

Neighborhood Preservation Commission
March 8, 2012
Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m. in Economic and Community Development, Blue Room.

Chairman, David Jackson was present and presiding.

In attendance – Allyson Avera, Renee DeGutis, Becky Dunn, Pattie Kempka, Seth McNamee, Cathy Philips, Jill Sparks and Alderman Greg Marcom

Absent – Pat Mahoney, Andrea Vu, Joe Nunes– Neighborhood Services and a Planning Commission Liaison

Also in attendance – Sherrye Rhea – Neighborhood Services

A quorum was established.

Minutes – Minutes were approved as written.

Chairmen's Comments – no comments

Reports

Alderman Greg Marcom Report – Alderman Marcom reported that the final school vote was Monday night and it has now moved forward to a referendum. The citizens will be able to vote on May 10 or there about, on the metropolitan school district. The City of Germantown will have to fund the election. The sales tax vote is in limbo because the County Commission has to decide if they will have a sales tax increase. They have 40 days from the date of notice that the City of Germantown is interested in raising the sales tax. That will make the city miss the deadline for the May 10 election therefore there is a possibility that there will be a tax question on the August 6 general election.

Neighborhood Services Report –Sherrye Rhea reported that Mulch Day will be held March 24. The Half Marathon and the Mayors 5K will be held March 18 and they are looking for volunteers. The course will be going down Dogwood and Farmington on that Sunday morning so watch for road closures. BL Farm Park is still in the planning stages and will be a great addition to our city. Tomorrow, March 9, the City of Germantown Storm Water Engineer will hold a program with the Tennessee Extension to discuss rain barrels and the collection of rain water. If you are interested in knowing the latest information on the school situation, the CONA meetings are the best place to go. There is a CERT class that begins at the end of the month. The Easter egg hunt will be held on March 30 and 31. The offices will be closed on Friday, April 6 for Good Friday.

Planning Commission – The meeting was cancelled for March.

CONA Report – The meeting will be held March 22. Pam Beasley will give a presentation on the Bobby Lanier Farm Park.

Tree Board – Renee reported that she is now a Tree Board member. They put together and distributed trees for Arbor Day which was a big success. At their meeting they discussed, Bobby Lanier Farm Park, putting in some fruit trees also having trees planted in memoriam.

Home Tour – Sherrye Rhea reported that there was a sub-committee held and it is going well. There are six homes in the tour. The flyer has been approved for distribution. We are waiting on the descriptions of the

homes to finish the brochures. We need to start working on volunteers. We need approximately 24 volunteers. Allyson is the volunteer chairman. Seth, Pat and Sherrye will be roving the day of the tour. Becky will write the thank you notes after the tour. The thank you bags to the homeowners will be made by Jill Sparks and Renee DeGutis. Patty Kempka will be taking care of the refreshment for the party which will be held at O'Conner home – 2864 Forest Hill-Irene Road after the pre-tour. Balloons have not been secured as of yet. Pat has secured 4 or 5 sponsors for \$99. New signs need to be made with the new sponsor's name.

David suggested that if there is a need for more volunteers to call some of the home tour participants for the tour two years ago. He had talked with them about volunteering in a tour. He also suggested speaking with the other commissions and he will be glad to send it out to his neighborhood. Sherrye said she will send a plea to the CONA list if needed.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Neighborhood Summit – Becky Dunn has agreed to chair the event again this year. It was decided to have the Summit on Sunday, November 4 starting at 2 p.m. Greg suggested that we do not have breakout sessions. The Mayor wants the Summit to be focused on Neighborhood Associations. Sherrye suggested a think tank/round table discussion and how to get good leaders and keep them. Sherrye suggested that everyone start trying to get the door prizes for the Summit. Becky will schedule a committee meeting.

Concerns and or comments – David and Allyson have tickets to the Kiwanis's pancake dinner.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.