



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

Website Information:

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Property Update:

Property appraisals for areas impacted by the South Waterfront Park and Road project have been completed and certified. Affected property owners are being approached by the City and KCDC with the hope to negotiate for the sale of the land needed for this project.

Grant Update:

EPA Brownfield grants are due in late October. The South Waterfront has several areas that fit this kind of funding, and we will be comparing individual Vision Plan projects with individual brownfield grant opportunities. If we can identify a potential project that meets funding requirements, we will apply this fall.

Bridge Update:

We met with the University of Tennessee to solidify a strategy for identifying a bridge location in light of their more recent campus design plans. The best method appears to be having their design teams meet with ours, conduct a siting study, and choosing a location that's optimal for both sides of the river. Once bridge location is exact, we will proceed with geotechnical work and schematic design, with the intent to enter into final design. Applicable permit applications, permissions, and land purchases will follow. Funding opportunities will be examined as well throughout this process.

Congratulations:

The South Waterfront Vision Plan is receiving a 2008 Excellence Award from MPC on August 21st. Thanks to each of you who have participated in this community project to date. We look forward to the plan becoming reality with the help of your continued support.

Newsletter Mailing Options

Anyone who has e-mail is encouraged to send a request to sbass@cityofknoxville.org for receipt of an e-mail version. It is also posted on the website, or you may receive it via post.

Upcoming Meetings

STREETSCAPE DESIGN PUBLIC MTG.

A South Waterfront public meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 21st, at 6:00 PM** at the **Kerbela Shriners Temple** (Mimosa Ave) to present the draft plans for the streetscape design project affecting the areas between Lincoln Street to Barber Street.

MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome & Introduction
- South Waterfront Progress Report
- Project Presentation
- Questions & Answers
- Open House / Individual Discussion

RIVER PLAIN PARK PUBLIC MEETING

A South Waterfront public meeting to discuss the River Plain Park design process will be led by Hargreaves Associates **Thursday, August 28th, at 6:00 PM**, at the **Kerbela Shriners Temple** on Mimosa Avenue.

The meeting will be held to discuss potential uses within the park, and to revisit the Vision Plan and Schematic Design objectives for the park.

Sometimes meeting times and places change. Please continue to check the South Waterfront Website for meeting updates between newsletters.

Design Project Update:

For those of you who cannot attend the August 21st Streetscape Design meeting, the South Waterfront website will be updated to provide all the images presented a day or two after the meeting. You may also call us to visit the South Waterfront office and view the plans as well. We will consider any comments provided to us if you miss the meeting.

There have been requests for release of the plans prior to the meetings. The design team is working hard to get these ready for community review and the plans and graphics are not yet available. The Concept Plan approved by MPC is available for inspection at the MPC office (4th floor of the City County Building) or in the South Waterfront Development office (5th floor of the City County Building) if you would like to view it prior to the meeting.

Park schematic design documents are currently available at the following link: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/southwaterfront/schematics/P9_RIVERPLAIN_PARK.pdf

Additional documents created for the August 28th park design meeting will also be posted to the South Waterfront website.

August South Waterfront Department Activities:

August efforts will focus on property negotiations with property owners to purchase the land necessary for the Lincoln Landing / River Road project right-of-way, and for the park land along the river. We have entered into the Tennessee Department of Environmental Conservation (TDEC) Voluntary Oversight and Assistance Program, to aid with any clean up efforts required by the state for the park land. We will soon engage professional environmental services needed for oversight of the design of the park and roads, and will ask City Council for contract approval on August 12th. The Cityview project has also been a major focus as we pull together the final agreement modification prior to construction of the Riverwalk and side streets. The Blount Avenue reconstruction design contract (fronting Cityview) negotiations are nearing completion, with the intent to request City Council approval of the contract on August 26th.

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.

- Phase I of Cityview Condominiums are making progress toward completion.
- The segment of Riverwalk in front of Cityview is scheduled to begin construction in 1-2 weeks.
- Blount Avenue will soon be under survey and traffic study to plan for construction in 2009.

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