



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

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WEST WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATES

Blount Avenue Reconstruction

Southern Constructors, Inc. is the company awarded the bid to install a brand new streetscape along Blount Avenue between the Norfolk South RR Underpass and Hawthorne Avenue.

A change order has been prepared for City Council approval at its January 28th, 7:00 PM meeting in the Large Assembly Room, in the City-County Building. Additional expenses amounting to \$116,276.79 are proposed, due to the discovery of contaminated soil that requires proper disposal, and to respond to KUB electrical lighting requirements. The change order increases the total project cost to \$1,661,091.79.

Once construction begins, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for improvements, please give Dave Hill a call at 215-3764.

Cityview

Bids to complete the side streets and riverwalk construction at Cityview were opened on January 21st, and are being reviewed to determine the lowest responsible bidder. The staff recommendation for the bid award will be prepared for KCDC Board approval on January 28th. Soon afterward we expect to give a Notice to Proceed, with the work to be completed by may 2010.

SW-UT Bridge

The draft RFQ for preliminary design and engineering of the pedestrian / bicycle bridge connecting the South Waterfront to the University of TN is completed. Discussion and review by TDOT officials will occur on January 26th. We hope to start the consultant selection process in February 2010.

Announcements Code Sweeps

There has been citywide interest in improving compliance with city codes, and as a result, a pilot "Code Sweep" deploying several city departments was conducted recently in the Parkridge neighborhood. Since then the City's Office of Neighborhoods (David Massey) has worked with neighborhood representatives to develop Code Sweep policies and selection criteria. The next Neighborhood Advisory sent out by David Massey should provide more details if any South Waterfront neighborhoods are interested in the program. Contacts for the program are David Massey (215-3232) and David Brace (215-2060).

SW Advisory Board Mtg. Postponement

The South Waterfront Advisory Board meeting originally scheduled for January 28, 2010, has been postponed. We will provide advance notice when the Board will meet in a future newsletter.

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

EPA BROWNFIELDS GRANT UPDATE

The environmental engineering firm, S&ME, was selected to perform petroleum and hazardous substances assessments using the South Waterfront's \$400,000 EPA grant. The resolution requesting authorization to enter into a contract with S&ME will be considered by City Council at its January 26th meeting.

The project will start in the near future, including an initial public meeting to explain the project and process that will be followed.

The purpose of the EPA grant is to conduct an area-wide analysis of sites that may have environmental hazards that could impede reuse and redevelopment. Once this first phase is completed, a limited number of property owners will be approached to allow in-depth site specific studies to develop remediation plans, and to determine if additional grant funding may be available for site clean-up. Participation on the part of any property owner is entirely voluntary

EAST WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATES

River Park & Roads Design

Park and Street Design construction documentation is 100% complete and has been delivered to the City. Final right-of-way purchases will continue, with more property needed near the proposed Roundabout.

An archaeological study and historic structures inventory has been delayed, but will be started once a final round of reviews is completed by TVA and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). City Council approval is required to hire the firm to conduct the inventory, which will hopefully start this spring. The inventory will take 6 months for completion. Once the City agrees to perform the work, we expect the federal permits to be issued for this project.

We also remain hopeful that the Southshore Properties project will reemerge as the economy continues to recover. Until the private development project is confirmed, we will not bid the streets or park construction work.

River Park & Roads Demolition

KCDC staff has prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) to demolish recently acquired structures on the park site, and to remove several metal obstructions in the water near the shoreline. We will also address a limited level of property clean-up and ensure that unauthorized access into the properties is prevented.

We hope to advertise the RFP in February 2010, with demolition work to start within 2-3 months afterwards.