



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

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SW PROJECTS UPDATE

Blount Avenue Final Design

The Blount Avenue reconstruction design is 90% complete. Cannon & Cannon have met and collaborated with the Vaughn & Melton design team to insure an element of consistency is achieved in the South Waterfront Streetscapes designs. We may be ready to bid for construction in May of 2009. The design will be available for review on the SW website soon.

Riverwalk Construction

Good progress has been made on Cityview public improvements in the past month. The recent riverbank failure is well on its way to being remedied, which, pending geotechnical certification, could allow riverwalk construction to begin.

River Park & Roads Final Design

Park and road design teams continue to coordinate and work toward completion. Some final design issues are still being addressed, including a potential Langford Ave. complete street section, converting Barber St. into a 2-way street, and addressing outstanding drainage issues in the roundabout area. Variables such as property purchase completion, the City / Southshore Properties development agreement, permits, and the uncertain economy continue to factor into the construction schedule. We are still trying for a groundbreaking in late spring or early summer of 2009

Neighborhood Beat:

- Blount Ave. continues to have survey / design presence
- Barber St. to Lincoln St. continues to have survey / design presence
- Geotechnical work for KUB utilities is being conducted in the Tennessee River near Scottish Pike

Meetings & Committee Progress

SW Naming Committee:

The naming committee put in many hours selecting a list of park and road names. Following coordination with MPC and City staff, an online survey will be released for your vote.

SW Advisory Board Meeting:

The South Waterfront Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for 5:30 PM February 26, 2009 at KCDC, training room. All Advisory Board Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

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

Monthly Staff Activities:

- SW staff evaluated SW expenditures to date from 2005, including current design commitments as well as current property purchase and construction projections, and requested \$6,000,000 in FY 2009-10 capitol funds.
- Maintenance costs estimates for projects in design/construction have been established; funding is being requested as supplemental to the Public Works Operating Budget.
- MPC and City staff worked weekly with the naming committee to create a list for your vote. Selected names will be part of the park and road final plat.
- KCDC and City staff have been collaborating daily with Cityview to ensure completion of the public improvements with safety and quality as the end goal.
- The ARAP permit in conjunction with the 404/26A application has been accepted by TDEC and will be out on public notice soon.
- The City Brownfield Agreement with TDEC in conjunction with the park and road project is being crafted and will also be out on public notice soon.
- KCDC and City staff continue to work with the design teams to obtain the best possible product for the waterfront.
- KCDC and City staff are working with Southshore Properties and the Vaughn and Melton design team to develop a sound and fair negotiated basis for the development agreement.
- KCDC staff continues to work on property purchases to complete the right of way needed for ongoing design projects.

SW PROPERTIES UPDATE

Park and Road: Property Purchases

KCDC has signed a sales contract with the Civil Air Patrol on behalf of the City SW and hopes to close in 30 days. To date, 7.62 of an estimated 12 acres of ROW and park land needed for the River Road & Park project have been purchased. KCDC's negotiations continue with Ron Conley, Fred Jones, and Gary Bayless for park land and public right of way.

Blount Ave: Property Purchases

KCDC will commence negotiations this month for right of way purchases and slope easements on Blount Ave. to accommodate the reconstructed street section. Land requirements beyond the existing right of way are minimal, and all property owners affected have already been approached.