

Neighborhood Preservation Commission
February 12, 2015
Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, February 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, Cathy Phillips, Dorrie Simms

Absent - Renee DeGutis and Paige Michael

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 – Joe Keohane was congratulated for winning the Germantown Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year award. Allyson Avera was congratulated for being chosen to be on the Strategic Planning Commission for the City of Germantown.

Reports

Alderman Mary Anne Gibson Report – Alderman Gibson reported that the city is in the process of putting together the strategic planning commission. They will be meeting throughout the next 12 months.

Chief Hall is busy engaging the neighborhoods. Our police department has responded quickly and are going out into the neighborhoods to remind residents what safety is all about.

The city is in the beginning stages of the budget process.

Neighborhood Services Report – Sherrye Harris reported that Mulch Day will be March 14, 8 a.m. at Public Services Complex, 7700 Southern Ave.

Planning Commission – Joe Nunes reported that the Planning Commission only has one item, a medical office, on the upcoming agenda.

CONA Report – CONA will no longer meet. Sherrye explained what CONA was and what it did for the neighborhoods. Joe K offered his services on the task force that will be working on the replacement for CONA.

Tree Board – Joe K reported that the Tree board will be giving away trees for Arbor Day on March 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Huey’s parking lot. The fruit tree sale will be the same day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Farm Park. Parks and Rec along with the Tree Board will be putting out a document on how to hire a reputable tree and landscape service. Joe N asked if Code Compliance could have some input in the brochure to explain the ordinance as to who is supposed to haul away the debris. Woodland Tress Services is spear heading the document.

The Tree Board is an advisory board for public land only. If commercial or private property is of concern, it should be addressed through the Planning Commission.

The Tree Board annual report was given out to the commission.

Home Tour – Sherrye reported that there are four houses and one landscape currently on the tour. She has sent out a plea for volunteers. Alderman Gibson is going to reach out to one of the homeowners, the Tubbs, which are on the fence about committing.

Sponsorships are still being sought. Alderman Gibson will contact Jonathan Frase with Frase protection for a sponsorship. The pre-tour signs are in and ready to go up in the yards. Allyson will speak to the key club for students.

Unfinished Business –

Accessory Structure: Joe N reported on the accessory structure information. The main hold up was enforcement. The language in the ordinance was addressed for materials for accessory structures. Some language revisions are being considered. A draft of the ordinance will be taken to the executive session of the Design and Review Commission and seek their input.

Over 100 sq ft, the materials will have to be similar to the home. The attorneys are being contacted to see if there is better language that can be written. It impacts 50% of the permits written.

The next step – there will be a meeting on February 24 and the information will be presented to the executive session of the DRC to get some direction.

New Business –

CONA Task Force: Sherrye reported that CONA has disbanded. This commission needs to put together a task force of residents, members from this commission and other city departments to decide the direction of some type of council for neighborhoods. A meeting was set Wednesday, February 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Concerns and or comments – none

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.