

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

September 28, 2006

Council Chambers

Germantown Municipal Center

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED: Bavarian Village, Bromley, Dogwood Creek South, Forest Estates, Fox Creek, Gardens of Oakleigh, Germantown East, Germantown Park, Germantown Station, Germantown Trails, Kimbrough Grove, Kimbrough Woods, Mimosa Gardens, Poplar Estates, Riverchase, South Germantown, Sweet Oaks, Winchester Forest Hill Estates.

CALL TO ORDER: Edgar Babian called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Edgar welcomed first time visitors from Farmington East, Forest Estates, and Germantown Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the July 27, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

GUEST SPEAKER: David Pickler, Chairman of the Shelby County Board of Education discussed the state of Shelby County Schools in Germantown. He noted that parental involvement is what makes Shelby County schools different than other schools. The Shelby County ACT & SAT scores are above state and national averages. The Board of Education has determined that there must be changes in the way teachers teach in the classroom that will involve moving away from traditional methods and implementing new learning techniques. District-wide changes will involve professional development, leadership development, the instructional program, career/tech programs, intervention programs, and expanding learning time for all students. In the spring, SCS broke ground for Southwind High School, in southeast Shelby County, which will open for ninth and tenth grades in August 2007. Opening this new school will result in redistricting & rezoning. Shelby County Schools will be working with other large schools districts to lobby in Nashville to do away with Robin Hood districts and to create more special school districts.

Barry Moore with the Shelby County Health Department talked about ways to prepare for a pandemic and offered to speak at neighborhood association meetings. The Health Department is looking for volunteers and groups to be a part of the Public Health Reserve Corps. To request a speaker or to sign up for the Reserve Corps, call Jennifer Price, 544-6880.

OLD BUSINESS: **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Goldsworthy said the charrette, the planning phase of Germantown's "Smart Growth Plan," was very successful and attended by over 100 people. Workshops were held for seven days involving the public, engineers, architects, developing staff, etc. The design team will be gone for six weeks, and then come back with details of a master plan.

Police Department Report: Captain Joe Bradley presented the monthly crime report. He reported that the types of crimes have been auto and residential burglary, theft, and armed robbery. Over 1,200 photo warrants for running red lights were issued in one month.

Neighborhood Services Report: Joe Nunes said that the city received 700 calls in July expressing concerns about garbage pickup; however, there was a dramatic decline in complaint calls during August and September. The 60-day grace period for black bags for yard debris has ended and yard debris now must be placed in clear bags for pickup. In response to an inquiry, Joe said that the new neighborhood signs do have a place for logos.

NEW BUSINESS:

Announcements: Sherrye Rhea announced that St. George's Episcopal Church would hold their 35th annual Antiques Arcade on October 13-15. Also, on October 26, The Neighborhood Preservation Commission and the Leadership Germantown Alumni Association will sponsor the Neighborhood Leaders Conference 2006 in the Great Hall at the Germantown Center. Dick Leike will be the keynote speaker, and there will be breakout sessions on Communicating Effectively, Safety and Crime Prevention, and Liability, Insurance and Incorporation for participants to attend. This is a free event—sign up with Sherrye at 757-7203.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM. The next meeting will be November 16, 2006. Please note that this is a change in meeting schedule because of the Thanksgiving holiday.