



GERMANTOWN SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION

Thursday, April 18, 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, Steve Priddy, David Calvin, Walter Krug, Jr., Jayu Wagh, Catherine Horton

Non-Voting Member: Staff Liaison - Director Natalie Ruffin, Staff Liaison - Alderman Liaison - Sherrie Hicks, Recreation and Rental Facilities Manager - Nick Dressman.

Absent: Brandy Miller, Susan Olsson

Non-Voting Member: Senior Program Manager - Jennie Gould, Senior Program Coordinator - Donna French, Staff Support - Teresa Martin, Education Commission Liaison - Heather Fisher, Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison - Mike Agee

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 10 members in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: To approve March 21, 2024 Minutes as written.

Motion by: Eddie Mae Bobbitt

Motion 2nd: Catherine Horton

Motion passed: Yes – 10 No – 0; Abstain – 0

Citizens to be Heard:

No Citizens to be heard.

Unfinished Business:

2024 Spring Seminar:

The Senior Spring Seminar on Disaster Awareness was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Pickering Center. The Commission discussed the event highlights and takeaways from the event. Some of the requests to do next year were to start the seminar planning earlier, include name tags for the participants, use a portable microphone because it was hard to hear the presenter in the back of the room, and have a parking plan, since the lot was filled quickly due to Germantown High School students parking at the Pickering Center. Overall the seminar was a huge success.

New Business:

Senior Expo:

The Senior Expo is set to be held on October 31, 2024 at the Great Hall. The Commission discussed advertising the Senior Expo in the Best Times and PNA publications. Staff reported that advertising will be in the Germantown Magazine and City water bill, but will push up the advertising to start in September.

Fire Chief Eric Grizzard and Alderman Sherry Hicks would like to give a presentation to the Senior Advisory Commission members called Reducing Resident Risk. Chairman Johnson will reach out to Fire Chief Grizzard to discuss a time to schedule this presentation.

Reports:

Staff Liaison Report: Director Natalie Ruffin:

Director Ruffin reported that the Parks and Recreation staff is presently involved in the FY25 budget process. She also discussed the deadline for the construction of the new inclusive playground at Municipal Park and the Groovin and Grillin music series in June at Municipal Park. The 50+ group is growing in numbers under the leadership of Jennie Gould and Donna French. The annual Senior Cookout is scheduled for May 16, 2024. The Commission decided to hold a regular Commission meeting in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room on May 16, 2024 and the Senior Cookout will be moved from May 16 to May 23, 2024.

Senior Program Manager: Jennie Gould:

No Report.

Alderman Liaison Report : Sherri Hicks:

Alderman Hicks wanted to thank all that were involved in the attendance and success of the Senior Seminar. Fire Chief Eric Grizzard would like to give a 20-30 min presentation to the Senior Advisory Commission members called Reducing Resident Risk. The State of TN Legislature is considering House Bill 1183, which is a school voucher program that is not projected to pass this year. The State of TN legislature also has four bills filed addressing crime or the consequences after committing a crime, and these bills have been moved to committee for review. The bills were filed to address the concerns of public safety in parts of Memphis, Germantown, Cordova and Collierville. Alderman Hicks reported that 8 of the 12 consent agenda items that directly focused on public safety were passed by the Germantown Board of Mayor and Alderman.

Chairman's Report: John Johnson

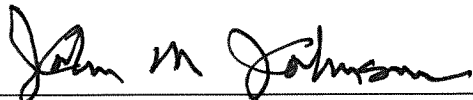
Chairman Johnson reported that the next Commission meeting will be held on May 16, 2024 and he confirmed with staff that the Senior Advisory Commission Annual Cookout will be scheduled at the Farm Park on May 23rd at 11:30 a.m.

Announcements and Save the Date:

- Next official Meeting will be held Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Conference Room
- Senior Advisory Commission Annual Cookout - Thursday, May 23, 2024 starting at 11:30 a.m.
- Reducing Resident Risk - Germantown Fire Department - Senior Advisory Commission Meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 3:00
- Senior Expo - Thursday, October 31st from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Great Hall.

Adjournment - Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:



Chairman, John Johnson