



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT

Monthly Newsletter

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First Edition Note

Hello! From fall 2005 through spring 2007, meetings related to the Knoxville South Waterfront seemed to occur on such a regular basis that a newsletter was considered unnecessary. Now that we are moving from visioning and planning into our first implementation stages, meetings won't be so frequent, but many people have let us know that they want a regular progress update. This is the first edition of the South Waterfront newsletter, and we are using mailing lists from past meeting sign-up sheets. Please let your neighbors know about the newsletter – it's free, and anyone can get on the mailing list (see instructions below). We welcome any constructive comments regarding the format and content of the newsletter. Our intent is to keep it short and to the point.

Recent Inquiries

We have received a few calls from residents in the South Waterfront area asking if their homes will be condemned and acquired by the city or KCDC in the near future. We have not and will not condemn any homes unless they have reached the point of dilapidation and are no longer habitable, and the homeowner refuses to fix the problem. KCDC and the SW Advisory Board are working toward solutions to avoid condemnation in the long term. If you have specific questions, call Dave Hill or Susanna Bass at the phone numbers given below.

How to Get on the Mailing List

Please mail your name, address (including zip code) to the address shown below, or e-mail your name and address to Dave Hill or Susanna Bass at the e-mail addresses shown below. If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please use the same contact information and indicate you no longer want to receive the newsletter.

Upcoming Meetings

The South Waterfront Advisory Board, created as an advisory board to Knoxville's Community Development Corporation (KCDC) Board, meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 25th, at 5:30 PM, in the South Knoxville Elementary School Library.** All meetings of the advisory board are open to the public.

The first **Public Meeting** held to review the draft schematic designs for South Waterfront public improvements will take place on **Tuesday, November 13th, at 6:00 PM, in the Kerbela Shriners Temple, 315 Mimosa Avenue** (near Baptist Hospital). Read more to the right regarding the public improvements being designed for the South Waterfront.

Public Improvements Design

A contract started in May 2007 with Hargreaves Associates is the major design effort currently underway. As many as 12 projects with an estimated construction value of not less than \$30 million began with fieldwork, such as mapping of utilities, soil borings, and an inventory of major trees. The projects include Goose Creek Landing, the Cherokee Trail Railroad underpass, the Knoxville Shoals Riverwalk, a segment of the River Road, Lincoln Street Landing, realignment of Island Home Avenue near the Island Home columns, Henley Gateway, Cityview Riverwalk & Blount Avenue streetscape improvements and other Phase I projects.

IMPORTANT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT !!

Private Development Projects

Active discussions are ongoing with several property owners to tie public improvements with private redevelopment. Although more work is needed before confirmation of any new development, a second phase of the Cityview condominiums, the area between the waterfront shore and Langford Avenue, and the former TransMontaigne tank farm on Island Home Avenue are sites of current interest. We have also been working with Baptist Hospital officials as a result of a master planning effort tied to their merger with St. Mary's Hospital.

A New Face: Susanna Bass

Susanna Bass started as South Waterfront Project Manager on October 8, 2007. Susanna worked since 2004 with the Tennessee Valley Authority in both Environmental Policy & Planning and River Operations. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies and a Master's Degree in Biosystems Engineering from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville. You'll get a chance to meet Susanna at upcoming waterfront meetings.

South Waterfront Advisory Board

The South Waterfront Advisory Board was formed following the adoption of the South Waterfront Urban Renewal and Redevelopment Plan, and is chaired by KCDC Board Chair Craig Griffith. The 13-member Advisory Board is currently addressing neighborhood issues within the South Waterfront Redevelopment District including, but not limited to, dilapidated structures, code enforcement, property & building codes, brownfields clean-up, and homeownership assistance programs. Advisory Board members are Patti Berrier, Dianna Conn, Trey Coleman, Melissa Cox, Mark Donaldson, Kelvin Frances, David Glass, Craig Griffith, Dave Hill, Martha Olson, Jeff Welch, Mike Woods, and Sylvia Woods.

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