

## **COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS**

November 15, 2011

Germantown Municipal Center

**Neighborhood Associations Represented:** Allenby Lakes, Allenby Meadows, Bromley Foster Ridge, Devonshire Gardens, Dogwood Creek South, Duntreath, Farmington East, Forest Hill Estates, Germantown East, Germantown Heights, Germantown Trails, Mimosa Gardens, Neshoba North, Oakleigh I, Oakleigh III, Poplar Estates, Riggs/ Arthur, Rowan Oak, The Oaks, Village at Germantown, Willsford and Winchester Forest Hill Estates.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Billy Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Welcome and Introductions:** First time visitors were welcomed as were Aldermen Marcom, Drinnon, Palazzolo and Chism. Alderman Billingsley arrived after the meeting started.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the September 22, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

**Guest Speaker:** David Pickler, Member, Transition Planning Committee and Member and former Chairman, Shelby County Board of Education, gave an overview and update on the merger process of the Shelby County and City of Memphis Schools. The task of the Committee is to lay out a blue print for the merger process while maintaining the very highest quality of education for every child. The Committee's charge includes academics, operations, education, and the structure of the system. His personal job is to make sure the suburban voice is heard. Many issues still remain in the realm of the unknown. Among these many unknowns are the possibility of municipal school districts, additional laws passed next year, the cost of facilities, and issues of charter and virtual schools. The Committee must submit its plan to the Shelby County School Board by September, 2012. The Board may approve it, change it, or send it back to committee. The final plan must be approved by the State Commissioner of Education.

### **Old Business:**

**Police Department:** Lt. Ed McGee reported that auto burglaries are down in Germantown. He once again encouraged residents to never leave valuables in sight in cars, to lock the doors of your homes and cars, and call the police if you see something you consider suspicious. He also stated that police are available to do security checks while homeowners are away, and reminded citizens that door to door sales are illegal in Germantown.

**Mayor's Report:** Sharon Goldsworthy announced that the City's Parks and Recreation Department has received accreditation from CAPRA, the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. Of 5,000 Department nationwide, it is one of only 105 departments nationally to receive such accreditation. Mayor Goldsworthy also reminded us of "Holiday Happenings" with the Thanksgiving Evening Christmas Tree Lighting and the Christmas Parade on December 10 at 2 p.m., and that it is not too late for neighborhood associations to sign up to participate in the parade. A sheet with a description of all the events planned was made available to attendees.

**Special Events Coordinator's Report:** David Jackson announced that the Remodeled Home Tour on Sunday, April 29, is looking for more homes to feature. If interested, homeowners should contact Pat Mahoney, 757-5471 or Sherrye Rhea, 757-7203. Flyers were available at the meeting.

**Special Events Committee Report:** Sherrye Rhea reminded everyone that the deadline for parade applications is Friday, November 18 and to check the city's web site for the 2012 dates for CERT classes. She also announced the winners of the Neighborhood Summit Awards given

on November 6. They were Neshoba North for Association of the Year; Poplar Estates for Communication; Germantown Trails for Project of the Year, Germantown Trails for Making a Difference; Don Lossing for Neighbor of the Year; and Cortez and Jo Smith for Neighborhood Leaders of the Year.

Planning Commission Report: Joe Nunes announced that the December meeting of the Planning Commission has been cancelled, and he gave a quick overview of other preliminary and final plans that have been approved.

Neighborhood Services Report: Joe Nunes affirmed that Germantown has an ordinance forbidding door to door solicitation and stated children should have some sort of identification for the charitable organizations or schools they represent. He stated that Germantown has 77- 78% of residents participating in recycling. However, approximately 40-50% of the recycling carts are placed at the curb incorrectly. Recycling carts should be placed at least 3 feet from other carts, yard debris, or structures such as a mail box, utility poles or trees. The wheels and handle of the cart should be facing your house. For now, the recycling crews are getting out and moving the carts to the correct position for successful emptying, but after a certain period of time recycling carts will not be emptied if they are placed incorrectly. Associations interested in ordering decorative street signs should contact Joe or Sherrye.

**New Business:**

Announcements: Vice-Chairman, Jack Langenfelder, announced that Harry Riggins, Jack Langenfelder, and Billy Brown were the Nominating Committee. The committee nominated Billy Brown for Chairman, Michelle Taylor for Vice-president-Program, Jack Langenfelder for Vice-president-Membership, Linda Waltz for Secretary, and David Jackson for Special Events Coordinator. The slate was accepted by acclamation.

Concerns and Updates: Everyone was asked to update Jack Langenfelder and Sherrye Rhea with changes of officers or contact persons for their neighborhood association.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be January 26, 2012.