

Neighborhood Preservation Commission

January 9, 2014

Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Chairman, David Jackson was present and presiding.

In attendance – Allyson Avera, Archana Agrawal, Lynn Crawford, Joe Keohane, Margaret Owens, Cathy Philips, Pat Mahoney

Absent - Renee DeGutis,

Also in attendance – Joe Nunes – Manager, Neighborhood Services and Sherrye Harris – Neighborhood Coordinator, Alderman Greg Marcom

A quorum was established.

Minutes –Minutes were approved as read.

Chairmen's Comments – David discussed the subcommittees. A chairman is needed for the Neighborhood Summit. Cathy and Pat will co-chair the Home Tour.

Renee DeGutis was elected Co- Chair.

Joe Keohane was elected to be Tree Board liaison.

David thanked the members that returned and welcomed the new members. All members introduced themselves. David introduced the two guests, Nolan and Randy Smith. Nolan is a boy scout in 332 troop in Cordova and attending for the communications merit badge.

David encouraged the group to attend a CERT class and a citizen police academy.

Reports

Alderman Greg Marcom Report – Alderman Marcom stated that there is a lot of excitement in Germantown. Some of the items are the schools, Baptist Rehab, Whole Foods, Saddle Creek South, and there is more coming. He noted how much he appreciated the service of this commission to help make Germantown an even better place to live.

He just came from the Economic Development Commission and they are looking into more marketing of Germantown.

Jason Manual will be the new School Superintendent. He was second in command under John Aitkin at Houston High School. There were three very qualified candidates apply for the job.

Neighborhood Services Report –Joe Nunes also appreciates everyone that is willing to give their time to be a part of the commission. The two major projects that this commission, are beneficial to the community and it will be great to have some new insights.

Planning Commission – Joe Nunes reported the Planning Commission had a meeting and the Whole Foods project was approved. There will be a special meeting to be held January 22 to discuss the closure of part of Pete Mitchell Road. The contract will then go to the BMA. The plan for Saddle Creek is for Talbots to move from its current location to the former American Café location. Once that has taken place, the current Talbots location will be torn down and that area will be connected to the Brooks Brothers location. The Dental office on the corner of Poplar and West Street will be torn down.

Huey's will open in late February. Kroger on Farmington will be extending. The store will be a flagship store for Kroger.

CONA Report – David Jackson reported that CONA meets every other month starting in January on the fourth Thursday. The next meeting will be held January 23 at GPAC at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

Tree Board – No report given.

Home Tour – Pat Mahoney gave brief explanation of the tour. The tour will take place on Sunday, April 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. At the present time we have about 2 or 3 homes for the tour. Sherrye gave out posters asking for houses.

Unfinished Business – Joe promises there will be information at next month's meeting on Accessory Building Structures. David explained the issue to the new members. At the present time the attorneys are reviewing the proposed ordinance. Joe explained that the current ordinance only looks at location, size, and setbacks and did not look at materials. They are currently trying to resolve how to enforce a new ordinance.

New Business – Joe Keohane announced the upcoming Economic Summit. He encouraged the commission to go. It will be held January 22, at The Great Hall.

The Neighborhood Summit will be held Tuesday, October 28. Sherrye encourage the subcommittee to start working on the Summit now. It was suggested that a subcommittee meeting should be held after the next meeting. David asked Sherrye to put together the after action notes and send it out to the subcommittee before the next meeting. David would like to see more neighborhoods get involved next year. Also, David would like to stress how important it is to encourage nominations for the neighborhood of the year and neighborhood leader of the year.

Concerns and or comments – David told the new members to mark the second Thursday in November for the Commission dinner that will be held for all commission members. There will be a NPC Christmas party in December.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.