

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

July 28, 2011

Germantown Municipal Center

Neighborhood Associations Represented: Dogwood Grove, Duntreath, Germantown East, Germantown Trails, Kimbrough Green, Mimosa Gardens, Moore Road, Poplar Estates, Riverchase, Rowan Oak, and the Village of Wicklow.

Call to Order: Chairman, Billy Brown called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions: A first-time visitor from Rowan Oak was recognized as were Aldermen Drinnon and Marcom. Chairman Billy Brown announced that Jack Langenfelder will be calling persons to be on the Nominating Committee, and he urged people to thoughtfully consider serving.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 26, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

Guest Speaker: Patrick Lawton, Germantown's City Administrator, presented the results of the City's 2011 Community Survey and compared the results to the 2004 Germantown Community Survey and to community surveys done in other cities of comparative size and demographics to Germantown. Ninety percent of questions asked were consistent with previous surveys with a few current topics or hot issues added. The survey was outsourced and had an 18% response rate. The areas surveyed were citizen satisfaction w/services, responsiveness to citizens, administrative leadership, efficiency, maintenance/traffic, safety/emergency services, cultural/recreational, utilities/services, and city hall. 77% of respondents rated Germantown as an excellent place to live compared to 70% in 2004. The City will use any variance in the 2011 survey results from the 2004 survey to evaluate and make improvements, but the City did very well with a 58% satisfaction rate in 2011 government services compared to a 53% satisfaction rate in 2004. The top ranking general lifestyle attributes of living in Germantown were low crime, Fire/EM services, and property values.

Old Business:

Police Department: Lt. Ed McGee presented the Germantown Police Department Monthly Summary and announced that residents can be a great assistance in curbing daytime residential burglaries by calling the police if they notice suspicious activity. The non-emergency Police dispatch phone number is 754-7222 or via cell phone within Germantown the number is *54. Lt. McGee's e-mail address is emcgee@germantown-tn.gov if you wish to contact him personally. He advised residents to keep their purses with them at all times in doctor's offices and to be aware that, in lieu of a siren on police vehicles, you may hear/feel a low but extremely strong rumble, which is even more noticeable than a siren.

Mayor's Report: Sharon Goldsworthy presented "Ten Things to Feel Good About in Germantown". They are: 1. The Wolf River Blvd. construction project is on schedule. 2. A three day inspection of our water plant resulted in Germantown scoring 98 out of 100. 3. Riverdale Park was recognized as one of the top six playgrounds in cities under 100,000 by the US Conference of Mayors this year. 4. Library expansion plans will be fine-tuned by using citizen input as well as recommendations from LSSI. 5. John Selberg, a 34-year veteran of the department, is our new Fire Chief. 6. The Germantown Athletic Club's new equipment, upcoming racquetball court improvements, and increased membership. 7. GPAC Youth Symphony went to China, and 2 junior ensembles will be added. 8. Germantown's Park and Recreation Department received its third reaccreditation from a visiting team from a national standards board. 9. Water did not enter any structure in Germantown during this year's spring

floods. 10. Germantown's sales tax revenues have exceeded budget by over 10%, and the Hall's Dividend Tax revenue has exceeded expectation.

Special Events Coordinator's Report: David Jackson announced that the Neighborhood Preservation Commission will present "Germantown Cares" on September 17. Neighborhoods are encouraged to lend a helping hand to neighbors or the community on that day. The event will end with a special celebration at the Pops in the Park in Municipal Park at 6 p.m. The Neighborhood Summit will be on Sunday, October 23, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Great Hall. The Neighborhood Preservation Committee is looking for sponsors and door prizes for this event.

Special Events Committee Report: Sherrye Rhea announced that there will be a new award given at the Neighborhood Summit this year. It will be the Making a Difference Award. As with all the awards, Sherrye encouraged neighborhood associations to write up events during the course of the year rather than wait until just before the Summit. Neighborhood Summit forms are available online.

Neighborhood Planning Report: In Joe Nunes' absence, Sherrye announced the Planning Commission did not meet in June, but at the July meeting two additional bike lanes were added to the Wolf River Pkwy. Citizens were also made aware that house numbers are not to be painted on the curb, and citizens were asked to call the police if representatives come by attempting to sell this illegal service.

Neighborhood Services Report: Sherrye reviewed the new garbage/recycling /yard waste requirements, and one of the new 35-gallon rolling recycling carts was on display. They will be delivered in September to homeowners who have requested them. The old recycling bins will no longer be able to be used at that time. Homeowners were told not to place yard debris in the street and to call the city for large piles of debris to ensure pickup. Homeowners will pay the back door rate for garbage service if they use black plastic bags for household garbage even if they bring the bags to the curb. There will be no garbage pickup on Labor Day, September 5. All services will be one day later that week. Amnesty Dumpster Day will be September 17. There are only two compliance officers currently working, so citizens are asked to be patient.

New Business:

Announcements: Germantown Chamber of Commerce's Taste of the Town will be September 25, and the Annual Germantown Festival will be September 10-11. In memory of 9-11, this year's Festival will feature a memorial parade of 200 motorcycles. Those interested in attending the September CERT class should contact Sherrye. Germantown Night Out will be in October, and neighborhoods are encouraged to plan now if they would like police or fire department mascots to attend their parties.

Dee Nollner, Shelby County Election Commissioner, advised attendees that after January 1, 2012 all registered voters must have a Photo ID issued by the state or the U.S. Government in order to vote. Neither school ID nor county government ID is valid for voting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 22, 2011.