

Neighborhood Preservation Commission  
March 12, 2015  
Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Chairman, David Jackson was present and presiding.

**In attendance** –Allyson Avera, Lynne Crawford, Joe Keohane, Patrick Mahoney, Margaret Owens, Dorrie Simms and Paige Michael

**Absent** - Cathy Phillips, Renee DeGutis

**Also in attendance** –Sherrye Harris – Neighborhood Coordinator, Joe Nunes – Neighborhood Manager and Alderman Mary Anne Gibson

A quorum was established.

**Minutes** –Approved as written

**Chairmen’s Comments** – None.

**Reports**

**Alderman Mary Anne Gibson Report** – Alderman Gibson reported that the city has awarded a 1.4 million dollars contract for the Greenway Trails. It will be a gathering place. Alderman Owens along with HR Director Stephen Wilensky went to Nashville to be recognized as one of the pilot programs for a Healthier Tennessee. Arbor Day was iced out and will be held tomorrow rain or shine. Andy Pouncey was appointed by the museum committee as the first City Historian.

**Neighborhood Services Report** – Joe Nunes reported that they are in full budget mode. He presented the sanitation budget and for FY16 there will be no fee increase. The current contract will be up in FY16 with an option to extend the contract. A decision will need to be made soon. If there is a change in contractor, we will look at a change in the size of the recycle cart. We are looking at a change in the yard waste collection. There has been a steady decline in the satisfaction rate of collection. In 2011, 86% of residents rated very satisfied or satisfied with yard waste collection. In the current survey, 73% of the residents were satisfied. 86% of the households in Germantown recycle with carts.

The Planning Department is working on a Neighborhood Planning Initiative for the southern part of Germantown which includes Germantown Station and Germantown Park. They will be looking at the infrastructure.

Saturday is Mulch Day starting at 7:30 at Public Services on Southern. Amnesty Day is April 18 and will once again will have recycling of paper and electronics.

Sherrye announced that the Police Department will have a Safety Business Forum on April 1. Everyone is invited.

**Planning Commission** – Joe Nunes reported that the Planning Commission this month approved the preliminary plan for an office building on Crestwyn Hills Drive. They also re-approved the two lot subdivision on Cordova Road. It had been previously approved however they had to come back and get other approvals.

**Tree Board** – Joe K reported that the Tree board did not meet.

**Home Tour** – Pat reported that there have been several sponsorships mailed in and he received a few more today. He is assured we will make our budget. Sherrye updated the confirmed homes list. She also explained how the young residents are renovating their homes and using their blogs for ideas from others. Dorrie has done a great job acquiring volunteers. As soon as all information is confirmed, directions are confirmed and sponsorship are finalized, the flyer will be finished. A sub-committee will be held April 16 at 5:30 p.m.

**Unfinished Business –**

**Accessory Structure:** Joe N reported that the draft of the ordinance was presented to the DRC sub-committee. The biggest concern was the enforcement. One of the DRC members added about 8 lines related to construction. Joe explained the need for guidelines for issuing permits for the accessory structures. The roofs of play forts were discussed. It was suggested for accessory structures over 800 square feet to go to DRC instead of Planning Commission. However that would require a change in the DRC ordinance because at this time they only deal with commercial. Joe suggested that a sub-committee be put together to look at the language of the ordinance. Joe will send the ordinance out to all of the commission to look at it.

**New Business –**

**CONA Task Force:** A sub-committee will meet March 19 at 5:30 p.m. Sherrye will send out a meeting announcement.

**#GermantownForward** - Allyson reported that Rebecca Ryan spoke to the task force and last night all of the department heads met with the group to give a brief overview of their department and a lighting round of questions were asked. In 2 weeks they will meet again to discuss communities within the communities. The chairman requested that Allyson be put on the agenda so she can give a report each month. Sherrye suggested that each NPC member fill out the SWOT analyst and send it to your friends that live in Germantown. Alderman Gibson suggested that you send it to the people you know that always have something to say about Germantown.

**Concerns and or comments** – Sherrye announced to everyone to stay clear of the intersection of Wolf River and Farmington on Sunday because of the Mayor's Half Marathon. That area will be closed for brief periods of time.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.