

**GERMANTOWN HISTORIC COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 6:00 P.M.**  
**Parks and Recreation Conference Room**

The January meeting of the Germantown Historic Commission was held Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at the Germantown Parks and Recreation Conference Room. Chairman Bagby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was established.

**Present:** Chairman Louise Bagby, Daneise Burnett, Jacque Clift, Joy Cook, Cynthia Dunkin, Dale Hicks, Roma Macko-Sailors, Thomas Parzinger, Warren Travis and Alderman Mark Billingsley.

**Absent:** Lucie Calvin, Kay Fleming

**Staff Present:** Les Dewey, Lead Park Ranger

Chairman Bagby welcomed new members Cynthia Dunkin and Thomas Parzinger along with Alderman Mark Billingsley and Lead Ranger Les Dewey.

On behalf of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Alderman Billingsley thanked the Commission and expressed his appreciation for their work, particularly on the historic display at Methodist Lebonheur Hospital in Germantown.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 25, 2011 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Roma Macko-Sailors, seconded by Dale Hicks, to approve the October 25, 2011 minutes as written. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Bagby reviewed Historic Commission projects including the Oral History project, historic tours and Heritage Day.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Bagby presented a budget for the Historic Commission as proposed by George Brogdon, Community Services Division Director. After discussion the Commission had the following suggestions/questions:

- Budget for DVD recorder in order to continue work on the oral history project (\$300).
- Budget for Depot decorations (\$250)
- Does Library have separate budget for vendors at Heritage Day?

A motion was made by Roma Macko-Sailors and seconded by Joy Cook to suggest an increase in the proposed budget by \$550 to accommodate the purchase of the DVD recorder and decorations for The Depot. The revised budget is to be considered at the February meeting of the Historic Commission.

In considering new Commission projects for 2012, Chairman Bagby reported that George Browder, a former member of the Historic Commission, is writing a book about the Civil War in the Germantown

area and would like to consider identifying the sites of skirmishes and camps in the area with historic markers. Mr. Browder has identified 10 to 11 sites for possible markers and would like the Commission to spearhead an effort to fund the project. Les Dewey offered to discuss the cost of markers with Andy Pouncey, Economic and Community Development Coordinator for the City. Chairman Bagby will bring copies of the list of suggested sites to the February meeting of the Commission.

Historic Commission member Jacque Clift, who also serves on the Germantown Museum Board, reported on activities of the Board and possible coordination with the Historic Commission. She asked Commission members to mark their calendars for April 19, 2012 at St. Georges Church for a fundraiser. She also invited Commission members to attend meetings of the Museum Board held the second Thursday of each month in the Parks and Recreation conference room. The Board has various membership levels and is also looking for a corporate sponsor.

Chairman Bagby reported that the Germantown News is producing another historic insert with a deadline of February 15. Roma Macko-Sailors made a motion and Jacque Clift seconded that the Commission submit information to the newspaper for inclusion in the insert. The motion passed. It was agreed that Jacque Clift would write something about the Commission, while Louise Bagby would provide information about the Oral History project and Daneise Burnett would submit something on Heritage Day and History Fair Day and historic tours.

Alderman Billingsley asked if the time for the Historic Commission meetings could be moved from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The group agreed.

Les Dewey asked if the Commission would like Pam Beasley, Director of Parks and Recreation to attend the March meeting and report on the design for the new Bobby Lanier Farm Park. It was agreed that she should be invited.

Dale Hicks suggested that an inventory be taken of historic items in The Depot, The John Gray house and other locations in the City to assure that those items are being properly cared for. There was also discussion regarding the lease on The Depot, and the Commission agreed to request additional details regarding the leasing arrangement. Alderman Billingsley said he would check on the arrangement and report back to the Commission at the February meeting.

Les Dewey distributed for signatures documents regarding the City's Code of Ethical Conduct.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Joy Cook moved and Warren Travis seconded that the meeting be adjourned.