

GERMANTOWN HISTORIC COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 6:00 P.M.
Parks and Recreation Conference Room

The regular meeting of the Germantown Historic Commission was held Tuesday, February 22, 2011, in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room. Chairman Bagby called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Present: Chairman Louise Bagby, Daneise Burnette, Luci Calvin, Joy Cook, Roma Macko-Sailors, Jim McGehee and Warren Travis.

Absent: Dale Hicks, Kay Fleming and Alderman John Drinnon.

Staff Present: George Brogdon, Community Services Division Director.

APPROVAL OF January 25, 2011 MINUTES

A motion was made by Roma Macko-Sailors, seconded by Joy Cook, to approve the January 25, 2011 minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Charter

Chairman Bagby said that she had spoken to George Browder and that the copy of the Charter was not 1841 but 1850. George Brogdon will see if the City has a copy of the 1841 Charter.

Filming of Historic Homes

Ms. Bagby gave an update of the filming of historic homes and said the first home had been completed by GHS-TV but that the second home was delayed by a snow day and they are now working on the Secret Garden. The Nurnberg home will be filmed on March 25th and Kirby Farms on the 26th.

Oral History

Ms. Bagby went over the schedule of information to be received from the different members and past members on the oral history of Germantown leaders.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Day/History Fair

Ms. Bagby said they had been talking with Jennifer Baker at the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center and the possibility of combing of Heritage Day and the History Fair in September. They decided that it is not that necessary to have the day in conjunction with the Pops in the Park, so it will be a week later on Saturday, September 24th, and the time will be changed to 10:00am to 1:00pm. The City has canopies to be used for shade from the sun. The event will extend from the John Gray House all the way down to the Germantown Community Library. (George Brogdon has checked and the City does have six canopies that can be used for the event.)

Daniese Burnette volunteered to be co-chair of the Heritage Day/History Fair along with Kay Fleming.

Ms. Bagby said the library could be opened on the side where the children's area is for different events and, if it does rain, most things can be put in the middle of the library. There will be exhibits from the John Gray House all the way down to the library on the ground. Jennifer Baker will invite crafters and hopefully there will be an increase in exhibits from what the event had last year and this should expand on the entire event. A marketing timeline will be determined and Raymond Wheeldon, Assistant Director of the Germantown Community Library, can help with developing any type of brochure that needs to be done. It was mentioned Boy Scout troops could be obtained to clean up and to also check with the Germantown volunteer bank. New vendors discussed were possible bee keepers, basket makers, and then Jim McGehee said he would be willing to do woodworking again this year. Warren Travis suggested period games for the kids and examples of those where they can participate. It was mentioned also that the peas that Mr. McGehee brought last year to shell were very popular and they would like to do that again.

Other Business Discussed

Ms. Bagby informed the Commission that there would be a presentation by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Museum Committee next Monday, February 28, in the Council Chambers. George Brogdon said he apologized she had not informed beforehand but the meeting had been cancelled at this point and would rearranged at a later date.

Ms. Bagby said that Pam Beasley, Park Director, is talking with Greg Marcum on Friday and to Charles Salvaggio today and things are moving forward with the moving of the Germantown Baptist Church Chapel and the Methodist Hospital is anxious to move it as soon as possible. She said Charles Salvaggio has done his homework and knows what the expenses are. She said they could be used for festivals, weddings and also would house the Germantown Museum collections and that Pam Beasley also had big plans for the area, including miniature animal and organic methods of gardening.

Mr. McGehee said that he and George Browder walked some land across from the Water Treatment Plant to explore where the possible former tunnel was underneath the railroad line between Southern and Poplar Pike. Mr. McGehee said he knows it wasn't there in the 60's, but probably there in the 50's. They looked at possible locations but weren't completely sure exactly where it is.

Mr. McGehee also reported that he looked at the book in the Depot and it was old termites and that the book is pretty well destroyed so he would build a case for the book to fit once it is closed. He said that the Depot is on slab so you could not crawl underneath.

Mr. Travis reported on a side note that Woody Oliphant who owned Woody's Drug Store and later worked at Rexall Pharmacy had passed away at the age of 69.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:43pm.