

Environmental Commission Meeting
Thursday, June 2, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Urania Erskine
Gene Phillips
Marissa Rogers (NPC Liaison)
Scott Schoefnacker
Chairman Joe Skelley
Susan Threlkeld
Jayu Wagh

STAFF

Tiffany Howlett
Todd Mittge
Alderman Jon McCreery

ABSENT

Jimmy Davis
Michael McGinnis
Antonio Monaco
David Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting was established.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the March 3, 2022 meeting by Urania Erskine and seconded by Scott Schoefnacker.

ROLL CALL

Erskine-yes, Phillips-yes, Schoefnacker-yes, Skelley-yes, Threlkeld-yes, Wagh-yes.
Motion approved.

ALDERMAN LIAISON COMMENTS

- Alderman McCreery shared news that the Fiscal Year budget would be balanced for the sixth year in a row.
- The Board of Mayor and Aldermen passed an ordinance on its first reading to not allow non-docking electric scooters to park on public streets, schools and on easements in Germantown.

STAFF REPORTS

Asst. Director Todd Mittge

- Asst. Director Mittge shared news that Director Mills and Commissioner Smith were on their way to meet with Caldwell Tanks to see progress of the new elevated water tank being constructed.
- Following Joe Nunes' recent retirement, sanitation will transition from Neighborhood Services to Public Works. Sanitation will be housed under the Customer Services division and will be lead by Customer Services Superintendent Leslie Acerra and Sanitation/Administrative Coordinator Tiffany Howlett beginning July 1.
- Asst. Director Mittge welcomed and received positive feedback from the commission members regarding their experiences with our contractor, Waste Pro.
- Asst. Director Mittge noted that while a successful event, overall Amnesty Day collection was down 45% from the previous year.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

Urania Erskine

- Commissioner Erskine inquired about the impact Public Works is facing from a fleet and supply chain perspective and if it has an impact on meeting customers' needs.
- In wake of supply chain issues, Commissioner Erskine asked that the board consider the effects of water fluoridation.
 - **The commission will research the effects of water fluoridation, consider a recommendation, and will discuss the item at the next commission meeting.**
- Commissioner Erskine shared with the commission an article that was written regarding the use of sewer storage tanks and if there was a need for one in Germantown. At this time, the City of Memphis continues to treat and maintain wastewater for the City of Germantown.

Scott Schoefnacker

- Commissioner Schoefnacker reported that well water monitoring and expansion will be discussed in depth at the next scheduled commission meeting.
- Public Works is working alongside CAESAR to place 14 flood monitors on stormwater laterals throughout the City of Germantown.

Jayu Wagh

- Commissioner Wagh discussed the importance of e-waste specifically related to electric cars and recycling of batteries.

Marissa Rogers

- Neighborhood Preservation Commission liaison, Marissa Rogers, shared with the commission details about the two upcoming events: Germantown's Early Years: Faces of the Past and Tour of Remodeled Homes and Landscapes and encouraged commission members to spread the word.

Gene Phillips

- Commissioner Phillips extended his positive thoughts for city contractor, Waste Pro.

Susan Threlkeld

- Commissioner Threlkeld spoke of ways to safely dispose of fire extinguishers after use.

OLD BUSINESS

The commission reviewed Amnesty Day numbers.

- With a decline in attendance, Chairman Skelley welcomed opportunities for improvement.
- Alderman McCreery stressed the importance and awareness of proper paint disposal.

NEW BUSINESS

The regularly scheduled commission meeting for July will be canceled due to anticipated lack of quorum.

The regularly scheduled commission meeting for August will include the discussions regarding water fluoridation effects and signups for fall Amnesty Day.

Alderman McCreery asked the commission to consider a joint meeting with the Technology Commission to help with understanding and promoting public awareness once flood sensing monitors are in place.


ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn by Urania Erskine, seconded by Jayu Wagh.

ROLL CALL

Erskine-yes, Phillips-yes, Schoefnacker-yes, Skelley-yes, Threlkeld-yes, Wagh-yes.
Motion approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Joe Skelley, Commission Chairman

