



# CITY OF GERMANTOWN TENNESSEE

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## Germantown Historic Commission

January 24, 2017

The meeting of the Germantown Historic Commission was held Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at the Parks and Recreation office Conference Room. Commission Chairman Jacque Clift called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Present:** Chairman Jacque Clift, Warren Travis, Sandra Wilson, Bill Strong & Shawn Lane

**Absent:** Dale Hicks, Elizabeth Riggins, Karen Rice, Eleanor Purdy, Donna Debo, Alderman John Barzizza & Natalie Ruffin

**Staff:** Teresa Martin

**Non-Voting member:** Andy Pouncey – Historian

**Guest:** Mayor Mike Palazzolo

**Call to order:** Chairman Jacque Clift called meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

### Establishment of Quorum – Roll Call

Quorum was **not** established.

### Introduction of Guest:

Chairman Jacque Clift introduced our Guest Mayor Mike Palazzolo. Mayor Palazzolo wanted to give thanks and recognition to the work that the Historic Commission has done regarding the 2016 - 175<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary commemoration. He thanked the Commission for the superb work they did; including the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banner from displays, fireworks show, Historic artwork Display at GPAC, and Germantown Historical Display at The Shelby County building downtown, etc. The Mayor presented the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banner to Chairman Jacque Clift and City Historian Andy Pouncey as a thank you for all the work they do and with Mayor Palazzolo's blessing, Chairman Jacque Clift presented the Commission members with the 175<sup>th</sup> commemorative pewter ornament as a thank you for their support and their work in the Germantown Historic Commission.

### Approval of the October 25, 2016 Minutes:

**Motion:** To approve October minutes

**Motioned by:** Warren Travis

**Seconded by:** Bill Strong

**Motion passed:** Chairman Clift sent email to the absent Commission members to approve the minutes. All members were in favor of approving the October 25, 2016 Minutes.

### Treasurer report:

Natalie was not present but sent report with Teresa. Over the last 4 months, we have had expenditure for the rent of the Norfolk Southern Railway rent for the Depot. A payment of \$377 was budgeted to the Robert E. Lee. Camp to the Strausberg expert to evaluate the box car; we had 2 invoices for signs; \$63.22 and \$95.20. Karen Goss had a invoice for the Depot Bunting for July 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 at the Depot.

### Old Business discussed:

#### **A. Report on Sale of Post Cards and Shirts :**

There were not any shirt sales this month

#### **B. Facebook Page and website:**

Andy is continuing to update and add to the Facebook pages and website.

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**C. Report on Box Car Inspection:**

Andy Pouncey spoke with Mary Liz Foster and Walter Foster about the history of the boxcar and was told the boxcar was originally a train station at Bailey Station in Collierville. When the railroad didn't stop there anymore, they moved it behind Ballard Gas Station off Poplar Ave. in Collierville. Sonny Foster's grandfather had horses on the pasture behind the store and they used the boxcar to store horse feed. In 1964, Sonny Foster gave the boxcar to Harry Cloyes, and it was moved to Harry and Becky Cloyes property on Poplar Pike in Germantown, now known as Oaklawn Gardens.

**D. Report on Depot Museums Traffic on Saturdays and Christmas Decoration:**

Andy reported that there was a low turnout in December to see Santa at the Depot.

**E. Report on GPAC Reception Dec. 3 and reception at Shelby County Building in October 27th.**

Andy Pouncey set up the Display and organized the event. Chairman Clift reported that they had a great turnout for the reception, and the food was good.

**F. Report on Historic markers:**

The Union University marker is in the process of being made. The Presbyterian Church marker is delayed due to not having any photos of the Presbyterian Church. Chairman Jackie Clift and Lee Millar are working with John Salmon to verify the history to be added to the Historic Markers.

**New Business:**

**A. Vote on changing time of monthly meetings to 4:45 P.M.**

**Motion:** To Change the time to 4:45 p.m. from of 5:30 p.m.

**Motion passed:** Chairman Jacque Clift sent an email to the absent Commission members to approve the time change to 4:45 p.m.

**B. Plan Budget for the fiscal year:**

- Clean up of McVay Cemetery- Andy Pouncey will Clean up the Cemetery in February
- Andy Pouncey will be refurbishing 3 or 4 Old Germantown Markers
- Andy Pouncey will be landscaping the Depot and the John Gray House with Poppies this year for WWII remembrance. Andy will work with Pam Beasley on the landscaping around the John Gray house.
- Andy discussed the Historic Pictorial display of the History of the Parks and Recreation Building.
- Andy discussed the exhibit of the Tennessean model train. He said that Ralph Smith built a case to protect the model train.
- Artistic Background for overhead train track was painted by Sandra Wilson.

**C. Discussion on Open times for Depot:**

- The Commission decided to Open the Depot, starting in March 2017

**Announcements and Reminders:**

- Bill Strong and Chairman Clift requested that we purchase name tags for the Commission members.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6.35 p.m.