

Council of Neighborhood Associations
July 25, 2013
Public Services Department Office

Neighborhood Associations Represented: Dogwood Grove, Forest Hill Estates, Germantown East, Grove Park, Poplar Estates, Rowan Oak, Village of Wicklow, Village at Germantown & Winchester Forest Hill Estates. There were 2 aldermen present for a total of 12 people in attendance.

Call to Order: Vice-President over Program, Michelle Taylor, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Welcome and Introductions: First time attendees from Moore Road, Wicklow and Germantown Station were acknowledged. Aldermen Greg Marcom and Rocky Janda were recognized.

Approval of Minutes: No corrections being needed, the minutes from May 23, 2013 were approved as written.

Guest Speaker and Tour of Water Plant: Bo Mills and Gregg Jones

Bo Mills, director of the Public Services Division, gave an overview of the public works division and its duties. There are a total of 73 employees at the plant. An ISO score is given to a plant each year with a possible score of 40. Germantown's plant was scored at 39. Mr. Mills is a region director for the American Public Works and oversees 9 states. Mr. Mills spoke of the new construction of the replacement vehicle maintenance shop. They have 500 rolling stock and it will be a 2 phase project. They service and house everything from public works vehicles, ambulances, weed eaters and blowers. The project should be finalized in December 2013.

Gregg Jones guided all in attendance through the water plant and pipe room. The computer monitoring system was explained. The purifying process was also explained. Mr. Jones answered questions at the beginning and all throughout the tour. After the tour everyone in attendance enjoyed drinks, cookies and fruit provided by CONA.

In the Mayor's absence, Alderman Greg Marcom gave a brief report on the status of the municipal school district. July 16, 2013 election was another yes vote towards the establishing of a municipal school district. Three meetings in August the board of aldermen and Mayor will read and approve the election of a school board in November 2013. The board will then be charged with hiring a Superintendent. Plans to open the Germantown Municipal School District in August 2014 are still being finalized. Alderman Marcom also touched on the "flasher" that was caught in Poplar Estates and how well the new ambulance service is doing.

OLD BUSINESS:

CONA Special Events - There was no report.

Special Events: Sherrye Rhea gave her Special Events committee report. Germantown's publication FYI will be coming out September 14, 2013. It will be online at the City's website but hard copies will be available at the library, administration building and neighborhood services office. There will be a Facebook 101 class on August 28, 2013. The final CERT class of 2013 will be September 27, 28 and October 5, 2013. Amnesty Dumpster Day will be September 21, 2013 at Johnson Road Park and public

services on Southern Ave. The annual Neighborhood Night Out is scheduled for October 1, 2013. There is a combined program with fire and police departments available to attend a function. Contact Sherrye if you want them to visit your neighborhood.

Joe Nunes gave the Planning Report and the Neighborhood Services Division report.

Planning Report: The Planning Commission have given the approval for the development of Maplewood Subdivision which is behind Taylor's Chapel on Forest-Hill Irene and also to Somerset community which will be right in front of The Villages. The property at the corner of Dogwood and Cordes will come back with its application for a 5 house subdivision after some grading takes place to make the property at street level.

Neighborhood Services Report: In Neighborhood Services – over 1,000 calls were login in last year at this time for garbage and yard debris removal. This year due to striking workers the office has logged in over 4,000 calls. Yard debris pick up is still behind and they hope to be caught up very soon. Code cases are also up 57%, with 464 code cases closed and 1,127 inspections being completed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was reported.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Michelle Taylor at 9:00 pm