



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

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SW PROJECTS UPDATE

Blount Avenue Design

Final Design for Blount Avenue reconstruction in front of the Cityview project is still in review. Once all review comments have been addressed, the final design will be posted on the SW website. Necessary permits have been obtained, and construction will be ready to bid when KCDC finalizes the required easements and right of way purchases.

River Park & Roads

Please feel free to stop by Ijams May 6 between 6-7 PM to view the park design. Updated images will be placed on the website as well.

Both the Park and Road design teams are wrapping up design development.

Decisions will be made soon to determine the course of the remainder of the design process and the timing of construction in light of the remaining property purchases and still outstanding development agreement.

Cityview

Construction of the side streets at Cityview is nearly complete. Riverwalk construction is moving slowly after addressing some major slope stabilization issues, and we hope to see concrete work starting up in the next month.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAT

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

Meeting Announcements:

Final Park Design Open House:

A final Park Progress / Design Open House will be held on Wednesday, May 6th at 6 PM in the Ijams Nature Center conference room. Directions to Ijams Nature Center can be found at: <http://www.ijams.org/about/directions.html>



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.

NAME SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to those of you who participated in the name survey for the Park and Road project. Survey results are as follows:

- E Street – None of the Above
- F Street – Foggy Bottom (Street or Road)
- River Road – Waterfront (Drive or Ave)
- Park – Suttree Landing

These results have been turned over to the City of Knoxville Property & Facilities Naming Committee (chaired by Councilman Joe Bailey) for further discussion / approval.

SW PROPERTIES UPDATE

SW Property Purchases Update

Park and Road Project:

KCDC purchase negotiations continue with property owners of the outstanding 6 acres necessary to complete the park and road project.

Blount Ave:

KCDC has completed appraisals for right of way purchases and slope easements on Blount Ave. to accommodate the reconstructed street section. Purchase negotiations will begin in May.

Hillwood Dr. Realignment:

The City purchased 1763 Hillwood Dr. for right of way in anticipation of the proposed Hillwood realignment. The realignment will also require portions of 1862 Island Home Ave., a KUB owned property we have appraised with the intent to purchase.

MONTHLY PROGRESS

- Work with Focus Development of Cityview condos is ongoing. Progress is slow but continuing.
- As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the public notice for the ARAP (water quality) permit in conjunction with the TVA-US Army Corps of Engineers 404/26A permit was issued in March 22, 2009 and closed April 22, 2009.
- The Environmental Assessment (EA) 30 day public notice will be issued by TVA in May. Links to that public notice will also be posted on the SW webpage.
- Work on the language and scopes of the Brownfield Agreement (TDEC) and Programmatic Agreement (TVA) continues.

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