

Neighborhood Preservation Commission  
May 14, 2009  
Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, May 14, 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, Beth Jackson, Hope Pittman, Sidney Kuehn, Stanley Weinrich, Andrea Vu, Alderman - Mark Billingsley

**Absent** –

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

A quorum was established and minutes were approved as written.

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

## **Reports**

**Alderman Mark Billingsley report** – March 23 the BMA met and approved a beer permit for the Germantown Festival for September 12 and 13. The ordinance passed in a 4 to 1 vote on the third and final reading regarding how board chairmen of the City's commissions are selected. In the future, the Aldermen will select the chairmen of the commissions. April 13 will be the last board meeting held at 7 p.m. All future BMA meetings will start at 6 p.m. The Executive session will no longer take place. All staff input and discussion will now take place at the meetings. GHS will also alter its viewing time to 6 p.m. Alderman Billingsley is hopeful that someday Germantown will have its own radio station. The BMA will be working with Germantown High School to lobby for the station. The HVAC has been replaced at the Animal Shelter and Public Services and other places in Germantown. New Swat team vests were also approved. Alive at 25 civic support was approved for both high schools. Improvements to the off leash dog area will be discussed at the next BMA meeting. The park will not be closed however there will be a small fee for the park usage and a card will be issued. The park will be closed during inclement weather.

The question was raised to guns in the parks. Alderman Billingsley stated that the BMA opposed guns in Germantown Parks; the current bill would give municipalities the right to either choose to carry a handgun in a park or choose not to. It may be appropriate to have a handgun in some rural parks in Tennessee.

The question was raised about gated community. Alderman Billingsley stated that Garner Woods Cove had gone to the Planning Commission to ask for a gate for their new subdivision. Alderman Billingsley will get the ordinance and send it out to the commission.

**Neighborhood Services report** – Joe Nunes reported that next weekend is the semiannual Amnesty Dumpster Day (ADD). If you are swapping out a TV for the change in analog, make sure that you do not throw it away, recycle it. You may bring one to ADD to be recycled. The Beatification Commission will be having their Spring Spruce Up on April 25. David Jackson asked to have the information emailed to him and wanted to know what all it involved. The neighborhood decides what they want to do. All over Germantown there will be cleaning up and

picking up. On Monday nights BMA meeting, BankTennessee will be recognized for their donation.

**Planning Commission** – Joe Nunes reported that there was an article in the newspaper regarding Saddle Creek IV and the final outline plan approval

**CONA Report** –Billy Brown reported that David Pickler was the speaker at the last meeting and did a great job. He fielded questions and spoke for almost an hour. The program for next meeting has not been set as of yet. There will be a board meeting next week and the agenda will be set at that time.

**Environmental Commission Report** – Sandra reported that she was unable to go to the last meeting. This commission is very active and always looking for great ways for keeping the environment safe. Joe also had to leave early from the meeting for another meeting.

**Tree Board Report** – Sidney reported that there will be a meeting next Tuesday. The board received a \$17,000 grant from the State for a forestry working for the City inventorying the trees in Germantown, the type, condition and a dollar value.

**Remodeled Homes and Landscape Tour** – David went through assignments:

One homeowner wants runners for floors – Billy

Flowers – Sidney secured

Signs for Flowers - Hope

Traffic Cones – Joe - done

Directional signs in house – David

Ribbon – David

Register guests –Billy will make the books

Name Tags – Sandra

Easel –Billy has 5 and 3 at city

Balloons for mailboxes – Sandra to pick up

Signs – Billy has 9 signs

Gifts for Homeowners – \$25 gift card from Germantown Hardware - Stan

Glass dishes from City – Joe

BankTennessee – gift baskets and cookies (David will follow up with sponsor)

Picture boards – Sherrye

Driving directions – Hope, done and great job

Delivery on Saturday during pre home tour –

Yard signs, flowers, directional signs, pictures boards, extra flyers, gifts for homeowners, easels, name tags, guest register, traffic cones, floor runners,

It was suggested that in the future, we limit the number of houses to 6 for the tour.

Sidney would like to have Aintree Farms rebuilt clubhouse on the tour next year. Andrea Vu has offered her new addition to be on the tour next year.

All commissioners should wear their green shirts and their name tags.

**Unfinished Business** –

There was a Day of Caring (DOC) meeting on March 26 and brainstormed about the event.

Those present were Sidney, Alderman Billingsley, Sandra, Hope, Joe, Sherrye, and Rebecca were in attendance. September 19 has been set as the Day of Caring. This date would coordinate with Pops in the Park. This commission's role would be to do the PR for this event to try to get people involved. Give neighborhood associations, churches, boy scouts, girl scouts, and any kind of groups in Germantown can participate with the DOC. NPC would give them the "tool box" to

use for their DOC. Meeting at the park at the beginning of the day and ending the day at the park for Pops in the Park. It was suggested that awards be given out from the City of Germantown. NPC would help with flyers, planning etc.

It was also discussed to help Germantown businesses to put together a Germantown coupon book to help during this economic downturn time that could be handed out during the DOC. The floor was opened up for discussion. Billy will put Rebecca on the May CONA agenda to give a presentation. Alderman Billingsley will put parts of the tool box together for the DOC meeting. There will be a committee meeting on May 14 at 4 p.m. in Development. Sidney will bring a list of businesses. He will also make calls to businesses to see if they are interested in working with the commission.

**New Business** – None

**Concerns and or comments** – Alderman Billingsley announced that after review of the city budget, there will not be a property tax increase for 2010. The city staff has worked very hard to tighten the belt and make it work.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.