Germantown Education Commission

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

City Hall, Lawton Conference Room

Minutes

Call to order at 5:30 p.m.

Establishment of Quorum

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

Brenda Dew, Katie Graffam and Manjit Kaur was absent. Quorum was established.

Consideration of Minutes

Andrea Baird asked to add her name to the attendance list from the January meeting. Motion to approve the January minutes as amended by Barbara Boyer, second by Shawn Lane. January minutes unanimously approved.

Alderman Liaison Report

Alderman Hicks informed the commission about the State Shared Sales Tax legislation. She also talked to the commission about GPD’s personal safety and situational awareness presentations. Welcomed school board member Amy Eoff to the meeting.

Chairman’s Report

Chairman Toarmina congratulated Ryan Strain as the new school board liaison. She also welcomed school board member Amy Eoff to the meeting. She mentioned that Shawn Lane was featured in a recent *Neighbors of Germantown*.

New Business

Jessica announced that Joseph Mangin from Christian Brothers High School is the March Youth Excellence Award recipient and Ellen Moak, fellow commissioner and kindergarten teacher at Dogwood Elementary is the March Teacher of the Month. Both will be recognized during the March 27 BMA meeting.

Battle of the Brains – Scheduled for April 1 at Houston High School. Patricia will work with Manjit to recruit teams from Germantown High School. Commissioners need to find judges and lessen the amount of time it takes for them to judge projects. The applications are live on the City’s website at Germantown-TN.gov/BattleoftheBrains. Commissioners will need to arrive at 8 a.m. to help set up. Jessica will check on the Battle of the Brains budget to see how many team prizes the budget can cover and if the commission needs to fundraise additional dollars.

Education Celebration – Commissioners need to select a speaker. Heather suggested Alexa Guines. Patricia selected the head of all the St. George’s schools.

School Board Chairman Strain thanked Vice-Chair Eoff for joining him for the meeting.

Amy Eoff introduced herself to the commission. She talked about her time serving on the school board and the focus of the board. She briefly mentioned some legislation items that the board is watching out for, including the 3rd grade retention law.

Adjournment at 6:07 p.m.