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Neighborhood Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Economic and Community Development, 1920 S. Germantown Road
Klein Room

Call to Order

Commission Chairman, Laura Meanwell, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November meeting was motioned to approve by Margaret Owens, seconded by Ellen Bernstein and approved by all. *Note: there was no meeting in December 2019; a holiday gathering was held instead.*

Members Present

Scott Balentine, Ellen Bernstein, Doug Cummings, Laura Meanwell, Steven Nichols, Annette Noles, Margaret Owens, Carol Dickinson-Russell, Beth Ueleke and Gerald Wilson.

Members Absent: Laurie Whitney.

Staff Present: Alderman Mary Anne Gibson and Joe Nunes.

Staff Absent: Michelle McDonnell.

Chairman's Comments

Welcome new commission members and introduction of all members.

Ellen Bernstein was elected Vice Chairman. Motioned to approve by Alderman Margaret Gibson, seconded by Margaret Owens and approved by all.

Gerald Wilson was elected to serve as the Tree Board liaison. Motioned to approve by Laura Meanwell, seconded by Margaret Owens and approved by all.

Alderman Liaison, Alderman Gibson. BMA met Monday, January 13. Discussed was the proposed land swap with GMSD (Forest Hill Elementary) and Houston Levee Park.

In March, select City staff will be headed to Baltimore, where the Malcolm Baldrige award will be presented.

Neighborhood Services Liaison, Joe Nunes reminded commissioners of the NPC purpose: encouraging development and strengthening neighborhood associations, involving citizens in community safety initiatives, educating homeowners on property reinvestment, and improving compliance with city residential ordinances.

In an effort to better engage neighborhoods and support residents, Neighborhood Services and Leadership Germantown is hosting focus group meetings; to listen, learn and address the challenges facing our community today.

December proved to be a challenging month for Waste Pro, especially as it pertains to yard waste. The community experienced a freeze and swift storms, which prompted an extreme volume of leaves, the largest in our 4 year contract with Waste Pro.

Planning Commission, Joe Nunes stated that approved at the January meeting was the rezoning (Office to Residential Estate) of 9695 Poplar Avenue; 7.46 acres. The property owner is John Porter.

Also, a final site plan (building addition) at Evangelical Christian School located at 1920 Forest Hill Irene.

Upcoming at the February meeting: a rezoning of the Skinner property at the corner of Poplar Avenue and Forest Hill Irene.

Additionally, a final site plan for a cell tower installed at Dogwood Elementary.

At Thornwood, northeast corner of Neshoba and South Germantown Road, an approval of amended outline plan and final to add a 2nd hotel (Phase VI).

Design Review Commission, Joe Nunes reported an approval of a revised ground-mounted sign (illumination) of First Horizon, formally First Tennessee, at the bank branch located at 9185 Winchester Road.

Avenida Watermarq Senior Living at 7900 Wolf River Blvd is seeking approval of a ground-mounted sign and entrance wall.

Approval of a revised final site plan to allow for a parking expansion at Houston High School.

New Business

All commissioners signed and submitted their Code of Ethics Policy document.

Announcements/Discussion

Next NPC meeting is Thursday, February 20.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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