Germantown Education Commission

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

City Hall, Lawton Conference Room

Minutes

Call to order at 5:32 p.m.

Establishment of Quorum

Andrea Baird, Barbara Boyer, Kyle Eaton, Heather Fisher, Katie Graffam, Melissa Kandel, Shawn Lane, Ellen Moak, Laura Riggins, Ryan Strain, Sherrie Hicks, Patricia Toarmina and Jessica Comas were all in attendance.

Brenda Dew and Manjit Kaur were absent. Quorum was established.

Consideration of Minutes

Motion to approve the December minutes by Barbara Boyer, second by Melissa Kandel. December minutes unanimously approved.

Alderman Liaison Report

Alderman Hicks reported that the 3G agreement has been approved by all parties involved. She also reported on the delays in yard debris. She welcomed Germantown Municipal School District School Board Chairman Ryan Strain to the meeting.

Chairman’s Report

Chairman Toarmina also welcomed School Board Chairman Strain to the meeting.

New Business

Jessica announced that Elizabeth Stuart from Dogwood Elementary is the January Teacher of the Month and Chandni Karuhatty from Houston High School is the January Youth Excellence Award recipient. Both will be recognized during the January 23 BMA meeting.

Battle of the Brains – Manjit was not present to offer a report. Shawn will schedule a subcommittee meeting. Event is tentatively scheduled for March 25, but may be rescheduled to April 1 due to scheduling conflicts among the commission members. Jessica to send registration form to Ellen.

Education Celebration – Tentatively scheduled for April 27 at the District Office. Dr. Fisher has reserved the room. Chairman Toarmina asked the group to come up with ideas for a speaker.

School Board Chairman Strain mentioned that the School Board will select a liaison to the commission during their retreat at the end of the month. He also offered up tours of the new Houston Middle School addition to the commissioner members.

Barbara expressed that she was having a tough time scoring monthly awards and that nominators are not providing enough information. Katie suggested maybe using a Google Form to receive nominations in the future.

Adjournment at 6:02 p.m.