

Neighborhood Preservation Commission
January 14, 2010
Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Chairman Rebecca DeRousse was present and presiding.

In attendance – Larry Farabee, Sarah Freeman, Sandra Hayne, David Jackson, Jean Oliver, Sidney Kuehn, Alderman - Mark Billingsley

Absent – Beth Jackson, Andrea Vu, Lisa Parker – Planning Commission Liaison,

Also in attendance – Joe Nunes– Neighborhood Services and Sherrye Rhea – Neighborhood Coordinator

A quorum was established and minutes were approved as written.

Chairmen's Comments – Introduced the two new members. They had brief orientation before the meeting. Jean Oliver retired last year from Internal Revenue Service. She felt like it was time to get involved in the community. She met Sherrye Rhea at one of the CERT classes and Sherrye suggested that she apply for NPC. Jean has lived in Germantown for about 30 years and feels like it is a wonderful place to live. Next Sarah Wilkerson Freeman lives on Apahon in Neshoba North Neighborhood Association. She is very interested in history.

The rest of the commission introduced themselves. Alderman Billingsley announced that there was an opening on the commission and if anyone has any suggestions, please let either Rebecca or himself know.

Lisa Parker will be the Planning Commission liaison and the Beautification Commission has asked to have a representative on the commission.

Just a reminder of the purpose of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission; to promote and preserve the integrity of residential neighborhoods and promote a sense of community by encouraging the development of and strengthen of neighborhood associations involving citizens and community safety initiative education of homeowners and property reinvestment and improving compliance with city residential ordinances.

This commission needs to form the plan for 2010. At the last meeting the dates were set for the main events. The home Tour will be April 25, Germantown Cares will be September 18, and the Neighborhood Summit will be October 28.

Joe has asked that this committee look at the International Property Maintenance Code and give recommendations. There are 32 pages of code. He would like for the subcommittee to look at adopting this code.

Sidney suggest that this commission help on Arbor Day, March 5 with the distribution of free trees. Sidney will have a signup sheet at the next meeting.

Tree Board liaison will be Sidney Kuehn for 2010.

Sandra Hayne was nominated for Vice Chairman.

Reports

Alderman Mark Billingsley report – Alderman Billingsley reported that the January 11 board meeting was well attended. A beer permit was approved for the following locations; Walgreens 9325 Poplar Ave. and 7790 Wolf River, a restaurant at 2270 West Street

He gave a report on items approved at the BMA meeting.

Fire House Subs donated \$11,500 through a grant to help the city purchase training uniforms and uniforms for the reserve firefighters.

The next board meeting will be held on January 25 at 6 p.m. everyone was encouraged to attend or watch on GHS TV.

Neighborhood Services report – Joe Nunes gave an update on two new restaurants that will be opening soon in Germantown. Sole Fish in the old Bolla Pasta and Mellow Mushroom in the former Old Navy store. Tomorrow morning the opening of Dunking Donuts.

The Vesta Home Show will take place in the Neshoba North area this spring. The solid waste agreements have been extended. The bid package will go out at the end of this calendar year.

The new website will be available by the end of the month. Also the city is doing an upgrade on the “Click to Gov” software. The system will be down January 26 until February 2.

The responsibility of the Special Events committee was explained.

Planning Commission – Joe reported that at the January commission meeting, there was an application from Sanders Ridge for a gate. The application was denied. For the February meeting at this point the only application is from Radford, planned development which is off Dogwood Road. A resident wants to put an addition on the front of their house that will encroach into the front setbacks.

CONA Report –David Jackson reported that at the November meeting there were 15 neighborhood associations represented. There was a speaker on homeowner and neighborhood association insurance. Lt. McGee reported that there was a death a Fountain Square and a hold up at McDonalds and the police quick reaction. New officers were elected which will hold office for 2 years. Greg Marcom will be the new chairman. At the January 28 meeting, Patrick Lawton will present the fiscal outlook for FY11. David will do a presentation of the 2009 tour of homes, there will be a police report, mayor’s report, storm water fee report and Susan Stalka will do a presentation on the need for volunteers for Baptist Rehab.

Environmental Commission Report – Sandra reported that the meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Tree Board Report – Sidney reported that an inspector came out to check the trees that the city has planted with the state grant. There was a good report. The tree board will apply again for the Tree City USA award. Sidney explained the inspection of trees. Sidney explained the issue with the lighted signs and the DRC.

Home Tour – David gave an update on the tour. He would like for the committee to go and look at the homes before a decision was made on the homes in the tour. He would like for the tour to be cut back to 6 homes. At this time there are about 13 homes that are possible. The Club house for Aintree is on the list. The date is April 25 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – The Vesta Home Tour will be in Germantown this year and Sarah would like to see if this commission can make sure that the safety of the neighborhood will be in tack. Alderman Billingsley will check with Patrick Lawton to see if a permit has been issued.

Concerns and or comments – none

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.