

Neighborhood Preservation Commission  
February 11, 2010  
Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Chairman Rebecca DeRousse was present and presiding.

**In attendance** –Sarah Freeman, David Jackson, Beth Jackson, Jean Oliver, Sidney Kuehn, Andrea Vu

**Absent** – Larry Farabee, Sandra Hayne, Lisa Parker – Planning Commission Liaison, Alderman - Mark Billingsley

**Also in attendance** – Joe Nunes– Neighborhood Services

A quorum was established.

**Minutes** – Sarah Freeman would like the record to show that she asked the question in regards to a permit being secured for the Vesta Home Show and that Joe Nunes stated that the project was presented and he felt it was approved. Alderman Billingsley did advise he would double check.

**Chairmen's Comments** – The goal of this commission meeting is to keep the meeting to one hour. Everyone should have received the 2010 Annual Plan. There were five points and the chairman needs everyone's approval before she submits it to the Mayor. The five points are Home Tour in April, Germantown Cares in September, Neighborhood Summit in October, Arbor Day in March, and International Property Code. There were no comments therefore the plan was passed and Rebecca will send it to the Mayor tomorrow.

## Reports

**Alderman Mark Billingsley report** – Alderman Billingsley was absent therefore no report was given.

**Neighborhood Services report** – Joe Nunes gave an update on the snow ice event that brought down increased amounts of tree debris. It will not be a FEMA event because there was not enough damage however there was a lot of tree limbs that did come down. Additional equipment was authorized. Normally in February the contractor will collect between 7,000 and 8,000 cubic yards in a month, the city is already at 8,000 cubic yards after 10 days. They are running one week behind.

The dates have changed for the Vesta Home Show. It will now be June 18 through July 5 and off on July 4. With the bad weather the builders experienced some delays.

**Planning Commission** – Joe reported that there will be a meeting on March 2. There is an amendment to chapter 17 of the subdivision regulations regarding streets, which will deal with private streets and the conversion of private to public. Stating that the city will establish a policy for that and if a neighborhood wants to take a public street private there will be guidelines for that as well but not in this ordinance, this one is only dealing with private streets. The Vining subdivision which is on the north side of Winchester Road east of Forest Hill Irene is requesting an amendment to their plat to reduce the dedicated right of way on a street from 50 feet to 31 feet. By doing this, the building line will be closer to the street than it would be

otherwise. Joe explained the easement. The private street policy is for a new subdivision that wants to come in and develop private streets.

The last item on the agenda is a correction to the parking requirements for a congregate care facility in the RH zone.

**CONA Report** –David Jackson reported that at the January CONA meeting, Patrick Lawton gave a presentation on the focus areas for the BMA for the coming year. David did a presentation on the home tour. The Mayor discussed consolidation. There was a police report also. Joe Nunes added that the BMA has taken a position against consolidation. The Mayor met this week with the Charter Commission that is looking at consolidation. The Mayor will speak with Poplar Estates Homeowners Association tonight. The Mayor feels that ultimately an inordinate requirement would be placed on the suburban municipalities verses the City of Memphis.

**Environmental Commission Report** – Sandra was not at the meeting therefore there was no report.

**Tree Board Report** – Sidney reported that Arbor Day is March 5. The committee will start bundling the trees on Wednesday, March 3 at Good Winds Nursery. There will be 1,300 trees. The trees will be given away in front of Schunks. After that, the Tree Board will be going to 2 possibly 3 schools and will plant two to three trees at year school. Sidney will get an email out to everyone.

Sidney attended a DRC meeting and learned that new Land Mark Bank was going to be cutting a lot of trees down for their new parking lot. The Tree board wrote a letter to the bank. The board is going to give awards to companies that help to preserve trees.

**Home Tour** – David gave an update on the tour. There are three definite homes at this time. Sidney's clubhouse should be confirmed by Monday night. We want to have 6 homes. The Wolfe's have been contacted. The homeowner's association approved their home to be on the tour. The Mayor stated that there was a possibility we could use reserve police officers if there was a parking issue at Woodshire Townhomes. Sidney will secure flowers for tour homes. Joe will secure the gifts for the homeowners. Hope will be contacted to do the driving directions. The balloons will be secured by Sandra and she will also do the volunteers. Directional signs with balloons will need to be placed to help visitors find the homes. On Saturday at the pre-tour we would like to have wine and appetizers. The Davis' have offered to have this function at their home therefore the pre-tour will end at their home. Sidney has also offered his clubhouse to end the pre-tour. David will do an interview with the Mayor in March for GHS TV. The committee needs to go and view the homes to decide if the home needs to be on the tour. The houses need to be confirmed by next meeting. Sidney offered his club house for outside meetings if needed. Sidney will try to find sponsors to donate food for the Saturday tour.

**Unfinished Business** – none

**New Business** – Beth was asked by a Beautification Commission member to make this commission aware of several events. In the Garden Series held at Good Winds Center March 2 and April 6 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The Living Green Expo will take place with the Arbor Day tree give-away.

**Concerns and or comments** – none

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.