



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

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WEST WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATES

Blount Avenue Reconstruction

The construction contract with Southern Constructors, Inc. was approved by City Council on September 22nd. A notice to proceed will be given when KCDC completes the final right-of-way negotiations and purchases, including the sidewalk space necessary from the Cityview property. We hope to see street construction begin before the year is out.

Cityview

A KCDC draw request for work completed on the public improvement portion of the project prior to default was approved by BB&T. \$365,794 was paid to subcontractors owed for completed work on the side streets and riverwalk bank stabilization and earthwork.

Raja Jubran and Jim Clayton bought Cityview at auction for \$15,420,000. Denark Construction (owned by Raja Jubran) will be handling completion of the building, which they estimate to be about 6 to 8 months out.

A cost estimate to complete the side streets & riverwalk is being prepared, with the intent to finish this work before the Blount Avenue reconstruction work is done. Construction schedule coordination, general contractor liability, and good stewardship of the remaining TIF funds are high priorities as progress is made.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAT

- Remaining tenants on future Park land are working with KCDC to relocate by November.
- Demolition is complete for 1007 & 1009 Phillips Avenue. Other Park related demolition will be scheduled when the Brownfield and Programmatic Agreements are in place.

Announcements

TDOT Enhancement Grant Award

At the end of August, Tennessee's Department of Transportation (TDOT) announced a \$534,461 Enhancement Grant for a portion (Phase 1 of 6) of the Knoxville Shoals Promenade. This was the third year the City had applied for Enhancement grant funding for the floating portion of the riverwalk shown in the Vision Plan in front of Baptist Hospital. We will work with TDOT to enter into a contract to obligate the funds in the near future, with development of a design scope of work soon to follow.

Blount Avenue Meeting Recap

Thanks to those of you who attended the discussion on the alternate traffic routes planned during the reconstruction of Blount Ave. The discussion was productive and the concerns on traffic safety, speed and frequency during construction will be addressed to the best of our ability. Don't hesitate to call at any point if you have suggestions that could relieve potential inconvenience or traffic disruptions during construction.

SW Advisory Board Update

The South Waterfront Advisory Board will reconvene January 28, 2010 at 5:30 PM in the KCDC training room. All Advisory Board Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

EAST WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATES

River Park & Roads Design

Park Design is at 95% and undergoing City and KUB review. The design will be finalized when this last round of comments is addressed.

Road Design is at 95% completion, with construction documents not far behind.

KCDC is focusing on final purchases of ROW needed near the proposed Roundabout.

Development agreement discussions with Southshore Properties are ongoing.

TVA Programmatic and TDEC Brownfield Agreement negotiations are ongoing.

Pedestrian Bridge

A contract between TDOT and the City to administer the \$533,520 federal award for design and environmental clearance of the Pedestrian Bridge was approved by City Council on Sept. 22nd. Next steps include developing a working group with the University of Tennessee and affected property owners on the south side of the river. This collaboration will help plan and scope the Request for Qualifications for preliminary design and environmental clearance.

BROWNFIELD UPDATES

The EPA Brownfield Grant Request for Qualifications will be advertised on the City's Purchasing website on September 28.

When a contract is in place, a public meeting will be held to kick off the 3 year assessment grant program.

