

Neighborhood Preservation Commission
September 9, 2010
Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Chairman Rebecca DeRousse was present and presiding.

In attendance – Larry Farabee, Sarah Freeman, Sandra Hayne, David Jackson, Sidney Kuehn, Andrea Vu, Alderman - Mark Billingsley, Lisa Parker – Planning Commission Liaison

Absent – Joe Nunes– Neighborhood Services

Also in attendance –Sherrye Rhea – Neighborhood Coordinator and guest Pat Mahoney

A quorum was established.

Minutes – The minutes were approved as written.

Chairmen’s Comments – Welcomed Mr. Mahoney.

Reports

Alderman Mark Billingsley Report – Alderman Billingsley stated that the next BMA meeting will be Monday, September 13 at 6 p.m. at the Council Chambers. There will be a new resolution relative to the opposition of consolidation. A special BMA meeting was called on August 31 and a decision was made to draft another resolution opposition to consolidation and this will be presented on September 13. There will be a second reading of the storm water management pollution ordinance which has already been discussed.

The parking lot at the Great Hall is inadequate. The BMA will consider adding approximately 67 spaces to the existing 82 spaces for a total of 149 spaces at a cost of \$389,000.

The BMA has been in discussions with the property owner of the land adjacent to public works. The city would like to buy the property at 7726 Southern just east of the vehicle maintenance shop. When the appraisal was done, it was found that the property is actually one acre larger than has been appraised over the years.

Also, the BMA is considering \$24,000 total for drug testing of Houston and Germantown High School athletes. The money comes from drug money that has been seized.

The Ocean View property has been walked and three work sessions have been set. The first work session is for public input. The commission was encouraged to come to the meeting to add input. The second work session is primarily for the Park and Recreation Commission. There will be two more work sessions discussing the information from the first sessions and how we fiscally fund these ideas.

Neighborhood Services Report – Sherrye Rhea reported that decorative street signs are being put in across the neighborhoods and this is encouraging other neighborhoods to think about revitalizing their neighborhood associations.

Amnesty Dumpster Day will be September 18.

Planning Commission – Lisa Parker reported that there was one thing on the agenda concerning the policy of the conversion of residential streets and utilities, private to public and public to private. Up to this point there was never a policy for a neighborhood association to say that we don’t want these private streets any longer we want them to be public or vice versa. Now there is a policy in place and has been approved by the planning commission and will go before the BMA. The only item not covered in the policy is retention ponds.

CONA Report –David Jackson reported that CONA met on Thursday, July 22 and this information was reported at the last NPC meeting. The next meeting is September 23 and the format will be changed somewhat. The Mayor will be holding a town hall meeting and the topic will be City and County Consolidation and why it doesn't work for Germantown.

Environmental Commission Report – Sandra Hayne reported that the storm fee is now on your water bill. In September or October you will receive a survey in regards to the garbage contract. There are about 55% of Germantown residents bringing their trash to the curb. It will save the city a lot of money if we did go to curb side trash collection. Look for the survey and please respond.

Tree Board Report – Sidney reported that the board has not met since their last meeting.

Neighborhood Summit – Sarah reported that the subcommittee met. Nancy Jane Baker will be filling the last spot; she is Manager of the Memphis Landmark Commission. Sarah has delivered a letter to several shops around town for sponsorships and or door prizes. She also visited the Historic Commission meeting to discuss working with them during the Summit. Sherrye made a page on the city's website for the summit. The awards are also on the website. Kroger will be doing the flowers again this year. Sherrye would like to leave the webpage for the Summit up all year long. She would like to leave the applications for the awards up all year long also.

Sherrye and Sarah will meet within the next two weeks to finalize some of the details.

Germantown Cares - Sandra reported that food has been secured for the firemen and policemen. Rebecca, Larry, Sidney, and Joe will be working the event. Sidney will bring his cooker to cook the hot dogs. Sarah will ask Fresh Market when she talks with them about the Summit to donate buns. Rebecca requested that everyone contact their neighborhood association and church to be involved in the program.

International Property Code – Larry stated that another meeting with the subcommittee has been set up in two weeks to discuss this matter and they will be looking at chapters 4 through 7.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Concerns and or comments – Sherrye stated that the first Tuesday in October will be Germantown Night Out. Everyone was encouraged to participate. If you have a location, please call her to get on the list for a police visit. If there are children at your location McGruff and Eddie Eagle will come for a visit. Lisa stated that their neighborhood is considering a political forum for that night.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.