



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

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www.cityofknoxville.org/southwaterfront

Ongoing Public Involvement

Two of your requests have been addressed since our last newsletter:

First, an abridged display of the Public Improvement projects as seen at the November 13, 2007 public meeting is available for viewing in the Chamber of Commerce entryway during business hours. The Chamber on Market Square was kind to provide this space free of charge for the next few months, and you are encouraged to stop by when you are in the downtown area. As always, pdfs of the images you find there are available on our website.

Second, though the City of Knoxville's website is not set up to accommodate blogging, City IS has kindly set up an e-mail account for your suggestions:

southwaterfront@cityofknoxville.org

This account will be checked weekly for mail; any comments will be placed in a document on the website, as you are used to seeing after South Waterfront public meetings occur.

Also, don't forget our local blog sites are a good place for interactive discussion of these and other matters:

<http://www.knoxviews.com/>
<http://funhouserock.com/funhouse/blab/>
<http://www.metropulse.com/>
<http://www.knoxnews.com/>

We look forward to hearing from you.

Newsletter Mailing Options

Several of you have sent in your electronic information allowing us to move you from the mail list to the e-mail distribution list. Thanks for working with us to save resources.

There are several ways to receive and access the newsletter. Anyone who has e-mail is encouraged to send a request to sbass@cityofknoxville.org to be added to the SW distribution list and receive an e-mail version. It is also posted as a PDF on the website, or you may remain on the mailing list for a paper copy. To remove or modify your information from either the e-mail or the mailing list, call 865-215-4545.

Meeting Updates

The January 2008 South Waterfront Advisory Board meeting is on **Thursday, January 24th, 2008 at 5:30 PM, in the KCDC Board Room, 901 Broadway NE.**

All meetings of the advisory board are open to the public.

Sometimes meeting times and places change. Please continue to check the South Waterfront Website for meeting updates between newsletters.

Public Improvements Update:

A Request for Qualifications for Civil Engineering and Landscape Architectural Services for the design and construction documentation of Lincoln Street / River Road was posted on the KCDC website January 4. Selection of the Lead Consultant is hoped to be final January 31, with a KCDC Board approval of both Consultant and Contract on February 28, 2008.

An additional Request for Qualifications for the River Plain Park Improvements was posted on the KCDC website January 17. The selected firm will be expected to interact with the community to receive your input on what you would like to see created in this new public space. Look for meetings concerning the park in the coming months.

Private Development Projects

Southshore Properties, LLC is working with the City and KCDC to coordinate their proposed 137-unit housing development with the Lincoln Street Landing / River Road public improvements. A KCDC contract with a Lead Consultant for the streetscape work should be in place by February 28th. Shortly thereafter, land surveys and appraisals will be completed, allowing land purchase discussions to commence. At least two public meetings will be held to discuss the streetscape improvements part of this project.

The second half of the public improvements related to Southshore Properties will be the "River Plain Park" public improvements, and will include final design of the Lincoln Street pier and floating dock, the riverwalk, the 5-acre park, and related shoreline stabilization measures.

January Staff Activities

Staff worked with KCDC to prepare and release the Lincoln Landing / River Road design RFQ. A local agency coordination meeting allowing KUB, KCDC, City Engineering, Finance, Parks, & Public Service to discuss logistics of the Lincoln Landing / River Road project. A working visit with Hargreaves Associates got down to the details of TVA / COE permitting and Cityview design. KCDC released the RFQ for River Plain Park Improvements on January 17, and development agreement discussions were started with Southshore Properties. The conclusion of January will see a KCDC Board approval of Cityview plans, specs, and budget for associated Public Improvements.

Neighborhood Beat

This section of the newsletter provides information concerning ongoing construction work relating to the South Waterfront. Some of these items will be listed here for several consecutive editions.

- KUB is going to be conducting annual vegetation management in South Knox, so you will likely see tree trimming trucks in your neighborhoods.
- Soil borings and environmental surveys for several Public Improvement projects will begin as soon as signed right of entry letters are returned to the City.
- Dredging for the Cityview marina continues, as permitted by TVA and the USACE.
- Survey stakes will begin to appear in the areas around Lincoln Street and north of Langford Avenue in the near future.

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