Neighborhood Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2019, 5:30 pm Economic and Community Development, 1920 S. Germantown Road Klein Room

Call to Order

Commission Chairman, Dorrie Simms, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Approval of November Minutes

Minutes from the February meeting was motioned to approve by Margaret Owens, seconded by Laurie Whitney and voted by all.

Members Present: Alderman Mary Anne Gibson, Dorrie Simms, Ellen Bernstein, Lynne Crawford, Casey Franchini, Michelle Johns, Laura Meanwell, Steven Nichols, Annette Noles, Margaret Owens, Cathy Phillips and Laurie Whitney.

Staff Present: Joe Nunes and Michelle McDonnell.

Members Absent: Cathy Reid.

Chairman's Comments

Introduction of new commissioner, Michelle Johns.

Reports / Updates

Alderman Liaison, Mary Anne Gibson reported that its budget season (FY '20).

There are many event and program opportunities coming up at the Germantown Community Library and Parks and Recreation Department. The annual Farmers Market will now be held at C.O. Franklin Park, not Bobby Lanier Farm Park.

Tree Board Liaison, no report.

Neighborhood Services Liaison, Joe Nunes reiterated that Amnesty Day is Saturday, April 27; partnering once again with Habitat for Humanity ReStore and Shed It.

Planning Commission, Joe Nunes stated 2 items were recently on the agenda; The Learning Experience (approval of Forest Hill Heights Planned Development 3rd Amendment) and the Fulmer Farm Rezoning (approval to rezone a portion of a parcel from "R" Single-Family Residential to "O" Office).

Board of Zoning Appeals, Joe Nunes shared that Germantown Village Square requested the approval of a variance to allow a parking reduction; new Starbucks.

Design Review Commission, Joe Nunes mentioned that Mantra Indian Grill in Exeter Village is open for business and seeking a wall sign approval.

A sign package approval for Altar'd State, a women's clothing store, in Saddle Creek South is being sought.

Tour of Remodeled Homes, Cathy Phillips reported an update of the featured homes lineup; removal of Dove Meadow Cove and the addition of Greenfields.

Unfinished Business

Joe Nunes anticipates jump starting the effort to review the Accessory Structure Ordinance.

New Business

Due to expected low attendance (i.e., Memphis in May BBQ Fest, graduations, weddings, vacations, etc...), the NPC meeting scheduled for May 16 will be cancelled. A motion to approve was made by Laura Meanwell, seconded by Stephen Nichols and Ellen Bernstein.

Announcements/Discussion

Casey Franchini inquired about the status of Oktoberfest and Papa Murphy's on Farmington Boulevard. Joe Nunes informed commissioners that the GMSD 5K Stampede and Color Run will also be the same day as our Tour of Remodeled Homes event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.