



Neighborhood Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2019, 5:30 p.m. Economic and Community Development, 1920 S. Germantown Road Klein Room

Call to Order

Commission Chairman, Dorrie Simms, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

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

Members Present: Ellen Berstein, Casey Franchini, Alderman Gibson, Steven Nichols, Annette Noles, Margaret Owens, Cathy Reid, Dorrie Simms and Laurie Whitney.

Members Absent: Lynne Crawford, Michelle Johns, Laura Meanwell and Cathy Phillips.

Staff Present: Michelle McDonnell and Joe Nunes.

Reports / Updates

Alderman Liaison, Alderman Gibson. Reminded commissioners of the Oaklawn Garden Arboretum Tour (Level II) event on Saturday, November 23.

Tree Board Liaison, Cathy Reid. No meeting; no report.

Neighborhood Services Liaison, Joe Nunes reported Marketing & Communication Manager, Jessica Comas, led the effort to create a video regarding proper leaf collection and disposal.

Planning Commission, Joe Nunes stated there were multiple items on the November agenda: Amendments to Chapter 23 (Zoning) of the City's Code of Ordinances; Carrefour at the Gateway Planned Development; Baptist Specialty Hospital; 7254 Neshoba (cell tower); and Westmeade Planned Development (tree preservation encroachment).

New Business

Michelle McDonnell provided copies and reviewed results of the 2019 Neighborhood Summit surveys of participating vendors and attendees.

Visitor Andrew Israel, Leadership Germantown Program Director, shared his vision of partnering with City staff throughout 2020 on various projects and initiatives.

Michelle McDonnell reviewed deadlines for returning NPC commissioners and new applicants.

Due to several commissioners expected to be out of town for the December 19 meeting, an informal holiday social (Dutch style) will be held Monday, December 2, 5:30 p.m. at Rock n' Dough Pizzeria.

Announcements/Discussion

Alderman Gibson encouraged all commissioners to obtain a membership to the Friends of the Germantown Community Library.

Joe Nunes is drafting proposed amendments to the City's Property Maintenance ordinance (grounds/pavement, edging, pools, "repeat offenders", portable storage and solicitation).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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