

## Neighborhood Preservation Commission

May 10, 2012

### Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Chairman, David Jackson was present and presiding.

**In attendance** – Renee DeGutis, Becky Dunn, Seth McNamee, Pat Mahoney, Cathy Philips, Jill Sparks

**Absent** – Allyson Avera, Pattie Kempka, Andrea Vu and a Planning Commission Liaison

**Also in attendance** – Joe Nunes – Manager, Neighborhood Services and Alderman Greg Marcom

A quorum was established.

**Minutes** – Minutes were approved as written.

**Chairmen's Comments** – David appreciates all of the hard work that went into a very successful home tour especially Pat Mahoney.

### Reports

**Alderman Greg Marcom Report** – Alderman Marcom stated that the legislature has passed the school legislation allowing Germantown to move forward. The Governor has now signed the document. There will be three readings, May 14, 21 and 29. At this time there is no opposition on the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. There will be a citizen vote August 2. If it passes, residents will be able to pick up petitions to run for school board which will be held November 6.

The Board is currently working on the budget. There will be no tax increase.

All of the traffic work that is going on at the same time was not planned by the City of Germantown. Farmington is a state project and we have to do the project when they tell us also we need to have the area of Exeter and Farmington finished by Race for the Cure therefore the project needed to start at the west end.

**Neighborhood Services Report** – Joe Nunes reported that for the first time the City of Germantown has demolished a home. There was a fire at a home on Brierbrook that totally destroyed the home. There was a disagreement with the homeowner and the insurance company. Under state law the city was able to condemn the property and therefore tear it down.

Garbage will not be collected on Farmington during peak hours while the road work is going on. Back door collection will be discontinued during this process. Becky suggested that the police department block traffic on Farmington while trash is being collected and detour the traffic. Greg suggested a code compliance officer could detour the traffic.

The decorative street signs will be put on major collector streets such as Kimbrough, Hacks Cross, and Poplar etc.

Amnesty Recycle and Dumpster Day was a big success. There were more cars than ever before, 1,042 between the two locations. The majority of the cars were at Johnson Road Park and mostly for the paper and electronics recycling. There were 3.2 tons of scrap metal, 12.2 tons of electronics and 8.5 tons of shredded paper for a total of 24.2 ton of debris that did not go to the landfill.

Don't forget that the city is offering free music in Municipal Park at lunch time in May.

The Board of Zoning Appeals met this week and there were three items on the agenda and all of them withdrew because they felt they would be denied. Once an item is denied, there is a waiting period before the

applicant can reapply. One of the items that was withdrawn from the agenda was a 100 foot cellular tower by C Spire at Faith Presbyterian Church on Poplar Pike.

**Planning Commission** – The Planning Commission will have a meeting June 5 and there are two rezoning items on the agenda. The first is the rezoning of the old Wal-Mart site at Wolf River and Germantown Road. There are 12.1 acres and it is currently zoned commercial and shopping center. Baptist Memorial Health Care has applied to rezone the property to office. There is a proposed cancer center for that property. Baptist would like to combine all of their oncology to one location.

The other item is the old Kirby Farmhouse property which is located on Poplar east of Westminster between Poplar and Poplar Pike. This property is the only OG1 left in the city which is Old Germantown 1. They want to rezone it to office. The buyer just bought the land not the structures. He will have to move the structures because they are listed on the historic register.

**CONA Report** – David reported that the next CONA meeting will be held May 24 at 7 p.m. Patrick Lawton and Tim Gwaltney will speak on the budget and the CIP.

**Tree Board** – Renee DeGutis reported that at the last meeting the Bobby Lanier Farm Park was discussed. There will be an official opening June 20. There will be another opening in September centered around the Germantown Festival.

The board will be broken up into groups and will inventory every tree in all of the medians in the City of Germantown. It was suggested that this project would be a great scout project.

**Home Tour** – Pat Mahoney thanked everyone for their hard work on a very successful home tour. Greg suggested that the Reserve Police Officers be involved next year, perhaps having one officer at every home. This lends another set of eyes on the home and it also shows the guests that we are watching. Becky suggested that the words “just landscaping” be clearly marked on the sheet. It was suggested that we make a banner to be placed in Germantown.

**Neighborhood Summit** – Becky Dunn reported that the sub-committee wasn’t well attended and another meeting will be set up. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 5.

**Unfinished Business** – David asked where we stood on the draft for accessory structures. Joe Nunes stated that planning made a minor revision however it never went forward. Joe will pull the information for the next meeting.

**Solicitation Ordinance** – Joe Nunes reported that the ordinance will go before the board for 3 readings and the final reading is in June. This commission was concerned about the impact of the distribution of neighborhood newsletters. The city attorney did not feel he could make that exception. The ordinance will move forward without that exception which will mean you cannot deliver neighborhood newsletters to those residents that are on the do not solicit list. The city will maintain a list of residents that want to be on the do not solicit list and residents will be able to put a sign in their yard.

**New Business** – none

**Concerns and or comments** – None

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.