

Neighborhood Preservation Commission  
October 8, 2009  
Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Community Development.

Chairman Rebecca DeRousse was present and presiding.

**In attendance** – Bonnie Blair, Larry Farabee, David Jackson, Beth Jackson, Stanley Weinrich,

**Absent** – Sandra Hayne, Sidney Kuehn, Hope Pittman, Andrea Vu, Rick Bennett – Planning Commission Liaison, Alderman - Mark Billingsley

**Also in attendance** – Sherrye Rhea– Neighborhood Services, Billy Brown – CONA

A quorum was established and minutes were approved as written.

**Chairmen's Comments** – The commission Dinner is November 12 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall. Please let Sherrye know if you are going to attend. This is always a great event therefore I hope that everyone will plan to attend this event.

The Commission dinner conflicts with the regular scheduled meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission therefore a new date will need to be selected for November. After discussion it was decided to have the meeting on Thursday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m.

In December we will have our holiday party. Andrea Vu has agreed to host the party again this year on Thursday, December 10. More details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Rebecca was going to thank Hope for all of her hard work on Germantown Cares however she was absent. Even though it rained all day there were a few groups that still participated. It was a good start and next year it will be bigger. The event will coordinate again next year with Pops in the Park.

Stan noted that on channel 19, the time for the NPC meeting is still 7:30 p.m. which needs to be changed.

## **Reports**

**Alderman Mark Billingsley report** – Alderman Billingsley was not in attendance therefore there was not a report.

**Neighborhood Services report** – Sherrye Rhea reported that Joe Nunes is out of town at a conference in Dallas therefore he should have some exciting information to share with the commission at the next meeting. Stan Weinrich wanted to say for the record that the system that is place to report problems works very well. Several months ago Stan found a sidewalk that was in very bad shape and was in need for repair. Stan reported it to Joe and he put it in the system, someone went out and looked at it, someone reported it to the homeowner and within a few weeks the sidewalk was repaired. Stan received an email from the system stating that the sidewalk had been repaired. Stan was very impressed. This was the first time he had used the system and he said it works very well.

**Planning Commission** – Since there was not a representative from the commission, no report was given.

**CONA Report** – Billy Brown reported that at the last CONA meeting, September 24, the guest speaker was William Kinley, Senior VP, Administrator of Methodist LeBonheur Hospital of Germantown. He had a lot of good information on the services of the hospital and the volunteer program that they offer. He or someone from his group will be glad to speak at any neighborhood meetings, they are looking for volunteers. With all of the additional services they are offering, they are in need of more than 100 volunteers. The November meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17 because of Thanksgiving. The speaker will be an insurance professional covering topics such as the liability of neighborhood association. Also at this meeting, the election of new officers will take place.

**Environmental Commission Report** – Sandra was not in attendance however she sent a report to Sherrye. The meeting was held on October 1. The Memphis International Airport is now recycling bottles and paper. The storm water fee will not go in effect until July 2010. All City sprinklers are on timers with zones. They are not controlled with the weather.

**Tree Board Report** – Sidney was not present, therefore no report was given.

**Neighborhood Summit** – Rebecca gave all of the commissioners a “to do” list which includes all of the items left to do. Billy will plan for 75 at this time for the food. Everyone will need to be there at 4 p.m. the day of the Summit and still until it is over and clean up is complete. The judges are meeting right now to select the award winners. Rebecca and Sherrye will meet with the Great Hall meeting planner to confirm all of the set up. A bio will be given to all of the sessions monitors to introduce the speakers. Final press release will be sent out the week before the conference. There has been good publicity so far. The flyer was sent out in the water bill however we only got about 20 more reservations from that mailing. Some of the regular attendees have not signed up. Sherrye has the email addresses from the last 2 years and she will send out a reminder.

**Unfinished Business** –

**New Business** – Sherrye discussed the 2010 calendar for the City of Germantown. She needs to put dates on the calendar and the city’s new website. She wanted to confirm dates: April 25 for the Tour of Remodeled Homes and Landscapes. The Neighborhood Summit will be 4th Thursday, October 28. Germantown Cares, Saturday, September 18. The meetings will still be at 5:30.

**Concerns and or comments** – none

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.