

Neighborhood Preservation Commission
March 10, 2011
Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Vice Chairman, Larry Farabee was present and presiding.

In attendance – David Cook, Daniel Dent, Becky Dunn, Sandra Hayne, Pat Mahoney, Ron Sklar, Lisa Parker – Planning Commission Liaison,

Absent – Rebecca DeRousse, Andrea Vu, David Jackson, Alderman Mike Palazzolo

Also in attendance – Joe Nunes– Neighborhood Services, students from Germantown High School (see chairmen’s comments)

A quorum was established.

Minutes – The word “of” omitted in last sentence of third paragraph of Alderman Palazzolo’s report. Neighborhood Services report second paragraph the second down should be omitted. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Chairmen’s Comments – Ms. Rose Ivy and her daughter Pam which is a senior at Germantown High School. She is attending the meeting as part of her Government class. Others from Germantown High School also attending; Madison Brown, Tyler Hopkin, Jusquavis Burns, Briana Hills, Monique Dennis.

Reports

Alderman Mike Palazzolo Report – Alderman Palazzolo was not in attendance therefore a report was not given.

Neighborhood Services Report – Joe Nunes reported that Mulch Day will be March 26 at Public Services Complex from 8 a.m. until the mulch is gone. Amnesty Dumpster Day is Saturday, April 16, 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Again there will be free shredding for Germantown residents as well as recycling of computers and TV’s. Shred-it and computer recycling will be at Johnson Road Park only.

There have been a few more small neighborhoods apply for decorative street signs. These signs will be installed and it will end this phase of the installation. The next phase will go out to bid next fiscal year. The city will install some of the major and collector streets in the next phase. The decorative street sign program was explained to the new members of the commission and the guests.

A competitive sealed proposal for collection of solid waste has been presented. The city wanted the ability to look at proposals and negotiate the best service for Germantown instead of going through the bid process. The current contracts expire at the end of this fiscal year which is June 30, 2011. The city is asking for a proposal on 3 different levels of service.

Planning Commission – Lisa reported that the commission met on Tuesday, March 1. There were 2 items on the agenda. The Planning commission felt there was a need in the community for small neighborhoods that have private streets that were in deterioration but still had active Home Owner Association attached to it to have the opportunity to turn the private streets into public streets. There were also new communities that had private streets that expressed a concern to turn the private into public streets. There were mandates that the communities must meet. There were 2 communities, Devonshire Gardens and Poplar Grove that were

interested. It is a \$150,000 to \$200,00 process for the Home Owners Association to go through to convert the streets.

Environmental Commission – Joe reported that the commission did meet this past month. They were given an update on the solid waste contract. A report was given on the effectiveness of the 1990 EPA clean air act. The report was positive as a result of regulations that have been implemented from the clean air act.

One of the members is a realtor and is very involved in the Association of Realtors and the Green Home listings.

CONA Report – Joe Nunes reported that the next meeting will be March 24. There will be a representative from the Better Business Bureau who is going to give a presentation on scams that affect home owners. Everyone is encouraged to come.

Home Tour – Joe Nunes reported that the city did not have enough participants therefore the home tour is officially canceled.

Unfinished Business – Information on the International Property Maintenance Code will be carried over to the next meeting.

New Business – None

Concerns and or comments – Larry asked about the surveys that have gone out to the residents. The city will look at previous surveys and compare similar questions to gauge trends in certain areas to make sure that trends are positive. The city is also looking at doing a random sample every year.

One of the guests asked how the neighborhoods in Germantown come up with their different ideas and what they do in their neighborhood. The Neighborhood Preservation Commission was developed to encourage and strengthen neighborhood associations. The Council of Neighborhood Associations provides information on events that are happening in the city to the neighborhoods.

The neighborhood summit takes place in the fall. Speakers are brought in to educate the association leaders to make their association stronger.

Larry explained the difference between a home owners association and a neighborhood association.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.