Neighborhood Preservation Commission February 13. 2014 Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Chairman, David Jackson was present and presiding.

In attendance – Archana Agrawal, Lynn Crawford, Renee DeGutis, Margaret Owens, Cathy Philips, Pat Mahoney

Absent - Joe Keohane, Joe Nunes - Manager, Neighborhood Services

Also in attendance – Sherrye Harris – Neighborhood Coordinator, Alderman Greg Marcom

A quorum was established.

Minutes –Minutes were approved as read.

Chairmen's Comments – Fire extinguishers were discussed and everyone needs to have one in their home.

Reports

Alderman Greg Marcom Report – Alderman Marcom stated that the Mayor and Board had an all day retreat last Friday at fire station #4 to set the path for the city for the next year. The budget was discussed and prioritized projects. Projects include the modification of the Wolf River in Germantown intersection to allow traffic to flow more smoothly and a major flood project near Houston High School. Schools are at the forefront of the conversation. A lot of good things are happening in Germantown. Huey's is planning to open later this month. Whole Foods passed and should be moving forward. Baptist Rehab has topped out their steel construction this week and moving along. Talbots is moving into the old American Café. The Design and Review Commission will be reviewing the sign ordinance tonight to allow a larger sign.

Neighborhood Services Report – Sherrye Harris reported that Mulch Day will be held the second Saturday in March. She was asked to send the commission a CONA list however it is in the process of being updated. The NPC shirts are in the process of being ordered.

Planning Commission – Sherrye Harris reported that Somerset at Exeter and Neshoba is under construction. Pete Mitchell Road will be closed and Whole Foods will start construction in September. McDonalds will start the process of a remodeled soon. They may start construction in May. Kroger on Farmington will start their expansion soon. The Village of Germantown will be expanding. A new building with about 30 beds will be constructed along with memory care. West Gateway had their first reading and public hearing February 24. The East Gateway will start construction on a new Firestone.

CONA Report – David Jackson reported that CONA will meet March 27.

Tree Board – No report given.

Home Tour – The co-chairmen had a meeting with Sherrye. They are still looking for homes and it is getting to crunch time. They will have a sub-committee meeting next week on Wednesday, February 19 at 5 p.m. there are two locations confirmed. Cathy and Sherrye will go and look at all of the houses. Pat is working on the sponsorships. Allyson will sponsor the party and Renee will ask Hollidays to donate the flowers.

Unfinished Business - Sherrye reported that Joe stated that the plan was to have the accessory structure ordinance on the April Planning Commission meeting which means it will go before the Planning Commission subcommittee in March after being reviewed by TAC on March 13.

New Business – Sherrye went over the evaluation sheet from the 2013 Summit. She would like to start planning the Summit earlier. The evaluation stated that they really liked to share information with other neighborhood associations. That is where the focus needs to be next year. A subcommittee meeting will be held March 11 at 5 p.m.

Concerns and or comments - none

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.