

Germantown Public Safety Education Commission

March 5, 2018

Minutes

The March 5, 2018 meeting of the Germantown Public Safety Education Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Al Gabriel at 5:32 pm. Commissioners in attendance: John Arth, Heather Callahan, Mark Devine, Betty Duke, Terry Griffith, Steven Jung, Manjit Kaur, Roel Smit, Denise Walls, Lieutenant Ed McGee, Fire Marshal Jody Dwyer, Alderman Dean Massey.

Quorum was established.

Chairman Gabriel introduced new Commissioner Heather Callahan.

As moved by John Arth and seconded by Manjit Kaur, the December 2017 and February 2018 minutes were approved.

Chairman Gabriel opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. John Arth was the only nomination and was approved by the Commission.

Chairman Gabriel opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Denise Walls was the only nomination and was approved by the Commission.

REPORTS

Police

Lt. McGee reported the following:

Safety City will be held the week of June 11th through the 15th at Dogwood Elementary. The press release will go out Tuesday, March 6th. We are need of volunteers.

The first Crime Prevention Forum was presented on March 1st to management personnel from assisted living facilities and area hotels. GPD would also like to present to apartment/condo complexes, businesses and HOA presidents.

GPD has one new officer that started this week and one that resigned to go to the Shelby County Sheriff's office.

Reserve candidate interviews are March 8th and Saturday, March 10th.

The Germantown Half Marathon is Sunday, March 11th beginning at 7:00 am. Streets should be clear by noon.

On Thursday, March 1st, the City of Germantown planted a Redbud tree behind the Economic Development Center in memory of Sherrye Clark.

The Drug Take-back is April 28th from 10-2 at Kroger and Target. Chairman Gabriel will get a sign-up sheet for volunteers. There will be 2 shifts at each location from 10-12 and 12-2.

Thursday, March 1st five officers participated in "Read Across America" by reading to the 5th graders at Dogwood Elementary.

Fire

EVENTS:

The fire department hosted Leadership Germantown

FMO staff assisted teaching CPR to Houston High School students

The Fire Marshal attended the Memphis Area Fire Protection Association monthly meeting. Topic of discussion was mobile food vendors and fire protection requirements.

The fire department staff participated in demonstrations of the ESO software program for records management and inspections.

DEVELOPMENTS:

City Hall parking lot expansion

Parking lot expansion at Saddle Creek South

Planning Commission Subcommittee meeting:

Campbell Clinic Expansion

Avenida Senior Living

Neshoba & Cordova Road triangle (Concept)

UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

2363 S. Germantown Rd., Germantown Presbyterian Church

7220 Poplar, Old Navy (Shell)

2130 Exeter, Trader Joes

Thornwood Mixed Used, Neshoba and Germantown Pkwy

USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMITS:

7535 Poplar, Suite 109, Rise Biscuit and Donuts

7720 Poplar, Old Navy Shell

7850 Poplar, Suite 8, Rock & Dough Pizza Growler addition

FIRES:

The FMO completed the investigation at 2110 West Street, Backyard Burgers.

BMA

Alderman Massey discussed some of the intricacies of the Master Parks Plan. At a high level, some examples include purchasing land, relocating soccer fields and tennis courts; adding baseball fields. Expansion of the horse farm park. Construction of the amphitheater. Concerns of increased traffic, ingress and egress.

Alderman Massey suggested that the commission members receive the crime reports. If possible, he would like to see more detailed information on auto thefts, assaults, burglaries, etc. Primarily for the purpose of providing insight for the commission to see areas that we can improve and initiate campaigns to roll out to the public.

New Business

Safety City Chair – Lt. McGee has been overseeing the activities for Safety City. It is very demanding on Lt. McGee and Capt. Blankenship along with their normal duties. It would be most helpful to him to have a Chairperson provide assistance. John Arth made a motion to create 2 co-chair positions to be appointed by the Chairman for Safety City. Terry Griffith seconded the motion. With that, Chairman Gabriel appointed Manjit Kaur and Betty Duke as co-chairs for Safety City.

Announcements

No announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm

Hours

John Arth	1
Al Gabriel	12
Steven Jung	1

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Walls
Secretary