

Neighborhood Preservation Commission

June 14, 2012

Minutes

A meeting of the Neighborhood Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, June 14 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, Cathy Philips, Jill Sparks, Allyson Avera

Absent – Seth McNamee, Pat Mahoney, Pattie Kempka, Andrea Vu, Planning Commission Liaison, and Joe Nunes – Manager, Neighborhood Services

Also in attendance – Sherrye Rhea, Neighborhood Services and Alderman Greg Marcom

A quorum was established.

Minutes – Minutes were approved as written.

Chairmen's Comments – no comments

Reports

Alderman Greg Marcom Report – Alderman Marcom stated that everything is on track to vote on August 2 for the Municipal Schools.

The Board is currently in the second reading on the budget and it is perceived that everyone is happy. 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. The city is working on a formal economic development package. The fire and police department take very good care of the Germantown residents. The ambulance contract was discussed. There is a possibility that Huey's will go in where Super D was. This is in the very early stage of negotiating.

Neighborhood Services Report – Sherrye reported that it is the end of the fiscal year.

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission meeting was June 5 and there was one rezoning item on the agenda, 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.

CONA Report – David reported that the CONA meeting was held May 24 at 7 p.m. Patrick Lawton and Tim Gwaltney spoke on the budget and the CIP. The next meeting will be held July 26.

Tree Board – Renee DeGutis reported that the board had a private tour of the Botanic Gardens. The board was able to get a lot of very good ideas for BL Farm Park.

Neighborhood Summit – Becky Dunn handed out her suggestions for the Summit. David and Becky met with the Mayor and she suggested that the Summit return to more of a Leadership Summit. She would like to see it shorten to 2 hours. Leaders from other neighborhood associations should be the round table leaders. Items that were discussed for round table discussion were running meetings, driving membership, effective

communications, fund raising, decorative street signs and successful events and activities. Sherrye explained that her department will be getting constant contact. This will be a great way to communicate with the residents and hopefully encourage attendance to the summit. Other ideas were discussed. Greg would like to go back to calling it the Neighborhood Leaders Conference. How to run the round tables was discussed. Start off with a commercial for your table and then have round table discussion. It would be great to get new people that have just moved to town with ideas from other areas. Food and drink was discussed. The introduction of wine was discussed. Door prizes were discussed. Everyone needs to start trying to find door prizes and sponsors. The final round table topics are driving membership and recruiting officers, effective communications, fund raising for neighborhood events such as decorative street signs, and successful events, projects and activities. Greg offered to do communications. The time was suggested as 2 to 4:30 p.m. David suggested a social hour on the front and back end of the event. It was discussed that we do not need the entire Great Hall. Greg will talk with Leadership Germantown Alumni Association about being a sponsor.

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

Solicitation Ordinance – Greg reported that the board discussed the probability of a “do not solicit” list. It will be up to the homeowner as to whom they will report to the police department.

New Business – none

Concerns and or comments – The July meeting will be cancelled.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.