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Neighborhood Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 20, 2021 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Commission Vice Chairman, Ellen Bernstein, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Members Present: Scott Balentine, Ellen Bernstein, Alderman/Vice Mayor Gibson, Daniel Oppenheim, Margaret Owens, Beth Ueleke, Gerald Wilson, and Laurie Whitney.

Absent: Joe Nunes, Laura Meanwell, Kriti Ransom, Marissa Rogers, Carol Dickinson Russell

Commission Resignation: Tiffany Howlett tendered her resignation from the commission

Consideration of Minutes: A motion to accept the March and April minutes as written was made by Scott Balentine and seconded by Margaret Owens.

Introduction of Guests: There are no guests present for this meeting.

Chairman's Report: There was no Chairman Report.

Alderman Liaison Report: Alderman/Vice Mayor Mary Anne Gibson

- Alderman/Vice Mayor Gibson welcomed everyone to our first in person meeting in over a year. 'The City is Now Open'.
- The Aldermen and Staff are engaged in budget planning. In person meetings, and public meetings will resume.
 - On June 14, 2021 the second reading of the budget will take place.
- American Recovery Dollars in the amount of \$10 Million over a 2-year period is available for infrastructure will be awarded for a one-time use plan. Dollars will be allocated to GMSD.
- GMSD celebrates the last day of school on 5/21/2021.
- The Education Commission which recognizes students and teachers within the boundary of Germantown and have sent hand written notes to each teacher.

- The Public Art Commission hosting a poetry contest with the theme “Words Travel” and is open to all residents of all ages.
- Bluebird Happy Hour is taking place every Thursday at the Grove at GPAC.
- The Library is getting back into full swing. The new library provider will transition on 7/1/2021. No changes will be made to key staff currently serving the community.
 - Community Commitment Day will be a day to highlight the City’s commitment to reading. Food Trucks will be present.
- Storm Water subcommittee has done due diligence in researching issues and opportunities and have made their recommendations. Detail will be provided for public review.
- Assessed values of homes in Germantown has gone up.
- Sales Tax received has been up significantly. The primary source is from the grocery stores.

Commission Member Reports:

Tree Board Update:

Gerald stated that the Tree Board had not met since our last meeting. Once Wes Hopper provides his upcoming event/activity calendar Gerald will have it sent out to this commission.

Environmental Commission Liaison Scott Balentine reported that the Amnesty Day was successful with 780 cars accessing the Johnson Road location and 165 cars accessing the Southern Avenue location. Additionally, a new BID/RFP for disposal companies. The City is still using WastePro. Quad County will take over the disposal of household waste. No company put in a bid for mulching yard waste. This takes effect 7/1/2021.

Storm Water fees have not gone up in 11 years and after significant research a decision was made to include an increase of the rate per household in the FY22 budget that is going through the approval process. There will be forthcoming communication around this increase and the restricted use of the dollars generated for this purpose. A future Commission will be established called a Utility Commission. The Environmental Commission received a presentation regarding the pipeline and decided not to make a recommendation to the Mayor about the pipeline.

2021 Summit:

- Vice Chairman Bernstein stated that more information will be forthcoming, and all commission members will be asked to participate.
- October 26, 2021 has been secured for this in person event.

Voluntary Neighborhood Association:

Laurie Whitney reported that the subcommittee has met and has taken the approach to interview community members who have been successful in establishing a Neighborhood Association. The first interview was with Casey Franchini. A second interview will be scheduled with Josh Cathey. The handbook will include key city numbers and contacts, recommendations for neighborhood engagement, dos and don’ts and a communication plan. The goal is to have a draft completed in July.

Neighborhood Services Report – Joe Nunes was on vacation and will provide an update at our next meeting.

The NPC Road Show - Kristi Ransom will provide an update at our next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

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Chairman Signature

Date