



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

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SW PROJECTS UPDATE

Blount Avenue Design

Blount Avenue reconstruction design is 90% complete and in review. After review, final design will be posted on the SW website. Cannon & Cannon estimate we may be ready to bid for construction in mid April or early May.

River Park & Roads

Park and road design teams continue to coordinate and work toward completion. Final design issues are still being addressed. Variables such as property purchase completion, the City / Southshore Properties development agreement, permits, and the uncertain economy continue to factor into the construction schedule.

A newer version of the park design was presented to City staff in late February. The design is really starting to take shape, and a public meeting will be held to review the proposed design this spring.

Riverwalk Construction

The recent riverbank failure has been completely reconstructed and certifications for bank stability have been submitted to City Engineering for acceptance. Pending that, concrete for the riverwalk could be poured in a matter of weeks depending on weather conditions.

Neighborhood Beat:

- Blount Ave. and Barber St. to Lincoln St. continue to have survey and design presence.
- Environmental and geotechnical work continues to occur in the Park & Road area, and additional archaeological exploration may occur in the coming months, in conjunction with the 26A permit.

Naming Survey & Meetings

Park and Road Project Name Survey:

Please take part in a poll to help name 3 streets and a new city park in the South Waterfront area. Anyone can participate – we just ask that you vote once. Please choose one of the five choices for each of the proposed names. Voting opened on March 5 and will close March 27, 2009.

For the street names, the "E" and "F" Streets are intended to follow the alphabetic order of existing streets (Barber, Claude, and Dixie). River Road is the new street that will run parallel to the river (River Road can't be used because there is already a River Road in Knox County). The new park is a proposed 5-acre public park located on the river's shoreline next to River Road.

Why are we doing this? First, we have to pick names that aren't already in use so we don't confuse emergency responders. Second, this is a rare opportunity to pick names that feel right for the location and the community. The names provided below were suggested by a few South Knoxville residents who met 5-6 times to come up some options. Results will be in the April 09 SW newsletter.

The News Sentinel ran an article covering the committee's selections:

<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2009/mar/06/from-mccarthy-to-kid-curry/>

If you would like to vote online, the survey can be found on both the MPC and SW homepages:

<http://www.knoxmpc.org/>

<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/southwaterfront/>

If you would like to vote using a paper copy of the ballot, please call (865) 215-4545.

Final Park Design Meeting:

We are planning to have a final Park Progress / Design meeting possibly in late April. Time and place will be announced in next month's newsletter and on the website.

SW Advisory Board Meeting:

The South Waterfront Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for 5:30 PM June 25, 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.

SW PROPERTIES UPDATE

SW Property Purchases Update

Park and Road Project: Over half of the estimated 12 acres of right of way and park land necessary for the River Road & Park project has been purchased. KCDC purchase negotiations continue with property owners of the outstanding 6 acres. All property owners affected by this project have been approached.

Blount Ave: KCDC is completing appraisal work this month for right of way purchases and slope easements on Blount Ave. to accommodate the reconstructed street section. All property owners affected by this project have been approached.

Monthly Progress:

- Thanks to MPC staff, which did a great job creating the survey for the street and park name voting.
- KCDC, City, and Focus Development staffs continue to work hard to ensure a spring or summer completion of the Cityview condos and adjoining public improvements. Slip spaces for the Cityview marina are also in the process of being assembled and placed in the river.
- The public notices for the ARAP (water quality) permit in conjunction with the TVA-US Army Corps of Engineers 404/26A permit should be issued in mid-March. A link will be placed on the SW website when the notice becomes available.
- Our design consultants are now coordinating streetscape and park design to ensure proper access, drainage connections, and other features.
- Southshore Properties and City development agreement discussions continue.