

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

November 17, 2009

Germantown Municipal Center

Neighborhood Associations Represented: Allenby Lakes, Bromley-Foster Ridge, Germantown East, Germantown Heights, Grove Park, Kimbrough Green, Kimbrough Park, Lansdowne Place, Mimosa Gardens, Oakleigh I, Poplar Estates, Riggs/Arthur, Riverchase, Rowan Oak, Winchester Forest Hill Estates.

Call to Order: Chairman Billy Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions: Billy recognized first time visitors from Lansdowne Place. Aldermen John Drinnon and Mike Palazzolo were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 24, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

Guest Speaker: David McDonnell, Chairman of the Board of McDonnell Insurance, described the three types of neighborhood associations. For the first, the “Pot Luck” association type, there is no need for association insurance because a typical homeowners’ policy would suffice for its needs. This type of association meets infrequently, assessments are voluntary, attendance is not mandatory, and there is no significant insurance risk. The second type of homeowners’ association, PUDs (Planned Unit Developments), present their own very specific legal and insurance needs and were not discussed. The third type of neighborhood association has more meetings, more social events, more people may attend from outside the neighborhood, is more formal, and there are expectations. There could be fiduciary risk if you rent a facility for an event, have a moon bounce, or have larger common areas or a pool. If you charge admittance, request assistance from the City, or have off-site activities, you should have coverage. Incorporation does not protect an association from liability. Directors and officers should have separate liability insurance to protect against personal and advertising injury—libel, slander, and defamation. If the association hires contractors, they should be asked to provide proof of liability insurance. A discussion of costs and specific coverage which may be needed as well as a question and answer period followed.

Old Business

Police Department Report: Lt. Ed McGee presented the monthly Crime Activity Report and reminded us to take away temptation by removing all personal items, particularly cell phones and GPS systems, from cars, and to always lock vehicles. With the shopping season approaching, it is especially important that there is nothing in obvious view, so lock packages in the trunk. The police reserves will be patrolling the Germantown shopping centers/mall areas during the holiday season. Lt. McGee also discussed the blunt force trauma death at Fountain Square and the foiled McDonald’s holdup.

Sherrye Rhea urged everyone to confirm facts concerning crimes or problems with the Police Department or her department before sending out mass e-mail warnings.

Mayor’s Report: There was no Mayor’s report.

CONA’s Special Events Coordinator’s Report: In January, work on the Neighborhood Preservation Commission’s Home Tour will begin. Everyone was asked to look around their neighborhood and invite people who have done attractive remodeling or landscaping to participate

Planning Report: Joe Nunes announced there will be no Planning Commission Meeting in December. At the November meeting, a two-lot subdivision on Kimbrough was approved. At the Design Review Commission meeting, the landscape design for the lots on Kimbrough was approved. Project updates include two new restaurants at the Shops of Forest Hill, a high-end clothing store in Saddle Creek, and a bank in Old Germantown.

Neighborhood Services: Joe Nunes presented a handout of the Neighborhood Services Division Quarterly Report comparison of 1QFY09 with 1QFY10. Starting November 18, the railroad will begin replacing

rails at railroad crossings in Germantown. On Monday, November 23, the Board of Mayor and Alderman will consider the second reading of the Storm Water Fee. Joe reminded us that if you pick up a hammer, give the City a call to see if you need a permit and inspection. There have been several changes to zoning ordinances regarding home improvements, especially for porches, accessory structures, arbors, trellises, and pergolas. A handout of Zoning Ordinances Amendments is available tonight.

New Business

Election of officers: Jack Langenfelder, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers nominated for the 2010-2012 term. They are Greg Marcom, Chairman, Luci Cromer, Vice-Chairman in charge of Programs, Jack Langenfelder, Vice-Chairman in charge of Membership, Hazel Anderson, Secretary, and David Jackson, Special Events Coordinator. There were no nominations from the floor. Harry Riggins moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation, John Lunt seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Association Concerns: Michelle Taylor, of the Grove Park Neighborhood Association, presented her neighborhood's concerns about the severe traffic problems, inconvenience, and lack of communication caused by this year's Race for Education and asked that CONA be represented in the planning for next year's race. Joe Nunes responded that, since the race has grown so, next year Shelby County Schools will have to present plans before the race to the Special Events Committee which is under the Parks and Recreation Department. Hopefully, that will prevent a repeat of the problems incurred this year.

Announcements: Sherrye Rhea announced that upcoming events were included on the provided Germantown Holiday Events 2009 flier.

Luci Cromer thanked Billy Brown for his leadership for the past two years as Chairman.

Billy Brown announced that the next Executive Committee Meeting will be at his home on December 29 at 7 PM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M. The next meeting will be January 28, 2010.