



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

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1725 Hillwood Ave. Rezoning

The rezoning application mentioned in last month's newsletter that was filed with the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) to change 2 parcels located at 1725 Hillwood Avenue from C-3 to R-3 has been postponed. The rezoning application will be heard at the MPC Commission meeting on November 13, 2008, starting at 1:30 PM in the Main Assembly Room, City-County Building.

26A Permit Open House Recap

In conjunction with COE and TVA, the City of Knoxville held a 26A permit open house for to accommodate the 30-day comment period. Three citizens attended, so apparently most folks are comfortable with the proposed projects or planned to submit written comments. The Road Design Open House will be held in the same informal setting; please drop in as you can and give us your feedback.

Hillcrest South ROW

As you may have seen in the news, Hillcrest Healthcare may soon buy its own facilities and properties from Knox County. The Hillcrest South property, located on Hillwood Avenue, contains a piece of land needed to for the Hillwood Avenue realignment. Councilman Joe Hultquist and SW staff have been working to arrange a transfer of the needed ROW to the City of Knoxville, which is expected to be completed by October 27th.

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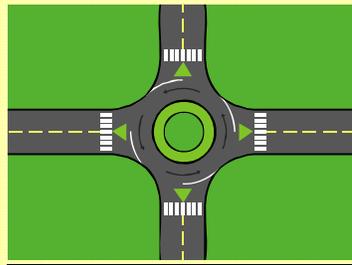
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South Waterfront Development Department
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Upcoming Meetings

Road Design Open House:

The final Lincoln Landing / River Road design open house is scheduled **November 20, 2008 at 6 PM**. The location, once determined, will be announced on the website and in the November newsletter.



Advisory Board Update:

The South Waterfront Advisory Board meeting schedule has not been confirmed for November or December, but SW staff believes holiday conflicts will push the board's next meeting into January 2009. Please check the South Waterfront Website for updates.

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

Projects Update

Lincoln Landing / River Road:

Design work is nearing completion, and cost estimates for construction and maintenance are being prepared to make sure we're within budget. Negotiations for rights-of-way and park property will continue at least into November.

River Plain Park:

Park design work continues at a slower pace than the street design, but will move ahead more rapidly when the park property has been purchased and progress is made toward obtaining environmental permits. The project is still in the schematic design stage.

Cityview:

Focus Development has begun construction of the riverwalk and side streets. Some of the prominent rip-rap that has drawn criticism is now being removed.

Blount Avenue:

Cannon & Cannon will begin work on Blount Avenue final design pending kick off meeting and notice to proceed.

September South Waterfront Department Activities

Property negotiations with owners to purchase the land necessary for the Road right of way and Park land along the river continues to be a Staff priority. The Blount Avenue reconstruction design contract is executed with Cannon & Cannon; preliminary environmental and survey can now begin. Staff continues work on fall grant submissions for the waterfront, including a TDEC Green Development application, a TDOT Enhancement application, and a US EPA Brownfields application. Informal design review of public improvements associated with the proposed apartment complex on Island Home Avenue is ongoing.

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.

- Construction of the Cityview side streets and riverwalk has begun.
- Surveyors will be present on Blount Avenue in front of the Cityview site in the coming weeks.



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