

Neighborhood Preservation Commission

April 10, 2014

Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, April 10, 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** –Sherrye Harris – Neighborhood Coordinator, Joe Nunes – Manager, Neighborhood Services, and Alderman Greg Marcom, John Appling, paramedic with the Germantown Fire Department and a member of the 2014 Play Like a Champion program.

A quorum was established.

**Minutes** –Minutes for February and March were approved as written.

**Chairmen's Comments** – Thanks to everyone that has worked on the home tour. Welcome to our visitor John Appling. John explained the PLAC program.

## Reports

**Alderman Greg Marcom Report** – Alderman Marcom stated in the, Memphis Business Journal, Germantown had the highest weekly top home sells by price.

The Aldermen have asked Administration to step back and take a look at the signage in Germantown to the regard to street signs, bus stop signs, and all public signage. It needs to be cleaned up.

Administration and the BMA have asked Joe, the code compliance department and the legal staff to focus on the top code enforcement violators. Joe added that there are about 4 homeowners that seem to have frequent violations. They all will work together to clean up this issue.

There are a lot of exciting things going on in the City of Germantown. Kroger is moving forward with their renovation. Whole Foods will be coming soon, Saddle Creek south is in the first stage of renovation. Thornwood is moving forward. They have had their internal road plan approved. There will be apartments, retail and a Hampton Inn on the property. This is smart growth planning, a big dense area. The apartments are four stories and the Hampton Inn is five stories.

**Neighborhood Services Report** – Home sells are tracked and in the last three quarters, in the 38139 area, the average sell price is the highest it has been in the last three years. In the 38138 area, the last quarter is the highest it has been in the last four years.

Amnesty Dumpster Day is this Saturday.

**Planning Commission** – Joe Nunes reported that the only item on the agenda for the next meeting is Thornwood and are seeking approval for the preliminary plan.

**CONA Report** – David Jackson reported that CONA will meet May 22 and will be held in council chambers. Explanation of the CIP and budget will be on the agenda.

**Tree Board** – No report given.

**Home Tour** – Allison Avera stated that she needs help securing some volunteers. Cathy stated that the home tour is on schedule. There will be five homes on the tours. The pre tour will be the day before on April 26. At the end there will be a wine and cheese reception at the home of Lisa Harris. Everyone will meet at the home of David Jackson after the tour to bring all of the items to Sherrye to take back to the office and to do an after action report. The food left over from the wine and cheese party will be enjoyed.

**Unfinished Business** – Joe stated that there was nothing new to report.

**New Business** – Joe Keohane stated that a couple of commission members go together to discuss helping the neighborhood association to become more active. He sent a document to the members that were at the meeting and has not gotten any responses back. He has discussed this with Sherri Hicks, Chairman of CONA, she is very excited about the opportunity.

**Neighborhood Summit** – David reminded the committee that Jason Manuel will be the keynote speaker. Sherrye is working on a program with Google for reservations for the summit. The commission was encouraged to go and look around the Google programs. Sherrye suggested that we look at the possibility of offering information on Google at the summit.

**Concerns and or comments** – none

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.