



GERMANTOWN SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION

Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Conference Room – 2276 West St.

Present: Chairman John Johnson, James Debo, Charles Clark, Alice Clare Colville, Eddie Mae Bobbitt, Susan Olsson, Steve Priddy, David Calvin, Brandy Miller, Walter Krug, Jr., Jayu Wagh, Catherine Horton

Non-Voting Member: Staff Liaison - Director Natalie Ruffin, Staff Liaison - Assistant Director Caleb Marcum, Alderman Liaison - Sherrie Hicks, and Staff Support - Teresa Martin

Absent:

Non-Voting Member: Senior Program Coordinator - Jennie Gould, Education Commission Liaison - Heather Fisher

Call to order: Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 3.00 p.m.

Roll Call & Establish a Quorum: A quorum was established with 12 members in attendance

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: To approve February 22, 2024 Minutes as written

Motion by: Steve Priddy

Motion 2nd: Charles Clark

Motion passed: Yes – 12 No – 0; Abstain – 0

Citizens to be Heard:

No Citizens to be heard.

Unfinished Business:

Commission Duties and Responsibilities:

Chairman Johnson discussed the presented Senior Advisory Commission duties and responsibilities that includes establishment and purpose, responsibilities, and membership.

Open Meetings Law:

Chairman Johnson discussed the State of TN open meeting law and all meetings of any governing body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times. Adequate public notice of all regular and special meetings must be given. Meeting agendas are required to be accessible to the public at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Commission Member Contact List:

Chairman Johnson requested that the Commission members review the presented Commission member contact list and if there are any changes to let staff support know.

2023 Senior Advisory Commission Annual Report:

Motion: To approve the presented 2023 Senior Advisory Commission Annual Report.

Motion by: Jayu Wagh

Motion 2nd: Alice Clare Colville

Motion passed: Yes – 12 No – 0; Abstain – 0

2024 Senior Advisory Commission Plan of Work:

Motion: To approve the presented 2024 Senior Advisory Commission Plan of Work

Motion by: Susan Olsson

Motion 2nd: Charles Clark

Motion passed: Yes – 12 No – 0; Abstain – 0

2024 Spring Seminar:

The Senior Spring Seminar on Disaster Awareness will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Pickering Center. The seminar presentations will be disaster awareness and emergency preparedness. Special guest speakers will be meteorologist Ron Childers with WMC Action News 5, Chief Eric Grizzard with the Germantown Fire Department, representatives from Memphis Light Gas and Water, as well as a representative from the Shelby County Office of Community Outreach.

New Business:

Senior Expo:

Director Ruffin reported that the Senior Expo date of November 7th would not be available to reserve at the Great Hall this year, but she presented additional dates for the Commission to consider. The Commission agreed to host the Senior Expo on the next available date of Thursday, October 31st from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Great Hall.

Motion: To approve the new date of the Senior Expo to be held on Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 9-12-p.m.at the Great Hall and Conference Room.

Motion by: Jim Debo

Motion 2nd: Charles Clark

Motion passed: Yes – 12 No – 0; Abstain – 0

Vice Chair Appointment:

The Commission nominated Susan Olsson to be the 2024 Senior Advisory Commission Vice Chair.

Motion: To approve the nomination of Susan Olsson to become the Senior Advisory Commission Vice Chair.

Motion by: Brandy Miller

Motion 2nd: Eddie Mae Bobbitt

Motion passed: Yes – 12 No – 0; Abstain – 0

Reports:

Staff Liaison Report: Director Natalie Ruffin

No Report

Senior Program Manager: Jennie Gould

No Report

Alderman Liaison Report : Sherri Hicks

Alderman Hicks reported that TN State Legislation is in session and Alderman Ueleke and City Administrator, Jason Hysman will be in Nashville working with the State Legislature on how our public school systems are funded. Alderman Hicks reported that the Germantown CommunityLibrary hosted a seed library dedication this week, and the Kiwanis Club is hosting their annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 23rd.

Chairman's Report: John Johnson

Chairman Johnson reported that the Germantown Police Department is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Public Safety Commission to host a Drug Take Back program to collect unwanted prescription drugs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 27th at Kroger located at 7735 Farmington Boulevard. The 3rd Annual Bluebird Nature Fest and Crawfish Boil will be held on Saturday, April 13th, 2024, 12 to 3 p.m.at Bobby Lanier Farm Park, 2660 Cross Country Drive.

Announcements and Save the Date:

- Senior Spring Seminar - Disaster Awareness & Emergency Preparedness - Tuesday, April 16, 2024 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.at the Pickering Center.
- Next official Meeting will be held Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Conference Room

Adjournment - Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:



Chairman, John Johnson