

## Neighborhood Preservation Commission

January 8, 2015

### Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, January 8, 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, Renee DeGutis, Joe Keohane, Patrick Mahoney, Paige Michael, Margaret Owens, Cathy Phillips, Dorrie Simms

**Absent** - None

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

A quorum was established.

**Minutes** –Minutes were deferred to February

**Chairmen's Comments** – Welcomed the two new members of the commission, Dorrie Simms and Paige Michael.

The neighborhood leader and neighborhood association of the year perpetual plaques were presented.

All commissioners were introduced.

David, Joe K and Renee will co-chair the Neighborhood Summit

Tree Board liaison will be Joe K.

David explained how important the CERT program is to our community. Everyone needs to be trained for emergencies that will happen in our community.

The citizen's police academy was also explained. There is a class coming in February.

The F.A.S.T. program was also explained.

David recommended that everyone get a CO2 fire extinguisher in their kitchen.

**Mayor's Comments** – The Mayor welcomed all of the new members and thanked the former members for reapplying. This group has accomplished a lot through the years. He also welcomed the new Alderman.

The Mayor congratulated Chairman David Jackson as a finalist for the vacated alderman position.

The Mayor discussed the Ethics policy agreement. He asked everyone to sign and return the form to Sherrye Harris or Dotty Johnson.

Vision planning for 2030/2040 has begun. The steering committee will begin meeting as soon as the committee has been selected.

Cathy Phillips nominated Allyson Avera as vice chairman; it was seconded by Lynne Crawford. Allyson Avera was elected unanimously.

Sub-committees were discussed. The home tour will be chaired by Pat Mahoney and Cathy Phillips.

### Reports

**Alderman Mary Anne Gibson Report** – Alderman Gibson thanked everyone for their dedication to the City of Germantown. The BMA has not met yet. She will have a report at the next meeting.

**Neighborhood Services Report** – Joe Nunes reported that the BMA approved the request for Republic Services to sell their solid waste contract to Inman Waste Solutions. Inman Waste Solutions started November 1, 2014. November and December were challenging months.

Sherrye Harris confirmed everyone's information. New name tags will be ordered for the new members. She will also order new shirts for the group.

**Planning Commission** – Joe Nunes reported that the Planning Commission met on Tuesday night. Saddle Creek addition will open in the spring. There is an approved project for the northeast corner of Popular Ave. and West Street. Whole Foods will be ready for occupancy after the summer. McDonalds will be ready to open after they have the driveway poured. Kroger has run into some foundation problems. They are now putting 200-300 posts in the ground.

**CONA Report** – CONA will not meet any longer. 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 met with Strawberry Plains and they are going to have a seminar on the importance of native plants on February 7 at the Pickering Center. There is a \$25 charge.

**Home Tour** – Cathy reported that they are working on the list from last year. Sherrye suggested that sponsorships are secured quickly. Dorrie Simms will chair the volunteers.

**Unfinished Business** – David asked Joe N to have an update on the accessory structure at the next meeting.

**New Business** – None

**Concerns and or comments** – none

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.