

Neighborhood Preservation Commission  
September 10, 2009  
Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Community Development.

Chairman Rebecca DeRousse was present and presiding.

**In attendance** – Bonnie Blair, Larry Farabee, Sandra Hayne, David Jackson, Sidney Kuehn, Hope Pittman, Andrea Vu, Stanley Weinrich, Alderman - Mark Billingsley,

**Absent** – Beth Jackson, Rick Bennett – Planning Commission Liaison

**Also in attendance** – Joe Nunes– Neighborhood Services, Billy Brown – CONA,

A quorum was established and minutes were approved with changes in Tree Board report and new business reports.

**Chairmen's Comments** – None at this time

## **Reports**

**Alderman Mark Billingsley report** – Alderman Billingsley reported that the next BMA meeting will be held Monday, September 14 at 6 p.m. There will be a second reading for the Barzizza property.

It is being considered to have representatives from Memphis Tomorrow to share their views on consolidation with the board.

The parks and recreation commission met and submitted an umbrella name for all of the parks on Poplar Pike. The proposed name is The Parks of Poplar Pike.

**Neighborhood Services report** – Joe Nunes gave a brief report on the decorative street signs. Specks are being revised and the bid will go out soon. There are about 8 or 10 neighborhoods that are still on the list. Communication will go out to them that the bid will go out in the next couple of weeks.

The City Administrator, Mr. Lawton, has asked all divisions to prepare a continuity of operations plan in the event of severe employee storage due to flu.

Germantown Festival is this coming weekend; also Amnesty Dumpster Day will be September 19. There are CERT classes in October. Neighborhood Night out will be October 6 with a rain date on October 13.

**Planning Commission** – Joe Nunes reported that the two lot subdivision on Kimbrough withdrew from the agenda last month because of some opposition. They will meet with the neighbors and it put it back on the agenda for this month. The City of Germantown's subdivision development contract requires sidewalks on all streets. The Forest Brook Subdivision south of Poplar Pike on Forest Hill Irene submitted a request not to install sidewalks. The subdivision has 1 acre lots.

**CONA Report** – Billy Brown reported that the next CONA meeting will be September 24 at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be William Kinley, Senior VP, Administrator of Methodist

LeBonheur Hospital of Germantown; he will be discussing the changes that are being made at the Germantown hospital.

There will be a nominating committee taking applications for new officers at the next meeting. CONA elects officers every other year. The November meeting will be held on November 17, a Tuesday night, because of Thanksgiving and a conflict with council Chambers.

**Environmental Commission Report** – Sandra reported that Pam Beasley with Parks and Rec was at the meeting and reported on the Germantown Green Expo that will be held on September 19, 3 to 5 p.m. at Pops in the Park. Another item discussed was well #5 and the fact it will have to be replaced. It was built in 1978 and it can no longer be repaired. Next year the city is proposing a storm water fee which still has to be voted on. They are also proposing credit given to residents for going green.

**Tree Board Report** – Sidney reported that the board is continuing to work on the Tree Ordinance. The previously mentioned tree inventory was finished and the report stated that there are over a thousand trees on Wolf River Blvd. and Kimbrough. A report will be sent to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The board will apply next year for another grant to inventory more trees.

The Tree Board will have a booth at the Living Green in Germantown Expo from 3 to 5 p.m. on September 19. The Tree Board will also be at Green Day at the Delta Fair, Sunday, September 13, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Some members of the Tree Board and the Beautification Commission traveled to Dixon, TN to the Go Wild Field Nursery. This nursery specializes in native grasses and trees.

At the last meeting a specialist in trees introduced them to a new elm tree. Elm trees have not been placed on the Germantown approved list to plant however there is a new variety. The reason the elm tree has not been planted in Germantown is because of the Dutch elm disease.

**Germantown Cares** – Hope stated that she and Sandra took a tour of the Oral School for the deaf. The school will set up a table at the Pops for the Park. The school would like to have one of their students sing at Pops in the Park. Alderman Billingsley will get hot dogs and buns for the cook out and Sidney will provide the cooker. Billy will secure the condiments. Hope will work on getting the water donated. McDonalds will donate a cooler and drinks. Billy and Hope's husband will cook. Firehouse sub will donate sandwiches to all of the fire stations. Sandra will talk with the Germantown Commissary to see if they will donate barbeque for the police department. Hope has talked with Kroger and they will allow the commission to put out a box for collection of food for the Food Bank. The committee needs to be there at 4:15 p.m.

**Neighborhood Summit** – Rebecca reported that everyone needed to take some of the posters and flyers to help distribute. The posters need to be put in store fronts and at the library. There are plenty of registration forms. The registration forms will also go out in the water bills. Billy asked if the electronic version could be sent to the CONA list. The NPC list needs to register. Sidney will invite the new manager from Kroger as a special guest. Good Winds Nursery and Davey Trees will both have representatives at the conference to speak. An email has been sent out to the commissions to ask for judges. Rebecca will ask Beth to see if she could help judge. Judging will take place at the same time as the next NPC meeting. Larry will take care of the NPC booth. An appointment needs to be set up to go over to the Great Hall to discuss set up. Information for the conference books needs to be collected.

**Unfinished Business** – Sidney does not have a letter for the commission tonight concerning illuminated signs. He has been working with Wade Morgan, Chief Planner, who is involved with the Design and Review Commission. Sidney has read the ordinance and the minutes of the meetings. There has been another gas station request permission to put in a similar sign. There is a lot going on right now with this issue.

**New Business** – Alderman Billingsley announced that there will be a public forum at the Memphis Area Home Builders Association presented by the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce Alliance tonight. All of the suburban Mayors will be there. The topic will be the Pros and Cons of Consolidation. It is free from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Concerns and or comments – none**

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.