

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

March 23, 2006

Council Chambers

Germantown Municipal Center

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED: Cedar Lake, Duntreath, Duntreath Equus Park, Duntreath Park I & II, English Meadows, Forest Hill Estates, Gardens of Oakleigh, Germantown Station, Germantown Trails, Glenalden, Kimbrough Grove, Neshoba North, Poplar Estates, Riverchase, Sweet Oaks, The Vineyards, The Village of Germantown, Winchester Forest Hill Estates.

CALL TO ORDER: Edgar Babian called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Edgar welcomed first time visitors from Val Verde, Germantown Trails, Mimosa Gardens, and Kimbrough Green.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the January 26, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Patrick Lawton, City Administrator, and Jim Jetton, CIP Manager, discussed the City's business planning model for the FY-07 budget and the capital improvements program. Patrick said the top five issues that Germantown will focus on are the Heart of Germantown Master Plan, Wolf River Nature Center – Direction, Managed Competition Program Development, GPAC/Germantown Centre direction, and South Germantown Road widening. He discussed City services and finances and the evolution of the community as we are quickly approaching build out. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen want the City to be a financially stable community but does not want a property tax increase. City Administration is looking at ways to shift what it is doing to a business service model. Staff has identified management issues with goals to create opportunities for change, protect and expand city revenues, change the culture at city hall and the community, look at the organizational structures of the city, and become as competitive as the private sector in delivering services. The BMA met with the Park Commission about the Nature Center and the cost of running it as related to the value it provides the citizens.

Jim Jetton presented the capital projects that have been completed this year. The traffic signal at Farmington and Allenby has been bid and construction will start soon. The lights at Kimbrough and Dogwood are in the process of being installed. The third phase of the greenway is almost done, and the fourth phase will begin next week or some time in April at the latest. The Capital Improvements Program is divided into general government, major roads, intersection/other, drainage, parks, utility fund, and contingency. The first reading of the budget will be May 8, the second reading on May 22, and final reading on June 27.

OLD BUSINESS:

CONA Special Events Coordinator's report: The Neighborhood Fest will be in October. Its purpose is to celebrate neighborhood associations. Neighborhoods will have the ability to have booths with displays. There will be family activities that will go into the

evening, perhaps teaming with the Germantown Symphony for an evening concert. This will require planning on the part of neighborhood associations, and CONA members are encouraged to start talking to their own associations about the fest.

Mayor's report: Mayor Goldsworthy talked about Heart of Germantown, which is a product of the 2020 plan that identifies the vision for the City. The area being discussed is bounded by Neshoba on the north, Brierbrook on the east, Miller Farms on the west and Poplar Pike on the south and includes Municipal Square, the shopping centers, and Old Germantown. Plans are to develop a master plan for the entire area addressing "walkability," multi-use, traffic flow, etc. A group has met to develop a task force to address underage drinking. It will look at what type of educational programs can be presented in the schools and how parents can be taught the seriousness of the problem.

Police Department report: Lt. Jody Whitfield, Community Relations Officer, presented the February crime report. He is also in charge of Neighborhood Watch Groups and is asking CONA members to register their neighborhood watch groups with the Police Department. He is available to talk to associations and can be contacted at jwhitfield@ci.germantown.tn.us. The BMA is proposing that the City opt out of National Night Out because it is so hot in August. It would be replaced with Germantown Neighborhood Watch Night in the fall. Please notify Jody if your association would like to stay with the traditional National Night Out in August or change to a local night out later in the fall.

Neighborhood Services Division Report: Joe Nunes reported that the city is in the process of getting bids for Solid Waste Services. The city has signed a contract with a company that will provide the Decorative Street signs. It will deliver a mock up model for approval. After approval, the company will have 90 days to manufacture the street posts, and 90 days to install the signs. The Neighborhood Preservation Commission home tour is scheduled for April 30 from 2-5 PM. On April 22, the semi-annual amnesty dumpster day will be held. At the Johnson Road location only, citizens can take televisions, computers, etc. Shred-It will be there to shred documents at no charge. Joe reminded the group that the allowable grass height is now 6" instead of 9". So far, there has been an 85% response to the special census but the City would like to get as close to 100% response as possible because the census information helps the City with state revenue sharing. Homeowners are reminded that they can go to the city web site to complete the census. Germantown Night at the Redbirds will be June 23.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no association concerns and updates.

Announcements: Lillie Kay Mitchell from the Public Safety Education Commission announced that Safety City (a program for 5 and 6 year old children) would again take place this summer. Because Shelby County Schools will not allow the information to be passed out, the Commission needs our help in getting the word out. Contact commission members if you would like information for your newsletter or fliers for you neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM. The next meeting will be May 25, 2006.