

Neighborhood Preservation Commission

January 13, 2011

Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Chairman Rebecca DeRousse was present and presiding.

In attendance – David Cook, Daniel Dent, Becky Dunn, Larry Farabee, David Jackson, Ron Sklar, Andrea Vu, Alderman Palazzolo, Lisa Parker – Planning Commission Liaison

Absent – Sandra Hayne, Pat Mahoney

Also in attendance – Joe Nunes– Neighborhood Services, Sherrye Rhea – Neighborhood Coordinator

A quorum was established.

Minutes –

Chairmen's Comments – Rebecca asked everyone to introduce themselves. A list of committees were passed out and the commission was asked to sign up for a committee. The events this year will be Home Tour, Germantown Cares, Neighborhood Summit and the charitable event.

No tree board liaison was selected at this time.

Joe Nunes will be attending the Environmental Commission meetings each month therefore he will report back to NPC. No liaison was selected.

Larry Farabee was elected as Vice Chairman and if he is out then David Jackson will preside over the meeting.

Patrick Lawton, City Administrator - Ethic Statement, Open Meetings Law, Vision 2020 and Strategic Planning – A signature page was handed out to each member to sign stating that they are aware of the City of Germantown Code of Ethic. The code states the expectation of anyone serving in an elected office or serving on a board or commission with the City of Germantown. The standard of conduct is the bulk of the code which discusses using your influence as a member of the commission for personal purpose.

The open meeting law in Tennessee was discussed. There are consequences if this law is not followed.

A copy of the Vision 2020 Plan was passed out. It took approximately two years to put together this plan. It was adopted by the board in October 2005. Since then the plan has been updated every year. It serves as a basis for work that staff does and drives the budget decisions. It also supports a lot of the goals and objectives that the different boards and commissions have. It will be used by the BMA for their annual daylong retreat held Friday, January 21. Vision 2020 will be revisited; the goals and objectives will be discussed and tested to make sure they are valid.

This year the city is going to take a different approach to how the Vision 2020 Plan is addressed. The focus will be on areas of sustainability. We want to leave Germantown better for the next generation. The Neighborhood Preservation Commission will play a strong role in making sure that we reach the desired state for our community in the future. A copy of the triple bottom line was handed out. The private sector may focus on the bottom line however the city does not look at profit. The three areas of sustainability are economic, environmental, and social.

In the next couple of weeks every resident of Germantown will receive a survey which is about 5 or 6 pages long. This will be the 5th survey in 15 years. There will be some type of survey done from now on every year. A copy of the strategic plan will be given to this committee sometime this spring.

Reports

Alderman Mike Palazzolo Report – Alderman Palazzolo welcomed all of the members. It is a privilege to serve with this group. He stated that he is a conduit from the staff and BMA to the commission. This commission is your commission and he will not try to push any agenda through. He is a resource for this group and he will be glad to help in any way. He looks forward to everyone working together on this commission.

Neighborhood Services Report – Joe Nunes reported on the Property Maintenance Code. The subcommittee met last year. A report will be prepared for the commission.

The decorative street sign program is continuing. There are approximately 600 or 700 posts installed in about 30 or 40 neighborhoods. There were a back log of applications which have now been filled. In the coming year we will be installing the gateway streets instead of neighborhoods. Poplar, Farmington and Germantown roads will be installed. Applications are currently being taken for FY12. The city will pay 50% of the installed street signs and 100% of the installed stop signs. The price of a sign has averaged \$750 to \$800.

Planning Commission – Lisa Parker reported that the commission met on Tuesday and had an election of officers. Dave Klavan will serve as Chairman again and Forrest Owens is Vice Chairman. There wasn't any business to come before the board. The February meeting has already been canceled because there isn't any business to come before the board.

CONA Report –David Jackson reported that the next meeting will be January 27 and Patrick Lawton will give a summary of the BMA retreat.

Home Tour – David reported that there are 4 homes on the list from last year. We would like for the theme to be historic homes. The tour will be April 10. The entire commission will need to be able to help guide people through the homes. He needs a committee to help. He will have a list of the homes at the next meeting. We are working with the Historical Commission and they have some residents that may be interested in being on the tour. Hopefully there will be 6 homes on the tour. Sherrye suggested that we except donation for our charity at the tour. Becky asked if they needed school supplies or something like that could be donated. It was suggested that we ask for the email addresses this year of the attendees. David will have a committee meeting soon.

Neighborhood Summit – Sherrye suggested that the Summit committee start meeting now. Also, she suggested that we have a committee from other neighborhoods to be on the sub-committee. To ask someone from Germantown Trails, the Neighborhood of the Year, to also be on the committee.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – None

Concerns and or comments – Larry asked about the International Property Code and where we stood on it. Joe explained that because of time restraints on this meeting, we would discuss it at the February meeting.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.