

Neighborhood Preservation Commission  
January 8, 2009  
Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 7 p.m. in Community Development.

Chairman Rebecca DeRousse was present and presiding.

**In attendance** –Larry Farabee, Sandra Hayne, David Jackson, Beth Jackson, Sidney Kuehn, Hope Pittman, Andrea Vu, Stanley Weinrich

**Absent** –Bonnie Blair

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

A quorum was established and minutes were approved as written.

**Chairmen's Comments** – Alderman Billingsley was welcomed, he left the BMA retreat to join the NPC meeting.

Introduction of membership:

**Sandra Hayne** has been in Germantown 18 years, has been on NPC for 3 years, and is active with the Germantown Chamber, works in wealth management with Trust Mark Bank.

**Larry Farabee** has lived in Germantown since 1999, has a wife and two boys 2 and 4 year old, works for Federal Express, lives in Kimbrough Woods neighborhood. Grew up in Olive Branch, lived there until college.

**Beth Jackson** moved to Germantown in 1997, has 3 children 17, 13 and 12 years of age. This is her first commission. She went through the CERT training where she met Sherrye and she asked her to get involved. She home schools her children and helps to teach home school classes.

**Joe Nunes** is the Neighborhood Services Manager with the City which includes community services, code compliance and neighborhood coordinator.

**Rebecca DeRousse**, this is her fourth year on the commission, she works at Baptist Rehab Germantown, has lived in Germantown for 6 years, is a native Memphian and glad to be on the commission.

**Hope Pittman**, this is her second year to be on the commission, has lived in Germantown for 14 years, has 3 children.

**Andrea Vu**, this is her second year to be on the commission, has lived in Germantown for 12 years.

**Billy Brown**, moved to Germantown in 1978, was chairman of the first Neighborhood Preservation Commission and has been affiliated with the commission ever since. He is presently chairman of CONA and will serve this year as the liaison from CONA.

**Sidney Kuehn**, this is his fourth year on the commission, has lived in Germantown the last time for 9 years. This is his third time to live in Germantown. He is retired from Exxon after 45 years. He is currently in the real estate, cattle, and oil business. He is past president of Aintree Farms Homeowners Association. Lives next door to his three grandchildren, he has a daughter and son that both live in Germantown. He is a certified barbeque judge. He soon will become a certified arborist.

**David Jackson**, former chairman of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission, been in Germantown for 29 years, President of Germantown East Neighborhood Association, he is the Chairman of the Remodeled and Landscape tour.

**Stan Weinrich** has been on the commission for 4 years, has been a resident of Germantown 22.5 years. He moved here with International Paper from which he just retired. Is working part time with IP as a consultant and is an adjunct faculty member of Christian Brothers University. His wife is an art teacher at Houston High School, he has two children who both went to school in Germantown and his daughter is getting married in March.

**Alderman Mark Billingsley** is the alderman liaison to the Neighborhood Preservation Commission. He was newly elected in November and this is his first time to serve in public service. He is in the Allenby Meadows neighborhood. He is married to Diana and has two children, 6 years old Conner who is in kindergarten, Hannah is four and in pre-kindergarten. He is the Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving for Methodist LeBonheur Health Care foundation. He has worked for non-profits for the past 15 years in some form of fund raising. He takes his duty as Alderman very seriously. He wants to do his very best for the commission. He would like to see more residents go through the CERT training.

There was a motion to change the start time of the meetings to 5:30 p.m. after discussion, it was passed.

There was discussion to change the monthly meeting to bi-monthly. After discussion it was determined to keep the meetings once a month for now. It was suggested to possibly change the agenda every other month and not have all reports every month.

**Annual Plan-** currently the Home Tour is set for April 26 and David Jackson will be the Chairman for this event. The Neighborhood Leaders Conference which will be held on October 29. The chairman is open for this event. The Senior Expo and Business Expo were discussed. It was decided that the commission would not participate in the 2009 Senior Expo. Alderman Billingsley discussed the aging of the residents of Germantown residents. He suggested a “Day of Caring” for the residents. Rebecca will have a meeting with the Mayor on Tuesday, January 13 to get feedback from her. David suggested working with the genealogical library.

## **Reports**

**Alderman Mark Billingsley report** – Alderman Billingsley encourages everyone to come to the January 12 Board of Mayor and Alderman. He would like to see more citizens actively engaged in the Board. He would like to see more questions from the community on issues that the board is voting on. On Monday the BMA will be looking at a beer permit application from Chapultepec on Exeter, reviewing the amendments on Saddle Creek IV also a public hearing on the amendment to parking on city streets. There will discussion on the permitting of front porches and the encroachments. Another ordinance will be up for discussion on automated enforcement. On Monday night, the BMA will consider the \$200,000 given to the charitable community for such things as Germantown Community Television Foundation and the purchase of Fire apparatus will be considered. One item on the consent agenda is the dispatch system and the need of renovation and repair.

**Neighborhood Services report** – Joe Nunes reported that at the next BMA meeting, there will be a public hearing on the parking ordinance. This will be the second official reading, each ordinance has to go through three readings. The third and final reading will be January 26 if it passes on the second reading. A letter has been sent to a couple of known violators of this ordinance to let them know that the ordinance was in the works and to let them know there is a public hearing.

The second phase of the decorative street sign program is about to begin. Because of a higher price than the first phase, the city will not be able to do as many street signs as they had hoped.

However there are 160 street signs and 150 stop signs that will be put in under this phase. All information needed from the contractor will be brought into the city January 9. Once all of the information is received the city will issue a notice to proceed and he can install within the next couple of weeks. These signs are from the FY2008 budget. The price is \$777 for each sign. A comment was made that either the paint is peeling on the base of a lot of the current signs or concrete has been splattered on the bottom. Joe stated that there was concrete on the bottom and he feels when it was taken off, the paint was damaged.

**CONA Report** – Billy Brown reported that there will be a meeting Thursday, January 22 at 7 p.m. He encouraged everyone to come. The speaker will be Patrick Lawton, the City Administrator. He will report on the current retreat of the Board of Mayor and Alderman and the 2009 policy, agenda and focus areas. David Jackson will present a slide presentation on the 2008 Tour of Remodeled Homes and Landscapes. The police department will also give a report. Billy stated that Lt. Ed McGee is during the police report and he does a great job. He is very informative and interesting. Reports are also given from the Mayor, Planning, and Neighborhood Services. There is a section at the end where neighborhoods can bring up anything that they would like to talk about.

**Remodeled Homes and Landscape Tour** – The first press release has gone to the city and to the papers for release. There are four homes currently in the tour. Another press release will be going out in February. A suggestion was made that the slide presentation should be shown at the next NPC meeting.

**Unfinished Business** –

Private Streets– There has been discussion about this topic in the past. Billy stated that he is having trouble finding information on this topic. Joe stated that he will have a copy of the guidelines that the city is working on for next month.

Gated Communities – The question was raised if Nottoway, that will be receiving gates, will be receiving police service. The answer is yes, the same way Aintree receives police service. If there is a burglary in the community the police will respond however they will not come in and write speeding tickets.

**New Business** –

Appointments

Vice Chair – Stan Weinrich will remain the vice chair for the third year.

Tree Board – Sidney Kuehn will remain on the Tree Board for the third year.

Environmental Commission Liaison- Which meets the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room. Sandra Hayne will be the representative.

**Concerns and or comments** – Sidney thanked Joe and his staff for all of the hard work they do. The code enforcement guys are well trained and the residents are very receptive to them. They know how to handle problems.

The question was asked as to the state of the animal ordinance. Joe stated that he has forwarded it to administration.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.