberson told the commission that we had no speakers requested. We have one speech scheduled in January for the Retired Officers Wives.

POLICE – Angie Lewis was not present so there was no report from her. Lillie Kay did add that the Race For The Cure went well on Saturday. They are preparing for the Race For Education and the Gobble Wobble.

FIRE - Jody Dwyer reported that everything had gone well for Fire Safety Month.

WEBSITE – Dot Stagich had nothing new to report on the website.

BMA – Mark Billingsley reported about the board meeting Monday and the stated that there was a special meeting called on Wednesday on the Storm Water Maintenance Fee. Everyone would be required to pay this fee that would be tiered on the size of your home. This fee would also include all non-profits, for example, churches in the city of Germantown. Local businesses would also be charged this fee, which is .003 x square footage, including the parking lots. For example, Germantown Baptist would possibly incur a \$25,000 fee a year. The concern would be that churches and business would be hardest hit and could potentially go under. The discussion turned to the lack of a Property Tax increase for the past 6 years. Dot Stagich spoke up and stated that we

have been running the negative numbers for the past 2 years as a city and by we could have a \$1 million dollar deficit. The Storm Water Fee would raise \$1.3 million for the city. Dot also commented that there are neighborhoods such as hers, that currently maintain their own storm water, so this would be an issue for her. The discussion turned to the idea of adding a nickel to the current property tax and using the reserve for years such as this.

## OLD BUSINESS

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVALUATION** – This year's National Night Out did not go well. The weather was the big issue, but the ones who did hold their events had a great time. The children in attendance loved the gifts passed out by the police officers and a few others. LK indicated that she heard the city may move the National Night Out back to August in hopes of better weather.

**SAFETY SEAT CHECK EVALUATION** – We had around 40 car seats checked, with 16 volunteers in attendance, headed by Susan Helms as Senior Checker. We had 8 certified checkers and 2 nurses also helping with the checks. We replaced 1 seat and adjusted the other seats. Ron Roberson recommended April for the next one, but to be mindful of the dates for Spring Break. Hobby Lobby and Spoiled Sweet were our sponsors.

**FRAUD AND IDENTIFICATION SEMINAR EVALUATION** – Lillie Kay reported that the seminar was excellent this year. Dot said that we had 20 sign up and 15 attend in the first session and 15 sign up and 15 attend in the second. Rain may have stopped some of the attendees. Jonathan Frase was thanked for his excellent job obtaining sponsors for the program. The food, dessert, and drinks seemed very value added, and the location for the seminar was very nice. Dot was praised for her fantastic job with this program. Excess books will be given to the sponsors and the rest went to the city for the Police. Dot recognized Stacy and Angie for their help in getting the information into the paper, and recommended we try for PSA's on local stations in the future.

**HOLIDAY PARADE** - The Germantown Christmas Parade will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. The Safety Commission will have a float in the parade and will get together to decorate at 7:00 p.m. the night before. Dot recommended we use the characters along with the float. Dot is asking for a doghouse or children's playhouse to put on the float and 2 people to help carry the banner. We also need help from the committee on tear down after the parade.

**ADULT GUN SAFETY** – There was no report.

RUNNERS SAFETY – There was no report.

STORAGE UNIT – Lillie Kay announced to the committee that we need to get out of Extra Space Storage because of the rising costs and problems with corporate billing. Jonathan said he would look into any deals he could find. Lillie Kay said there would be more discussion about what to do in the near future.

SAFETY CITY 2010 BUILDINGS – Nikki Gast was not in attendance but she had been in touch with the wood shop at Germantown Village.

NEW BUSINESS - Mark Billingsley opened the discussion about the commission participating in CPR training since it had changed over the past few years.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

2009 COMMISSIONER DINNER – Everyone was encouraged to attend the dinner on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Great Hall

2010 COMMISSION – Lillie Kay asked the committee to please re-apply to the commission for 2010. Forms are due in December 1<sup>st</sup>. You can do this online if you wish. An announcement was made that Jerry Ferguson resigned the commission. We will all miss him and hope he can come back in the future.

Senior Expo - Jody Dwyer announced the Senior Expo is Thursday.

Mark Billingsley formally thanked Lillie Kay Mitchell for chairing this committee.

Lillie Kay thanked Mark and the committee and said she looked forward to seeing everyone next year.

ADJOURNMENT - The Meeting was adjourned by Lillie Kay Mitchell at 6:50 p.m.