

Neighborhood Preservation Commission

April 12, 2012

Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Vice-Chairman, Pat Mahoney was present and presiding.

**In attendance** – Allyson Avera, Becky Dunn, Pattie Kempka, Seth McNamee, Cathy Philips, Jill Sparks and Andrea Vu

**Absent** – Renee DeGutis, David Jackson, Alderman Greg Marcom and a Planning Commission Liaison

**Also in attendance** – Joe Nunes – Manager, Neighborhood Services and Sherrye Rhea – Neighborhood Services

The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was established.

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

**Vice Chairmen's Comments** – no comments

**Reports**

**Alderman Greg Marcom Report** – Alderman Marcom was not in attendance.

**Neighborhood Services Report** – Joe Nunes reported that Amnesty Dumpster and Recycling Day will be held April 21.

**Planning Commission** – The Planning Commission has approved the contract for the new Elysium. Half of the lots have been presold.

**CONA Report** – Sherrye reported that at the last CONA meeting Pam Beasley spoke on Bobby Lanier Farm Park. At the next meeting in May, Patrick Lawton and Tim Gwaltney will speak on the budget and the CIP.

**Tree Board** – Andrea was unable to attend the meeting, there was no report.

**Home Tour** – Sherrye Rhea gave out copies of the flyers and directions. The directions and descriptions were discussed. House assignments were discussed. There will be a sub-committee meeting next Thursday, April 19, at 5:30 p.m. The pre tour will be held on Saturday, April 28, starting at 1 p.m. We will start at the first home on the list and continue on skipping the Forest Hill Irene home ending up there.

**Neighborhood Summit** – Becky Dunn reported that she has been doing some research. The format may be changed to round tables. Becky would like to have a sub-committee meeting. Things to be discussed: do we serve food, which topics to cover, will there be a key note speaker. Sub-committee will be held May 3 at 5:30 p.m.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – Joe reported that the City Attorney has reported that the City of Germantown's ordinance with door sales is not in line with current court rulings. The 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court has ruled that commercial speech

is a constitutionally protected speech. Municipalities cannot prohibit business from going door to door. Germantown is drafting an ordinance which states a resident can put up a no soliciting sign and people cannot solicit at that home. The city will also establish a no call list. The list will be kept on the internet. This may cause a change to the sign ordinance also.

There also will be a change to the malicious mischief ordinance 12-65 which is meaning if a person is on the do not call list, the company cannot affix any material at that home. Sherrye asked if neighborhoods associations could put newsletters on the doors of non members and Joe said no. It was suggested that language be put in the ordinance to allow neighborhoods to distribute information. Please read the ordinance and e-mail Joe with any suggestions. It will not be law until the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading. There will be a public hearing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**Concerns and or comments – None**

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.