

GERMANTOWN HISTORIC COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 6:00 P.M.
Parks and Recreation Conference Room

The regular meeting of the Germantown Historic Commission was held Tuesday, January 25, 2011, in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room. Chairman Bagby called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Present: Chairman Louise Bagby, Daneise Burnette, Joy Cook, Paula Fleming; Dele Hicks, Roma Macko-Sailors, Jim McGehee, Warren Travis and Alderman John Drinnon.

Absent: Luci Calvin.

Staff Present: George Brogdon, Community Services Division Director, and Patrick Lawton, City Administrator.

Guests: Victor Gardner, Boy Scout Troop 456, and his father Mark Gardner.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26, 2010 MINUTES

A motion was made by Roma Macko-Sailors, seconded by Joy Cook, to approve the October 26, 2010 minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

Chairman Bagby introduced new members Dele Hicks and Daneise Burnette. She also introduced visitors Victor Gardner, Boy Scout Troop 456, and his father Mark Gardner.

PRESENTATION BY PATRICK LAWTON

Chairman Bagby introduced Patrick Lawton, City Administrator, who is attending all of the City commissions' January meetings and providing information to those commissions.

Mr. Lawton said he had three things to discuss:

Code of Ethics – He passed out a Code of Ethics to all the members. He said this began internally with the City's Employee Ethic Policy some years ago and then after Tennessee Waltz there was a statewide Code of Ethics that the City followed and developed, which is what he passed out and is for elected and appointed officials. He also passed around a form which everyone signed acknowledging their receipt of the Ethics Policy and their intent to support these standards and codes of conduct.

Open Meetings – Mr. Lawton passed out some information from the Municipal Technical Assistance Service (MTAS) and gave the example that the posting of a meeting on the Web and other places allows people to show up, such as the Gardners who were present for this meeting. Mr. Lawton also introduced the Freedom of Information Act. He pointed out that if two members or more of the Historic Commission meet to discuss business that it must be posted, whether it is a subcommittee or the full commission, or again just a couple of members. If they are meeting not to discuss business, then that is fine.

Vision 2020 Plan – Mr. Lawton distributed copies of the Vision 2020 Plan developed and approved in 2005 and which was updated by the Aldermen on January 21, 2011, however this is not the updated version that was passed out. He also passed out a sustainability pyramid and said the triple bottom line (SEE) social, economic and environmental, is how we measure things here at the City. There was a question from the group regarding Smart Growth and does

Smart Growth meet with the Sustainability Pyramid and the Vision 2020 Plan. Mr. Lawton said it does, that economically it will help the City. This impact will be a huge boost to our revenues. Environmentally, the office and hotel under one development was LEED certified and, socially, a citizen participation plan is required for all of the Smart Growth projects.

Mr. Lawton concluded at approximately 6:37 p.m.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Daneise Burnette told the Commission that she had been in Germantown for 26 years and had served on the City Beautification Commission, took a year off and wanted to get re-involved with the City and chose the Historic Commission.

Dele Hicks explained she had been in Germantown 35 years and had served on the Historic Commission in the 1980's, over 25 years ago. She participated in the Depot restoration and the Sesquicentennial and Bicentennial celebrations that were supported by the Historic Commission.

Chairman Bagby explained the functions of the Historic Commission. Their biggest event is Heritage Day in September. She said they had a tour of chapels and are working a video and oral history of Germantown leaders in conjunction with the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center. She also mentioned the project for Ocean View and said it is hoped to be a historic village and working farm. George Brogdon said that plan had not gone through the vetting process yet. He said the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the Park Commission would be working together in the next few weeks to develop a vision for Ocean View.

Ms. Bagby said that Charles Salvaggio has been working with the Methodist Hospital to move the Baptist Chapel to Ocean View and Jackie Clift with the Germantown Museum has requested a grant in the amount of \$41,500.00 from the First Tennessee Foundation to move the John Gray House to Ocean View. She said \$4,000.00 would be needed for the foundation for the John Gray House once it was moved. She said an adviser would need to be hired to help with the design and the moving of these buildings. George Brogdon mentioned the City's budget is very tight this year and has been for some years and the City is looking to try to cut additional dollars and it is hard to look at additional operations.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Bagby has been talking to David Jackson of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission and he would like to see a tour of historic homes. Presently, they have a tour of remodeled homes. There were trains displayed at the Depot during Christmas. She mentioned the log book in the Depot was damaged by some kind of insects, probably termites, and needs a glass case. Jim McGehee said he would build a glass case and would contact Building Maintenance of the City to see if there is a termite contract on the building.

Ms. Bagby said she was talking to George Browder and mentioned he had found a copy of the 1841 Charter of Germantown and she will asked Mr. Browder to forward the Historic Commission a copy.

The tapes were discussed of different interviews and Ms. Bagby will contact some of the people who have completed those and accumulate the tapes.

Chairman Bagby informed the Commission that she had had a discussion last year with GHS-TV. They want to do a Crosstalk of three historical homes. They have done one so far, Gerald and Sandy Wilson's home at Hack Cross Road and Poplar Pike. Next Monday the students will come from GHS-TV and will do Walter Wills' Kirby Farms and Dr. Nurenberger's home in March. She expects this to air in April.

Ms. Bagby said that was all she had at this time. She did say that Ms. Kay Fleming will be co-chair for Heritage Day and looking for another co-chair. She also mentioned the possibility of working with the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center on their history fair and possibly could combine the two and spread it from the library all the way up to the John Gray House and have bigger crowds and more vendors and a bigger event. She said they are meeting with Jennifer Baker of the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center on February 15th.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.