

Neighborhood Preservation Commission

November 8, 2012

Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, November 8 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Chairman, David Jackson was present and presiding.

In attendance –Becky Dunn, Renee DeGutis, Pat Mahoney, Seth McNamee, Jill Sparks, Allyson Avera,

Absent – Pattie Kempka, Cathy Philips, Andrea Vu, and Planning Commission Liaison

Also in attendance – Joe Nunes – Manager, Neighborhood Services, Sherrye Rhea - Neighborhood Services, and Alderman Greg Marcom

A quorum was established.

Minutes – Minutes were approved as written.

Chairmen's Comments – David thanked everyone especially Becky for an excellent Leaders Conference. We still need to see what can be done about attendance.

The NPC Holiday party will be held at the home of Andrea Vu in December instead of a meeting.

The Commission dinner will be held on November 27 in the Great Hall. Make sure you have that date on your calendar and you RSVP by November 19.

Reports

Alderman Greg Marcom Report – Alderman Marcom thanked everyone again for helping with the Leaders Conference. There were a lot of positive comments.

There will be two new aldermen and Greg is looking forward to working with them. Greg hopes to be back on NPC next year.

There isn't an answer on the schools as of yet.

Road construction is making a lot of progress. They are trying to get Poplar paved and the barrels moved before Christmas shopping.

The sales tax was defeated in Shelby County. The City of Germantown will get to keep their half cent sales tax.

Greg asked everyone to reapply to NPC. This is a great commission and he hopes everyone wants to come back.

Neighborhood Services Report –Joe Nunes stated that he will defer until unfinished business.

Planning Commission – Joe Nunes reported that there has not been a planning meeting.

CONA Report – David Jackson reported the last CONA meeting was held at fire station #4 at 7 p.m. on October 23. There was a tour of the fire station. CONA is still looking at meeting at different areas around the city. The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 24 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

Tree Board – There was no report given, the meeting was cancelled.

Neighborhood Leaders Conference – Becky reported that the wine and cheese went over well. The city will pay for the meeting room.

The \$219 left over money will go to buy the perpetual plaques. We will purchase a neighborhood association and a leader's perpetual plaque. A motion was made and passed to buy two plaques. The Leader of the year will still be given a personal plaque. The Leader and the Neighborhood Association of the year will be in the Holiday Parade. Changing the day from Sunday was discussed.

Problems with marketing were discussed. Sherrye will do an After Action report to be filed with the city.

Unfinished Business –Accessory Structure Joe passed out the revision to the ordinance that the commission proposed at the end of 2011. Joe talked to the chief planner to discuss some of the revisions. The definition of accessory was changed. The definition of an arbor, pergola, or trellis will be added. The City of Germantown does not enforce neighborhood ordinances. Language will be added to allow accessory structures on double frontage properties.

The goal is to obtain NPC's suggestions, meet with a planner and then bring the ordinance back to NPC. It was suggested that a subcommittee be established for this ordinance.

The city currently allows domestic animals on any lot. Joe will speak with planning because this will conflict with current ordinance.

The ordinance change will be tabled so the new commission can work on it in 2013. David suggested that Joe put all of the information in email form to be sent out to the new commission and it will be addressed at the first meeting of the New Year for the new commission. There will be a subcommittee made up of members of the new commission and they will address this in 2013. If you will not be on the 2013 commission however you would like to work on this subcommittee, you are welcome to come to the January 2013 NPC meeting.

New Business – none

Concerns and or comments –none

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.