

## COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

NOVEMBER 17, 2005

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

GERMANTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER

**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED:** Allenby Lakes, Allenby Westfair, Cordes West, Dogwood Creek South, Duntreath, English Meadows, Gardens of Oakleigh, Germantown East, Germantown Station, Grove Park, Hunters Run, Oakleigh I, Poplar Estates, Riverchase, The Vineyards, Village of Wicklow, Winchester Forest Hill Estates, Woodshire.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Luci Cromer called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Luci welcomed first time guests from Dogwood Creek South, Allenby Lakes, Poplar Estates, and Germantown East.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes were approved as written.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Joe Nunes, Neighborhood Services Manager, gave an overview of Germantown ordinance (2005-9), the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance that was enacted on September 12, 2005. Existing fences must be maintained in good and structurally sound condition; new fences must have the smooth side facing the street. Fences are required where there is a pool. The nuisance ordinance additions include broken windows, sagging gutters, missing roof materials, crumbling deteriorated driveways, peeling flaking paint, rotted exterior wood, etc. Property owners are responsible for the property they own whether or not they live on the site. Garage doors must be closed when no one is on the premises and also closed between the hours of 11 PM and 5 AM, unless in use. Materials cannot be stored in carports to the extent they block vehicles from parking, so you can still put grills, bikes, etc. in a carport but there has to be room for the car(s). No material or equipment may be stored on a porch, except appropriate porch furniture. For fire protection, house numbers should be 4 to 6 inches tall and visible from street. 3-5" numbers on the mailbox are permissible. Holiday decorations may be put up 45 days in advance and must be taken down 30 days after holiday. Solid waste containers must be located behind the front line of the house and screened from the street. Trash containers and recycling containers cannot be placed at curb prior to 6 PM the day before collection. Containers should be removed from the curb no later than 8 AM the day after collection. The grass height requirement was lowered from 9" to 6" on most lots. Lawn areas must be properly planted to prevent soil erosion. Trees, shrub and landscaping should be maintained. The maximum driveway width is 18' in the required front yard. The driveway width is allowed to expand to accommodate garage doors. No other parking spaces are allowed in the front yard. A permit is required for new but not for existing driveway replacement. The City Engineer may require a survey if necessary to determine the accuracy of application information. Home based businesses should have no employees and customers should not pick up products at the home-based business. R/V and trailer parking for vehicles larger than 8' in height, 20' in length and 8,000 lbs. GVW are restricted. The entire ordinance may be viewed and printed from the City's website: [www.ci.germantown.tn.us](http://www.ci.germantown.tn.us). Enforcement includes issuing courtesy notices for trash concerns, Vehicle/RV parking and later issuing violation warning notices and letters. Subsequently, court citation could be issued. The phone number for Code Compliance is 757-7263.

Officer David Bennett presented Germantown's automated enforcement program which uses cameras to detect vehicles running red lights at two Germantown intersections (1) Poplar & West Street and (2)

Germantown Road & Wolf River Blvd. This program has been enhanced to include illegal left turns, but citations are not issued for illegal right turns due to technical limitations of the system. Officer Bennett showed us the same videos of violations that the police department sees. These images are transferred instantly by fiber optics from roadside and displayed on a computer monitor at police headquarters. This automated enforcement (1) reduces crashes, (2) saves lives, and (3) reduces the economic impact of enforcement on the community. Over 400 violations are documented each month and during peak months may record approximately 700 violations. Before being cited a driver must enter the intersection after the light turns red and the yellow light stays on for 4 seconds that provides ample time and travel distance for a prudent decision to stop or proceed into the intersection. Citations do not go on violators' driving records or insurance records, but these images can be subpoenaed or requested by insurance companies. Citations are paid to the City of Germantown court clerk and tickets are mailed to wherever the violator lives. Exempt vehicles include emergency vehicles such as, ambulances, and police vehicles on call.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor's report: Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy presented the "Hometown for the Holidays" schedule that includes the Holiday Tree Lighting, the Journey to the North Pole, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," the Holiday Tour of Homes, the Holiday Parade, the Holiday Homecoming concert, Stories from Around the World, and the Holiday Lighting Contest. The theme for Christmas decorations this year is nutcrackers.

Chairman's report: Luci Cromer, gave an update about the CONA Board's effort to helping neighborhood associations get started or re-energized, which is listed as one of CONA's purposes in the bylaws... Since January, Luci, Edgar Babian, Chuck Mullins, Sherrye Wadlington, Joe Nunes or Billy Brown have met with 10 neighborhoods. Of those 10, 7 neighborhoods have either organized or are in the process of getting started. The City supports this effort with budgeted money to help neighborhoods get organized. CONA and the City have developed a neighborhood association start-up packet that will be available to all neighborhoods on the CONA website.

Police Department report: There was no report.

Neighborhood Services Division report: There was no report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Officers: The Nominating Committee, composed of Terry Fischer, Jay Hardy, and Chuck Mullins nominated the following: Edgar Babian, Chairman; John & Linda Gregory, Vice-chairmen-membership; Chuck Mullins, Vice-chairman-program; Andy Anderson, Secretary; John Johnson, Special Projects Coordinator. There were no nominations from the floor. Billy Brown made a motion that the slate be elected by acclamation, and Terry Fischer seconded the motion. The motion was passed, and the slate was elected to two-year terms.

Association concerns and updates: There were no association concerns.

Announcements: Luci announced that the amended revised bylaws are now on the CONA website and can be printed off for your use. Sherrye Wadlington discussed the Holiday Tour of Homes and the tour of renovated homes that the Neighborhood Preservation Commission will host in the spring. Applications for Boards and Commissions May be printed from the City website and given to Dottie Johnson by November 28, 2005. The next CONA meeting will be January 26, 2005

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.