

Germantown Senior Citizen Advisory Commission
Wednesday, November 17, 2010
Round Conference Room

The Germantown Senior Citizen Advisory Commission met on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, in the Round Conference Room at the Municipal Center. Chairman Ed Price called the meeting to order at approximately 3:35 p.m. and a quorum was established.

PRESENT: Chairman Ed Price, Wynn Bellerjeau, Charles Clark, Nick Dunn, Alderman John Drinnon, Barbara Fisher, John Hicks, Walter Krug, Manilal Shal and Alice Wallace.

ABSENT: Alice Colville, Helen Dickson and H. Stovall Kendrick.

STAFF PRESENT: Community Services Division Director George Brogdon, Recreation Superintendent Natalie Ruffin and Parks Director Pam Beasley.

CONSIDERATION OF October 14, 2010 MINUTES

A motion was made by Barbara Fisher, seconded by Alice Wallace, to approve the October 14, 2010 minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Summit Follow-Up

Dr. John Hicks brought the Commission up to date and said information has been received from 17 churches regarding their programs for seniors. Our Lady of Perpetual Help information should be received on the 18th. They had thought it would be best to get one consolidated information item from all the churches that can be used by the five Summit committees. He said the five committees are continuing to meet and most of them should wrap up before the end of the year and then resume right after the beginning of the year. They do want to get all of the comprehensive programs for seniors offered by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Dr. Hicks brought up that one of the committees said communications in trying to get the word out to seniors has been a challenge and George Brogdon echoed that remark. Mr. Brogdon mentioned that presently there is a mailer that goes into every home and it would be appreciated as that committee looks at communications to seniors that they have specific recommendations, as there are very limited funds to distribute the information and they do want to use the most effective means of reaching Germantown seniors. It was suggested when all this information is compiled that there be a work session with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to distribute the information from the Senior Summit committees to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

2010 Germantown Senior Expo

Highlights of discussion:

- It was estimated there were probably 3,000 people in attendance and it was mentioned that this was probably the most consistent attendance ever.
- The sound system has to be looked into, as the sound system that was set up by Lane that had a speaker to the alternative room was not used to announce the numbers.
- The vendors' lunchroom needs more tables and chairs. It would be ideal if there was larger room for the lunchroom.

- Mr. Krug wanted to be sure Chick-Fil-A received a thank you letter. Mr. Brogdon said all the major donors would be sent letters signed by Chairman Ed Price.
- Mr. Krug also wanted to get a list, write a letter and find out who the in-kind vendors gave their prizes to where we could make them accountable and be sure that the prizes were given. Mr. Brogdon said he would bring copies of those letters sent to the vendors who supported our Expo to the January meeting.
- Mr. Price said the winner of the T.V. was Ms. Peggy Holden Armstrong.
- It was suggested we have a photographer to take pictures of all the different aspects of the Expo. George Brogdon said Angela Buckley took some pictures from above and would try to provide them a copy of those, but not of all the items nor was she there the entire day.
- Mr. Price said there were some problems with the Costco cars and that other people parked in those areas. In the future we will rope that off.
- Door prizes – there was some discussion about pros and cons of the door prize system and it was decided there would be a committee of Alice Wallace, Barbara Fisher and Natalie Ruffin to look at that and come back to the board in the spring with the best way to handle the door prizes.
- It was mentioned that vendors leave early. Wynn Bellerjeau suggested maybe a free booth for the vendors who stay the entire time and there be a drawing for that. There will be further discussion on this as we go into the spring.
- Barbara Fisher said she really misses the ribbon cutting and would like us to look at that also for next year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.