

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Thursday, August 12, 2010
Administration Conference Room
1930 South Germantown Road

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Commission was held Thursday, August 12, 2010, in the Administration Conference Room. Chairman Jerry Klein called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Alderman Carole Hinely, Jerry Klein, Thomas Parzinger, Brian Pecon, Richard Remmert, Donald Robbins and Jeff Weesner

ABSENT: Susan Burrow, Chris Harrison, Rocky Janda, Marc Johnson, Charlie McCraw and John Wagner

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Pouncey, Economic and Development Services Director
Katie Graffam, Economic Development Coordinator

MINUTES

A motion was made by Richard Remmert and seconded by John Wagner to approve the minutes of July 8, 2010 as distributed. Motion approved.

2010 COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Project ArtFront

Chairman Klein updated the commission that, while the project was tabled by the EDC and GPAC until February 2011, Carrefour decided to continue the project independently. Alderman Hinely noted that several artists were dismayed over the decision to table the project for six (6) months.

b. Medical Device Industry

Mr. Pecon reported Dr. Steve Bares of the Memphis Bioworks Foundation (MBF) met with Patrick Lawton, City Administrator, to discuss the financial needs of the MBF to create a Germantown campus. He reported that the meeting was very positive, and that Mr. Lawton would be contacting the BMA to relay this information.

c. Business Visits

Ms. Graffam reported that the name badges and business visit district information would be delivered to the commissioners' homes later in the week.

d. Nutcracker Campaign

Chairman Klein notified the commission that he planned on contacting the presidents of the homeowners' associations to promote the use of nutcrackers in holiday décor.

e. Chamber liaison – Charlie McCraw

Mr. McCraw was not present, but Ms. Graffam relayed his report. The Germantown Chamber is hosting the annual Taste of the Town event, to be held on September 26th at the Hilton Memphis from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. The Chamber recommended purchasing tickets early, as they were sold out at the door last year.

f. Planning Commission liaison – Susan Burrow

Ms. Burrow was not present

TDOT/POPLAR AVENUE WIDENING UPDATE

Mr. Pouncey updated the commission on the status of this project. The City expects the project to be part of the September bid letting, for the portion of roadway from Miller Farms east to Dogwood. He reported that they are still in negotiations with altering the location of the power lines at the intersections.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Projects In Progress)

Ms. Graffam reported on the projects recently approved by the Planning and Design Review Commissions.

OLD BUSINESS

None reported.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Klein reported two (2) new restaurants were coming to Germantown – The Pie Folks in Germantown Plaza, and Gigi’s Cupcakes in StoneCreek.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be October 7, 2010.