



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

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WEST WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATES

Blount Avenue Reconstruction

A pre-construction meeting with Southern Constructors, Inc. was held on Oct. 27th. This 7-month project is expected to start soon to install a brand new streetscape along Blount Avenue between the Norfolk South RR Underpass and Hawthorne Avenue.

They will be given a notice to proceed upon completion of some precautionary environmental testing, to better anticipate and avoid any possible delays when construction begins.

KCDC completed all right of way purchases, and we appreciate the cooperation and efforts of adjacent property owners help make this project possible.

Cityview

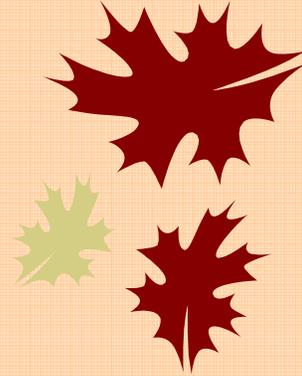
The KCDC Board will be asked to approve a contract between KCDC and Michael Brady, Inc. on October 29th to allow the lead engineer on the Cityview project to remain the same.

Work on a cost estimate and bid specifications to complete the side streets & riverwalk will start in November. Selection of a construction contractor to complete the public improvements will then be advertised through a public bid process by December 2009 or December 2010. Actual completion is expected to take 4 months, before the condos and the Blount Ave. construction are finished.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAT

- Remaining tenants on future Park land are working with KCDC to relocate by the end of November.
- The Cityview condo area will have 3 separate and concurrent construction projects (the residential structure, Blount Avenue reconstruction, and the side streets & riverwalk) starting activity in the coming months. Blount Avenue construction will require some detours during this 7-month project.

Announcements



SW Advisory Board Meeting

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.

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

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

The South Waterfront Department is going through some transitions right now.

Susanna Bass has accepted the position of Program Manager for Sustainability with the City of Knoxville, and personnel needs for upcoming South Waterfront projects are being reevaluated before making any hiring decisions regarding Susanna's vacant position. We appreciate Susanna's hard work, especially in coordinating project details and handling several environmental permitting and grant-related projects, and are happy to see that she will remain with the City.

EAST WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATES

River Park & Roads Design

Park and Street Design work will be completed and ready for construction bids by the end of this year. Final right-of-way purchases will continue, with more property needed near the proposed Roundabout.

The TVA/USACE permit awaits final approval of the Programmatic Agreement, and final TDEC Brownfield Agreement negotiations are nearing completion.

The primary delay in setting a construction date for the park and streets is the lack of a private development commitment. Due to current economic conditions and lack of construction loan financing, Southshore Properties is not currently in a position to start its proposed residential project. Hopefully the economy will continue to recover so that construction will be possible during 2010.

Through approvals by the City's Public Property Naming Committee and the MPC, the following street names are confirmed: Waterfront Drive (new shoreline street), Foggy Bottom Street (former S. Lincoln Street), and Empire Street (former unnamed "E" Street). The park name will be Suttree Landing Park. Thanks to all who gave their time to participate in the naming process.

BROWNFIELD UPDATE

The EPA Brownfield Grant selection committee meets at the end of this month to choose a consultant to guide that 3 year process.

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