

Neighborhood Preservation Commission

April 14, 2011

Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Chairman, Rebecca DeRousse was present and presiding.

In attendance – David Cook, Larry Farabee Sandra Hayne, Pat Mahoney, Lisa Parker – Planning Commission Liaison, Alderman Mike Palazzolo

Absent – Daniel Dent, Becky Dunn, Ron Sklar, Andrea Vu, David Jackson,

Also in attendance – Joe Nunes– Neighborhood Services, from Germantown High School – Pam Ivory

A quorum was established.

Minutes – approved as written

Chairmen's Comments – Thanks goes to Larry for leading the meeting last month. Also Sandra Hayne has volunteered to be the Tree Board Liaison. A Germantown Cares chairman is needed. Sidney Kuehn will be joining us as the DRC representative.

Reports

Alderman Mike Palazzolo Report – Alderman Palazzolo has had an idea for a while that is similar to the decorative street sign concept which was rolled out 5 or 6 years ago. Most of the neighborhood associations that are going to get signs have already put them in. There is \$50,000 in the FY13 budget for decorative signs. Alderman Palazzolo would like for NPC to put together a sub-committee to look at the fencing around ditches in the city. This fencing is in need of repair. He would like for the city to work with the neighborhood associations to put up some type of decorative fencing around these areas. There needs to be some investigation done. An inventory needs to be done first. The inventory needs to include, location, neighborhood, and photo of current conditions. Larry asked if there would be any state money available for this project. Joe said he would find out.

The board is in the middle of budget season.

Neighborhood Services Report – Joe Nunes reported that the solid waste contract will be presented to the board next month. The options have been narrowed down. We will be continuing the back door service collection with a curb side option. One of the changes that will be implemented will be a discounted price for curb side collection. In the past five years the number of Germantown residents that use curb side has doubled. We will be going to single stream recycling therefore it will not be necessary to sort the recyclables. A 35 gallon roll cart is being looked at for recycles. Yard debris will be the same as today. It was suggested that the city look at pink trash cans with all of the proceeds go to breast cancer.

Amnesty Dumpster Day will be held Saturday April 16.

Environmental Commission – Joe reported that there is a website www.waterfootprint.com which gives you information on the usage of water and other materials. It will also give you the opportunity to figure out your homes footprint. Boo Mills gave an update on the city's usage of water and how it is being monitored.

The commission is also pushing grass recycling.

Planning Commission – Lisa reported that the commission met on April 5 and there were 3 items on the agenda. Carter’s Grove Subdivision; on the corner of Poplar and Carter’s Grove, it is currently owned by Lyle Muller. He would like to sub divide the property into 5 lots. This item was approved.

The second item was the Gardens of Oakleigh PUD which is requesting conversion of private to public streets. They received a preliminary approval. The third item on the agenda was The Preserve PUD located between Beaverwood Cove and Woodlane Cove in Oakleigh. This PUD was approved several years ago. Dick Lieke is taking it over and he wants it to be a VESTA Home Show. If he can get it in the VESTA this year, they will be using the church as a parking area. These homes will be priced between \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. There are 12 lots in the subdivision however they will only have 5 lots in the home show.

Unfinished Business –International Property Maintenance Code has been put on hold.

New Business – None

Concerns and or comments – None

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.