



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

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Looking Ahead:

Grants and Appropriations referenced in previous newsletters should be awarded in the coming months. Any receipt of state or federal funding, as well as future private development interests, will contribute to determining future project priorities.

South Waterfront is working with the Nashville COE to submit the South Waterfront Vision Plan by the end of the month for the 2009 Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) authorization up to 12 million. WRDA authorization of the Vision Plan would allow future annual federal appropriations for individual South Waterfront projects to be awarded more easily.

Schematic Design Update:

Hargreaves Associates are still under contract for the schematic design of the waterfront, which is roughly 95% complete. With savings from some portions of the original scope, this contract has been amended to include design of a bicycle network and waterfront design guidelines, such as Riverwalk lighting fixtures and placement, and street cross sections. Maintenance issues have had precedent in interdepartmental discussions, as we look at a variety of options. Though there will be natural variation due to the uniqueness of each SW project, these guidelines will establish consistency in the way the City and developers approach individual project design, and will help bring clarity to redevelopment efforts.

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Upcoming Meetings

The KCDC Board will meet on **Thursday, April 24th at 11:30 AM**, in the KCDC Board Room, 901 Broadway NE. Approvals will be requested for plans, specifications, and budget for the Cityview public improvements.

The April 2008 **South Waterfront Advisory Board** meeting is **CANCELED**. Due to the large amount of properties that were being referred by the Advisory Board to the City Codes and Inspections Departments, these departments, as well as City South Waterfront and KCDC, have elected to meet to discuss the existing South Waterfront property inventory. During this review, the Advisory Board will be informed of the properties that have been referred to City departments, and will be reassembled when the inventory has identified properties that have the dilapidation elements previously identified by the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will address these properties at that time.

April Staff Activities

Staff is working with Hargreaves Associates to scope the contract for Park design, submit the waterfront schematic design for 26A permit for COE & TVA approval, and to develop design standards for the waterfront as a whole. Staff is working to coordinate V&M survey work with KCDC staff to complete appraisals and right of way / Park land acquisition. Staff is working with Focus Development and KCDC to coordinate the details of the Cityview Riverwalk & Blount Ave. improvements. Staff anticipates Southshore Properties development agreement negotiations to begin soon, as well as discussions of possible environmental remediation on project area parcels.

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 well underway. You will see survey stakes and Vaughn & Melton trucks active in this area from now until the end of the year.
- CRJA is marking trees around the Road project area. The health of each tree is being considered, and great effort is being made to keep as many as possible.
- Surveying on Blount Ave. near Cityview is complete in preparation of the construction of future Blount Ave. improvements.
- Property appraisers will soon be appraising the Lincoln Landing / River Road Right of Way area & Park area. Appraisals will be followed shortly by property negotiations.
- Dredging for the Cityview marina & riprap repair continues.

Project Update:

Lincoln Street / River Road final design & construction documentation is underway. Vaughn & Melton (selected as the project lead), are on the ground with survey crews. Council approved their contract March 25th.

River Plain Park final design and construction documentation will be underway pending scoping & City Council approval of the City - Hargreaves Associates contract.

Cityview plans, specs, & budget for Riverwalk Improvements are scheduled to go before the KCDC Board April 24th.

Blount Avenue Improvements are planned for design in late 2008. An amendment to the existing Cityview development agreement is being discussed to work out details, especially timing of road design & construction.

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