

GERMANTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION COMMISSION

December 6, 2010 minutes

The December 6, 2010 meeting of the Germantown Public Safety Education Commission was called to order by Lillie Kay Mitchell, Chairperson, at 5:30 pm in the Administrative Conference Room.

Attending were: Lillie Kay Mitchell, Ron Roberson, Susan Kingston, Jonathan Smith, Lt. Angie Lewis, Susan Hirsch, John Arth, Dot Stagich, Jonathan Frase, Nikki Gast, Donald Norbert and Mark Billingsley.

The November minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORTS:

- Speakers Bureau Report – no progress to report.
- Police Report – Angie Lewis reported that the focus is on the Christmas Parade.
- Fire Report – no report
- Web presence – maybe in January
- Traffic Engineer – Jonathan Smith reported good news and progress on projects
- Motorcycle Safety Special Committee Report – Susan Kingston reported the committee is working on flyers and preparing for a work session with the BMA in April in hopes the project can move forward in May, which is Motorcycle Safety Month.

OLD BUSINESS

- Adult Bicycle Safety & Education Campaign – Jonathan Smith reported a successful meeting with good feedback. They are planning another meeting before the Planning Commission. Bike racks will be placed at city facilities. A subcommittee of eleven will plan a Bike Safety Campaign.

NEW BUSINESS

- Holiday Safety Tips – hoping they will appear on the web
- Review of our 2010 projects and accomplishments – Lillie Kay worked with the board to complete the commission's list. Ron Roberson and Susan Kingston submitted their expanded committee reports. Please see addendum to see what we are submitting to the city.
- Suggestions and ideas for consideration by 2011 PSEC:
 - Great American Shake Out – April 28 (Bicentennial event)
 - Commission can be a conduit for disaster preparation
 - Safety City
 - Take Back drug project

- Safety Seat inspections
- Germantown Festival / October Fest

It was moved and seconded to authorize the purchase five directional signs for Safety City. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please save the dates June 13 through June 17, 2011 for 2011 Germantown Safety City.

Commissioners were reminded that details of their reports will appear in the addendum to the minutes if they send them to Susan Hirsch within a week of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Susan Hirsch
Recording Secretary

ADDENDUM TO DECEMBER 6 PSEC MEETING

From Susan Kingston, Chair, Motorcycle Safety (Special) Committee

Our committee continues working on a multifaceted campaign that will include signage, news articles, flyers for mailing, public education presentations and TV programs.

Our plan is to complete the work to allow for an April working session with the BMA and a final approval in May.

The next meeting of the committee is Friday, January 14 at 3:00 pm.

2010 Report

Germantown Public Safety Committee Accomplishments

1. Moved to new Storage Unit January 18
2. CPR class February 19, 2010 for six members of the PSEC
3. Speed/radar signs follow up (decided no at May meeting)
4. "I'm Ready" Sunday promotion to area places of worship in May
5. Charles Baker and Monica Carson presented Operation Lifesaver program at meeting on June 7, 2010
6. Germantown Safety City June 14-18 (9:30 to 11:30 am), 2010 had 128 children ages five and six.. a video to end the program, 1 new Safety City building (Firehouse Subs), 12 paid sponsors, 4 in Kind contributing sponsors, and 95 volunteers.

SAFETY CITY 2010 by Ron Roberson

This safety day camp is presented each year by the City of Germantown, Tennessee, through its Public Safety Education Commission.

Continuing a five year tradition, the opening "act" for Safety City was provided by the clown troupe from the Germantown Fire Department. That Monday, the children were also able to tour a fire engine, learn about weather safety from ABC weatherman Mark Walden, and receive traffic safety instructions in Safety City.

Tuesday morning was a howling success when Sophie the bloodhound arrived with the Search and Rescue personnel from the Shelby County Sheriff's Department. Sophie helps teach the children what to do if they are ever "Lost In The Woods." The children learned about bicycle safety, and about water safety. They also got to tour an ambulance, and they rode their bicycles through Safety City.

Wednesday morning, the children learned about car safety, train safety, and got to tour a police car and pet a police dog named Yatzee. Eddie the Eagle taught the children what to do if they find a real gun.

Thursday morning, the children learned which plants were poisonous, what garden chemicals to avoid, and which garden insects might hurt you. They also learned when to call 911 and when to call the non-emergency number. The children also learned how

to safely cross the street. The United States Coast Guard brought a patrol boat and taught the children about boating safety.

Friday morning the children learned about animal safety school bus safety, and personal safety including the danger of talking with strangers. McGruff, the crime dog, made the scene. They also took one more ride around Safety City.

The City of Germantown, the other sponsors of Safety City, and the volunteers who direct the program are convinced that the lessons these children learn in Safety City will help keep them safe throughout their lives.

7. Purchased Ollie the Otter coloring books and bookmarks to promote booster seat safety for Germantown Festival & Oct Child Safety Seat Check appearances by Ollie (in costume)
8. Operation Take Back on September 25, logged in 1320 entries for prescription drugs turned in and took back 44.8 lbs of drugs
9. Germantown Festival September 11 & 12– handed out safety information; held a drawing for 2 donated disaster kits
10. Fall Child Safety Seat Check – October 2 checked 33 seats and replaced two seats; purchased five more directional signs for safety seat checks
11. Finalized Speaker Bureau information and 4 speakers from bureau made speeches
12. Germantown Night Out - October 5 furnished Halloween Safety handouts and glow sticks/necklaces for volunteers and characters visiting neighborhoods
13. Concerned Motorcyclists of TN “LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE Presentation October 4
14. The Motorcycle Safety Committee established at the October meeting is working to provide a coordinated and multifaceted program to educate youngsters, teens, adults and seniors regarding motorcycle safety.
15. PSEC’s Halloween Safety Tips revised published on Web site, sent to Poplar Estates Homeowners, and emailed to Germantown citizens
16. Got volunteers for Adult bicycle safety & education subcommittee following 11/15/2010 presentation of City Plans
17. Donated a tree for the auction at the Appreciation Dinner.