

Neighborhood Preservation Commission
March 12, 2009
Minutes – revised April 2009

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Community Development.

Chairman Rebecca DeRousse was present and presiding.

In attendance – Bonnie Blair, Larry Farabee, David Jackson, Sidney Kuehn, Stanley Weinrich, Andrea Vu, Hope Pittman

Absent – Sandra Hayne, Beth Jackson, Alderman - Mark Billingsley, Joe Nunes– Neighborhood Services, Billy Brown - CONA

Also in attendance – Sherrye Rhea-Neighborhood Services

A quorum was established and minutes were approved as written.

Chairmen's Comments – The Day of Caring committee meeting is set up for Thursday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m. in Community Development in the small meeting room. The committee consists of Sandra, Sidney, Hope, David, Beth, and Andrea and Alderman Billingsley.

Reports

Alderman Mark Billingsley report – Sherrye Rhea reported for Alderman Billingsley that he will send a report to each commission member of the items of interest from the agenda for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting.

Neighborhood Services report – Sherrye Rhea reported that Saturday, March 14 is Mulch Day. Free mulch will be given to residents of Germantown at 7700 Southern Ave. at the Public Services Department. If you do not have a truck there will be a load your own zone. You must bring your own bag and shovel.

Amnesty Dumpster Day will be April 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Shred-it will be there again this year, along with the computer recycling company. Only one monitor and TV will be accepted. We will again be excepting steel to be recycled.

The NPC shirts were delivered and will be given out tonight. For anyone that is not at this meeting, the shirt will be given out at the next meeting. The shirts are to be worn at the Home Tour in April. New name tags will be ordered for the new members by the Home Tour.

Planning Commission – Sherrye Rhea reported that on the April 7 Planning Commission agenda will be as follows: Fire Station #4 on Forest Hill Irene will come before the commission for preliminary and final site plan approval. They will be tearing down the old fire station and will build a new one on the same site which will include a much needed classroom in the building.

Also, Saddle Creek IV will be on the agenda for landscape approval and a few other changes.

The Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy is being developed by Planning and going before the Planning Commission. When a neighborhood has issues with the traffic on their street; there will be a policy in place for the Engineering department to deal with the problem. If “X” happens, then the City has these (A, B, C) options to fix the problem. This is not an ordinance, it is a policy. This policy will not include: bumps, humps or traffic rumble strips.

Private Street Conversions Ordinance will go before the Planning Commission. If you have private streets and would like to make them public, you have to meet a certain criteria such as; the street material has to be of a certain grade or they have to have curb and gutter already. If you wanted to put a gate up for instance, then you would have to have private streets. This would be an instance where you turn your public streets private.

CONA Report –Sherrye Rhea reported that the next meeting will be held March 26 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers. The guest speaker will be David Pickler, Chairman of the Shelby County School Board. He will be talking about the impact of the current economy on Shelby County Schools, the status of the appeal of the Federal Judge’s ruling that is pending and the continued impact of the opening of Southwind High School on Germantown High School and Houston High School. He will also give an update on the International Baccalaureate program. The police report will also be given. Since last week’s minutes stated that Lt. McGee did a great job at CONA, a copy of that section of your minutes was sent to Chief Hall.

Environmental Commission Report – Sherrye Rhea reported that the Commission went to a program with MLGW on how to conserve energy. This is a program that the neighborhoods would enjoy. The program is done in conjunction with TVA. They give each attendant a bag full of items that will help to make your home energy efficient. The new light bulbs are in the bag, caulking, and window cover. This presentation is approximately one hour long. It would be a great topic for neighborhood meetings. I have the name of the representative if anyone is interested in having this program at their neighborhood or work meeting. MLGW also offers a free energy safe home inspection.

Tree Board Report – Sidney was not in attendance therefore no report was given.

Remodeled Homes and Landscape Tour – Sherrye reported that the list is almost finalized. There are 7 homes, the inside of five homes and two landscaping. BankTennessee has given the tour \$500 as the sponsor. This sponsor will be willing to bring cookies to the homes if needed or anything else. They have offered to make a basket for each homeowner as a thank you gift for opening their home for the tour. In each basket there will be note cards, pens, and other assorted items. It was suggested that we get a \$25 gift certificate for each home. Everyone needs to help Sandra with volunteers. David has told the homeowners that they needed to get some volunteers for their homes as well. Rebecca will send the list of volunteers for the last two years to Sandra. Hope will put the directions together. It was suggested that we wait on the charity until next year. David reported that the homeowners have been told that there will be a tour on Saturday afternoon before the tour. To remind everyone of their duties:
Courtesy Coordinator (write thank you notes, etc.) – Sherrye
Flyer – (it is next door for approval) Sherrye
Publicity – David
Photography – Sherrye
Name Tags – Billy
Balloons for mailboxes – Sandra to pick up
Picture boards – Sherrye
Disposal runners for floors – Billy

Flowers – Sidney to secure

Traffic Cones – Joe

Directional signs in house – David

Ribbon – Billy

Register guests – David has information, Billy will make the books

Easel – 7 to 9 needed, Billy had several, and the city has a couple.

Signs – Billy has 9 signs, Billy will replace the logo. David has found a new sign company.

Sherrye has BankTennessee logo.

Gifts for Homeowners – \$25 gift card from Kroger or

Unfinished Business –

On street parking ordinance – is now a closed item

Private Streets – item covered in Planning Commission report.

New Business – None

Concerns and or comments – none

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.