

## COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

September 24, 2009

Germantown Municipal Center

**Neighborhood Associations Represented:** Allenby Lakes, Dogwood Creek South, Germantown Heights, Germantown Trails, Grove Park, Kimbrough Grove, Mimosa Gardens, Neshoba North, Oakleigh I, Poplar Estates, Riverchase, Rowan Oak and, Winchester Forest Hill Estates.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Billy Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Billy recognized first time visitors from Dogwood Creek South. Alderman John Drinnon was also recognized.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the July 23, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

**Guest Speaker:** William Kenley, Sr., V.P./CEO Administrator of Methodist LeBonheur Germantown Hospital, spoke about upcoming changes at the hospital. He stressed the need of the hospital for more volunteers, particularly in light of its expansion. He indicated that Germantown has become a destination for medical care. Some of the interesting facts he shared were the following: A growing number of physicians with hospital privileges at Methodist Germantown; 50% of the hospital's market is from outside of east Shelby County; the new parking deck provides 637 additional parking spaces; the new Women/Children's Pavilion will be completed in February, 2010; renovation of the existing hospital is scheduled to be completed in late 2010; and the new building has LEED Certification. The hospital is innovating for the future by transforming care at bedside, by being a Certified Chest Pain Center, by completing by late 2011 the changeover to Electronic Medical Records, and by implementing patient and family centered care which will eliminate set visiting hours. In response to a question, Mr. Kenley said that Health Care Reform would present a challenge for the hospital as does the current situation of 70% of Emergency Room Care currently being really Primary Care.

### **Old Business**

**Police Department Report:** Lt. Ed McGee presented the monthly Crime/Activity Report and reminded us to remove all personal items, particularly GPS systems, from cars and to always lock vehicles. He said that auto burglaries are down. The number for non-emergency police is 754-7222 and \*54 is the number to call from your cell phone. He stated that Germantown's daily crime statistics can be found now on Facebook.

**Mayor's Report:** In Sharon Goldsworthy's absence, Patrick Lawton presented the Mayor's Report. He announced that the new City of Germantown web site will be unveiled within a month. In light of recent heavy rains, Germantown's storm water system has performed well, particularly in the aspect of quantity. But, with new federal guidelines for storm water testing taking effect in the spring of 2010, Germantown is now working on the quality of the storm water. There is the possibility of an enactment of a Storm Water Management Fee or a raise in property tax to meet the cost of this unfunded mandate. A Storm Water Management Fee would apply to even tax exempt properties, whereas a tax increase would not.

**CONA Special Events Coordinator's Report:** Billy Brown reminded everyone that the Neighborhood Summit will take place on Thursday, October 22, from 5 to 9 pm. Refreshments will be provided, and participants may choose to participate in two breakout sessions. The topics presented will be Facebook and Twitter Communication, Disaster Preparedness, and Landscape and Tree Maintenance.

Neighborhood Associations were encouraged to make nominations for the various awards to be presented at the event. Those interested in attending should contact Sherrye Rhea to register.

**Planning Report:** Joe Nunes announced that the BMA will hear an appeal of the Planning Commission decision on the Barzizza property rezoning at the 9/28 meeting. If approved, there is an item on the 10/13 Board of Zoning Appeals agenda for a permitted use on appeal on that property. The only item on

the 10/6 Planning Commission agenda was a request to remove the sidewalk requirement provision from the Forestbrook subdivision.

Neighborhood Services: Joe Nunes announced that there has been a brief moratorium on grass cutting notices because of the recent heavy rains. Applications for positions on Boards and Commissions, including the Neighborhood Preservation Commission, are now being accepted. Applications for Leadership Germantown are also being accepted. Neighborhood Night Out will be Tuesday, October 6 with a rain date of October of Tuesday, October 13.

**New Business:**

Nominating Committee: CONA Nominating Committee members are Harry Riggins, Greg Marcom, and Jack Langenfelder. The election of new CONA officers will be held at the next meeting on Tuesday, November 17.

Association Concerns and Updates: Tom Johnson expressed the concern of his neighborhood, Dogwood Creek South, about increased traffic flow coming from the proposed Barizza rezoning allowing 136 independent living units to be built.

Announcements: Alderman John Drinnon expressed his opinion that the current push advocating the consolidation of Memphis City/Shelby County Governments is not in the best interest of the city of Germantown.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M. The next meeting will be November 17, 2009. This is a change in day and date because of the Thanksgiving holiday.