

Neighborhood Preservation Commission

August 8, 2013

Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, August 8 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Chairman, David Jackson was present and presiding.

In attendance – Allyson Avera, Pat Mahoney, Margaret Owens, Renee DeGutis, Seth McNamee,

Absent –Pattie Kempka, Jill Sparks, Cathy Philips

Also in attendance – Joe Nunes – Manager, Neighborhood Services, Sherrye Rhea - Neighborhood Services, and Alderman Greg Marcom

A quorum was established.

Minutes – Minutes were approved as written.

Chairmen's Comments – No comments

Reports

Alderman Greg Marcom Report – Alderman Marcom stated Wolf River Boulevard will be open August 20. The ribbon cutting will be held at 10 a.m. and the road will be open in the afternoon.

The widening of Germantown Road South is progressing. The road will be widened from two lanes to four lanes with a landscaped median down the middle. This project is due to be completed in July 2014.

The signal at Poplar and Oakleigh is having more problems with the foundation and should be up and running by October.

Monday night at the BMA meeting we had the first reading to establish the school boards or elections for the school board. The next two Monday's, August 12 and 19, the next two readings will be held and on the August 19 there will be a public forum/hearing for residents to voice their opinions.

There was a police officer involved in an accident at Poplar Avenue and Miller Farms last Friday. A car was crossing Poplar and did not see the officer. In the process of the officer avoiding the car, the officer rolled the police vehicle. Everyone was OK.

Neighborhood Services Report –Joe Nunes passed out a recycling flyer. The accepted materials have been expanded. This does cause a small problem because when we went with a 35 gallon container we were not accepting ridged plastic. Joe will check to see if the city's recycle vendor will accept old political signs. The city is looking at the long term solid waste collection services and the solid waste ordinance which hasn't been reviewed for 10 years. In the next month, we will discuss what changes we would like to see. The current contract lasts for three more years. In two years we will start to prepare the process to go out for proposals. Alderman Marcom would like to look at larger containers for recycling. Some of the commission likes the current option. The city will look at an option for both. There are at least 300 homes in the city that have two recycle carts and some have three and four.

The city is in the process of the FY14 Strategic Plan. Let Joe know if there are any issues that need to be added to the plan.

Planning Commission - Alderman Marcom reported there is a new Fire Stone store proposed for the property across the street from Germantown Baptist Church on Poplar. Methodist Hospital is coming through the approval process to expand the Emergency Room a two story addition.

CONA Report – David Jackson reported that CONA met on July 25 at the water plant. Bo Mills gave a tour of the plant. There will be a board meeting next Tuesday night and the agenda will be set. The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 26 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Tree Board – No report given.

Accessory Structure - The accessory structure has to go to the city attorney. Joe stated that it will go to the BMA this calendar year.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – After some discussion, the date for the Leaders Conference will be Tuesday, November 5 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Recommendations for topics were Economic Development. It was recommended that the Farm Park be the main speaker. Sherrye suggested that everyone start looking for door prizes.

Concerns and or comments – None

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.