

Germantown Neighborhood Preservation Commission

Thursday, March 21, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

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

Call to order – 5:40 p.m.

Establishment of quorum – The following members were present: Cheron Allbright, Ellen Bernstein, Brian Everson, Shawn Lane, Whitney Lane, Marissa Rogers, Gerald Wilson, staff support Stacey Crockett and Erinn Figg and Alderman Liaison Mary Anne Gibson.

Consideration of Minutes – February 15 minutes were approved as submitted.

Citizens to be Heard – None

Chair's Comments – Chairman Bernstein thanked everyone in advance for their help on the day of the home tour. The preview tour will be 3:30 p.m., April 27.

Reports

Alderman Liaison - The Vice Mayor thanked the Commission for its important work. She also reminded everyone to watch City calendars for great spring events. Meanwhile at City Hall, we're in full budget season. Our annual Arbor Day tree giveaway was a success; we are beginning to give Municipal Park an ADA-friendly facelift to make the park more accessible and a fun sensory experience for all users.

Tree Board - No new news

Neighborhood Services – Neighborhood Services has been focusing on promoting “spring cleaning” to educate the public on the City's top 10 code violations. The Neighborhood Grants program was also recently launched and is in process now.

Planning Commission – Most efforts have been spent with the DRC and BMA on parking lot signage regulations. The Planning Commission also will be reviewing final plans for the Viridian single-family project for the April meeting. At the March meeting, they discussed adoption of the City Tree Plan, which will be back on the April agenda, along with some setback and corner lot amendments for the Glasgow final plan. The commission is also in a “sketch plan” meeting with a developer to discuss a commercial development - a high-end commercial center - in Forest Hill Heights in front of the Hyatt Place hotel.

Project Updates

Neighborhood Leaders Social - The March 19 Neighborhood Leaders Social was a success, with the sound much improved and a full-house turnout.

Tour of Remodeled Homes - We now have four homes booked for the tour. NPC members signed the volunteer sheet for the day of the event.

Neighborhood Grants - Neighborhood grants were launched at the March 19 Neighborhood Leaders Social. Applications are due by the end of the day on Monday, May 6.

Announcements

The next NPC meeting will be Thursday, April 18.

Adjournment – 6:08 p.m.