



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

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WEST WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATES

Blount Avenue Reconstruction

Cannon & Cannon has completed construction documents for the reconstruction of W. Blount Avenue from the Norfolk Southern RR Bridge to Hawthorne Street on time and on budget. For general information, these construction documents can be viewed at the SW website under "Public Improvements", "Current Projects", "Blount Ave. at Cityview Construction". The bid for construction was advertised July 12th and will close August 11th.

This will be the first section of road improvements mentioned in the Vision Plan and made part of the SW Development Code. Street trees, sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, and improved drainage are features intended to encourage walkability and the aesthetics of the South Waterfront.

Construction is expected to begin in September 09 at the earliest, with the project to be completed in 7 to 9 months. Traffic detours will cause delays in traveling through the area, so we ask for your patience during the construction process.

Cityview

Discussions with Regions & BB&T Banks have been positive but movement on restarting Cityview Condo and Public Improvement construction has been very slow. The pace is due to the complicated nature of the situation, the legal process, and the number of parties involved.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAT

- Initial environmental sampling has been completed in the Park & Road area.
- Soil borings have been completed in the Park & Road and Pedestrian Bridge project areas.
- Demolition is being scheduled for 1007 & 1009 Phillips Avenue, two empty houses KCDC purchased.

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Announcements

Street & Park Naming Survey Results

The City of Knoxville Public Properties & Facilities Naming Committee (PPFNC), chaired by Councilman Joe Bailey, requested that a final vote be conducted, limited to the top two names for each street and the park. The survey closed on July 10th. Results are as follows:

Empire Street (for unnamed "E" Street): Suggested by the Citizen Naming Committee as a historical name, formerly belonging to a river boat that traveled the larger rivers of the South Eastern United States in the late 18th century: 42 of 67 Votes, or 63%

Foggy Bottom Street (Rename for N. Lincoln St.): Suggested by the Citizen Naming Committee because of the morning fog coming from the river in this area, and because it is a flood plain. 35 of 66 Votes, or 53%

Waterfront Drive (for new riverfront street): Nominated by the Citizen Naming Committee because it is a simple description that makes a good address for the folks who will live there. 36 of 68 Votes, or 53%

Suttree Landing Park (new waterfront park): Cormack McCarthy, a native of South Knoxville, wrote Suttree, a novel about a man who relinquishes a life of ease to become a fisherman on the Tennessee River in the 1950's. Nominated because the park is on the banks where the novel takes place. 53 of 68 Votes, or 78%

The PPFNC will meet again soon to discuss and make recommendations to MPC. The final step in the process will be a MPC recommendation to City Council for adoption by ordinance.

SW Advisory Board Meeting

The South Waterfront Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for **5:30 PM July 23, 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.



EAST WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATES

River Park & Roads Design

Vaughn & Melton will complete Construction Plans & Documents by the end of September.

Hargreaves Associates will complete Construction Plans & Documents by the end of August.

Property purchase negotiations for street rights-of-way continue in the Island Home Ave. / Lincoln Street area. Closure applications for segments of the alleys off of Lincoln Street and off Island Home Ave. are being circulated among the adjacent property owners for signatures. The applications will be heard by MPC on September 10th. If closed, property that once contained the right of way will revert to the adjoining property owners. The closings are being requested to avoid unnecessary and potentially hazardous curb cuts.

Development agreement negotiations with Southshore Properties are progressing slowly. Many different scenarios for construction are being discussed, such as phasing possibilities and public bid versus private management of construction.

The Brownfield Agreement is in the final stages of TDEC review. Property owners who touch a portion of the Park area will be contacted with a letter explaining the purpose of the agreement, and a 30 day public notice will be issued to solicit comment from the community.

A Programmatic Agreement needed to assure proper treatment of archaeological and historic features is nearing completion. When finished, the TVA / USACE 26A Permit should be ready for issue to the City, which is a critical piece to Park construction.

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