

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

September 26, 2013

Germantown Municipal Center

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED: Bromley-Foster Ridge, Dogwood Creek North, Devonshire, Dogwood Creek South, Germantown Heights, Grove Park, Kimbrough Green, Poplar Estates, Rowan Oak, Sweet Oaks, The Oaks, Village at Germantown, Winchester-Forest Hill, Wicklow Village. According to the sign in sheets there were 22 represented from the neighborhood associations.

CALL TO ORDER: President Billy Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: First time delegates Alan Vosburg and Barbara Conway were introduced. School Board Candidates Linda Fisher, Edgar Babian and Ken Hoover were present. Aldermen Marcom, Palazzolo, and Janda were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of CONA on July 24th were approved as read.

GUEST SPEAKER: The first Guest Speaker was Ian Ingstrom, senior bridge engineer for Smith, Seckman, and Reid, Engineering and Design Firm of Nashville who will be in charge of Phase 2 of the I 40 and I 240 Interchange construction, the Flyover. Dement Construction of Jackson, Tennessee won the bid for building the roadway. This project will start this fall and is projected to be finished in 2017. There will be incentives for finishing early and penalties for being late. This will be the largest project of its kind ever constructed in Tennessee. It's projected that 200,000 vehicles will use it daily.

The second Guest Speaker was Chief Selberg of the Germantown Fire Department to talk about the fact that Germantown now has its own ambulance service. The Fire Department has been the primary pre-hospital EMS provider for Germantown for many years, often reaching victims before the county ambulance service has. Now Germantown has full control and the call volume is increasing annually. We currently have 2 ambulances on hand at all times with access to 2 more when needed. All are rented at present but the 2 we have purchased will be here by Dec'. They are equipped with defibrillators and real time electronic data for patient care reporting directly to the ER. The cost has been \$1,433,000 of which \$1,000,000 comes from the fire budget. Projected income for this year is \$726,000. The average cost per patient is \$819 per call. These ambulances have reduced the need for fire truck responses by 50% which generates significant savings. All personnel will be cross trained.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrative Report: Patrick Lawton gave the report, standing in for the Mayor. Germantown plans 20 years in advance to insure that finances are well managed. This plan is called Vision 20/20. The Board held a retreat in August in which planning progress for the municipal schools was discussed. The School board election is Nov. 7, with the swearing in of the new Board on Dec. 1, 2013. Then they begin the hunt and hiring of a superintendent and teachers. Saddlecreek Shopping Center will be reconfigured on the West side. Neighborhoods will be invited to see the projected plans for the new areas. Huey's Restaurant will be coming to the old Super D building at the end of Farmington at Germantown Pkwy. Wolf River Blvd is now opened and We are proud that the plan was reviewed and approved by Audubon International

Police Department Report: Lt. Rob Jones reported on the new police technology that now allows the police station and each police vehicle know where every other vehicle is at any given time. Residents are urged to lock their vehicles and keep packages out of sight to prevent auto break-ins.

Special Events Coordinator: Sherrye Rhea reminded us that Neighborhood Night Out was October 1. Special Farm Park events are scheduled for the near future. One such event is the concert on Oct. 5th. Columbus Day is not a Holiday for trash pick-up. The Senior Expo is scheduled soon and will be held again in the Germantown Center.

Neighborhood Services Report and Planning Committee Report: Joe Nunes reported that Chick-Fila will be opening Oct. 3rd. The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday Oct 1. The Summerset-Neshoba development will be discussed, also the Dogwood-Cordese, and the Gateway at Poplar and Kirby.

THERE BEING NO NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS, MEMBERS WERE INVITED TO LOOK AT THE NEW AMBULANCE OUTSIDE IN THE DRIVE AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:35PM BY BILLY BROWN

Respectfully submitted,
Linda H. Waltz
Secretary