



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

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In the News:

The News Sentinel reported March 12th that the South Knoxville Baptist Hospital is being considered for the future home of a new Mercy Health Partners Hospital, 3-5 years out, which would replace Baptist Hospital of East TN and St. Mary's Medical Center. Inpatient services would be moved from the South Knoxville Baptist site to Baptist West and St. Mary's in the interim.

Looking Ahead:

The South Waterfront Development submitted 2009 requests for federal appropriations from Senator Corker, Senator Alexander, and Congressman Duncan for both the Cherokee Trail Connector and the UT Pedestrian Bridge. These projects could be pushed to the forefront pending federal funding.

Future Public Involvement:

Hargreaves Associates Park Team will be working with Vaughn & Melton Road Team to involve the neighborhood in a series of meetings concerning use of park space and potential design. This process will be different than what you have experienced to date. Both teams are contracted to design and provide the documents necessary to build the roads and the park, so after a reasonable amount of review these plans will become final. Concerns will be addressed to the best of both team's abilities in light of what makes the most sense, so please participate to work with us towards that end goal.

Thank you:

Thanks to those of you who returned your Right of Entry and Permit Consent Forms; because of this we are able to proceed with the environmental work necessary for TVA / COE permit submission for the Vision Plan proposed water use facilities.

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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 on the website.

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Upcoming Meetings

The KCDC Board will meet on **Thursday, March 27th, at 11:30 AM**, in the KCDC Board Room, 901 Broadway NE. Approvals may be requested for plans, specifications, and budget for the Cityview public improvements.

The March 2008 **South Waterfront Advisory Board** meeting is on **Thursday, March 27th, 2008 at 5:30 PM**, in the KCDC Training 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.

March Staff Activities

Staff has been working with KCDC and City legal council to formulate a South Waterfront umbrella contract that allows KCDC and the South Waterfront Department to work together more efficiently. Currently, contracts flowing through KCDC on behalf of the South Waterfront are also being approved by City Council. Staff is also working with KCDC and Hargreaves Associates to scope the contract for Park design and move towards contract approval, and with KCDC and Vaughn & Melton to coordinate their contract and schedule. It is anticipated that both Park and Road contracts will be in place and related work proceeding in April. Staff is also continuing to work with Cityview on final design, budget, and specs for the Riverwalk and 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.

- Surveying of the areas around Lincoln Street and north of Langford Avenue is underway. You will see survey stakes and Vaughn & Melton trucks active in this area from now until the end of the year.
- MACTEC is conducting soil borings and environmental surveys for Public Improvement projects on land and by water. Questions concerning this activity should be directed to Susanna Bass.
- KUB has sent letters to residents along Chapman Highway informing them of tree management in that area. Questions concerning KUB activity should be directed to 865-524-2911 or trees@kub.org
- A letter went out to South Knox property owners from KCDC explaining their intent and role with the Advisory Committee. If any South Knox property owner did not receive this first letter and would like a copy, please contact KCDC's Don Peterson at 865-403-1168.
- Dredging for the Cityview marina continues, as permitted by TVA and the COE.

Public Improvements Update:

Vaughn & Melton, the local civil engineering firm that was selected as the project lead for the Lincoln Street / River Road improvements, are ready to being final design and construction documentation upon Council approval of their contract March 25th.

Hargreaves Associates was awarded the River Plain Park final design and construction documentation on March 10th. Their team includes Cahill Associates (stormwater engineering), Moffat & Nichol (civil / structure & marine engineering), MACTEC (environmental engineering), Michael Brady Inc. (surveying), SL King & Associates (mechanical, electrical, & plumbing engineering), LAM Partners (lighting design), and Play Site Architecture (playground design). Contract scope and budget negotiations will begin in the coming weeks, with a contract to go before KCDC Board and City Council for approval in April.

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