

Germantown Neighborhood Preservation Commission

Thursday, February 15, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

City Hall, Lawton Conference Room, 1930 S. Germantown Road

Call to order – 5:34 p.m.

Establishment of quorum – The following members were present: Ellen Bernstein, Shawn Lane, Whitney Lane, Adrienne Pakis-Gillon, Matthew May, Peter Ganavazos, Marissa Rogers, staff support Stacey Crockett and Erinn Figg and Alderman Liaison Mary Anne Gibson.

Consideration of Minutes – January 25 minutes were approved as submitted.

Citizens to be Heard – None

Chair's Comments – Chairman Bernstein reminded Commission members about the importance of being on time for meetings.

Reports

Alderman Liaison - Public Safety remains a top priority for the City, which recently held six focus groups on the community's relationship with the GPD; neighborhood leaders also need to be involved in these conversations, with an emphasis on situational awareness and home safety precautions.

Tree Board - No new news

Neighborhood Services – Neighborhood Services has been focusing on educating both homeowners and Realtors on sidewalk inspections and the importance of maintaining sidewalks on their properties/listings.

Planning Commission – The BMA recently voted Yes on a second reading of ordinance changes to clean up City signs, particularly those left over from pandemic business changes.

Project Updates

Neighborhood Leaders Social - The next Neighborhood Leaders Social will be Tuesday, March 19. Topics will be neighborhood grants and sidewalk maintenance.

Tour of Remodeled Homes - Three homes are confirmed with talks in progress with a fourth home. Robbins Construction will be the presenting sponsor of the tour. NPC members are strongly encouraged to volunteer on the day of the tour (April 28). Chairman Bernstein will once again host the preview party on April 27.

Neighborhood Grants - Neighborhood grants will be launched at the March 19 Neighborhood Leaders Social. The evaluation and judging process has been slightly revamped with help from the City's Grants Manager.

Announcements

The next NPC meeting will be Thursday, March 21.

Adjournment – 6:10 p.m.