



KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

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PROJECT UPDATE

South Waterfront – University of TN Pedestrian Bicycle Bridge

Lawrie & Associates is the principal firm under contract to perform design and other professional services necessary to prepare for the construction of a pedestrian / bicycle bridge connecting from Clancy Avenue on the south side of the river to the upper level pedestrian concourse located between Pratt Pavilion and Thompson Boling Arena.

The Lawrie & Associates contract was approved by the Knoxville City Council on October 5th, in an amount not to exceed \$371,292. Local firms that will serve as subcontractors to Lawrie & Associates for this project include Wilbur Smith Associates, S&ME, Inc., Carol R. Johnson Associates, Sanders Pace Architecture, the O'Hanlon Group, and Cannon & Cannon. The contract is partially funded through a federal grant.

We are proceeding slowly and methodically during the first stage of the design. Several potential design structures will be identified and evaluated. Three alternatives will be selected and receive detailed analysis before a final recommendation will be made. The consultants are currently engaged in a preliminary data gathering process, which includes preparations for environmental assessment and permitting for the project.

In early 2011, public meetings will be scheduled to hear citizen comments. Final design development will not start until a City Council workshop has been held. Future public meetings will be announced soon.

PROJECT UPDATES

Cityview Riverwalk Extension

Cannon & Cannon, Inc. was recently selected as the firm that will design the Cityview Riverwalk extension. The extension will lengthen the existing Cityview Riverwalk westward by 300 feet to the USA Ready-Mix property line and connect the Riverwalk to Blount Avenue through the construction of a 325-foot long greenway. The scope of work has been completed, which also includes environmental permitting and construction and engineering inspections. The \$168,700 contract will be considered for approval by City Council at its regular meeting on November 30th. In a related development, Ed McAlister of River Sports Outfitters was selected as the most responsive bidder to provide canoe, kayak, and bicycle rentals near the Cityview Riverwalk Extension. We will be working with Ed as the project design starts, with the intent to provide public recreational access directly on to the river.

Waterfront Drive / Suttree Landing Park Improvements

A permit was recently issued by the Tennessee Valley Authority and the US Army Corps of Engineers for several South Waterfront public improvements projects, notably including the Waterfront Drive & Suttree Landing Park area located just north of Langford Avenue. Documents available for review may be found on TVA's website at: http://www.tva.gov/environment/report/s/s_knox_waterfront/index.htm. The permit requires inventories of both archaeological and historic structures, which will start in the next few weeks. Results of the inventories will be available by May 2011.

**Public Meeting
Announcement**

**CITYVIEW RIVERWALK
&
BLOUNT AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION**

GRAND OPENING

**Friday, December 10th, 2010
11:30 AM**

**Cityview Condominiums
445 W. Blount Avenue, Knoxville**

The Cityview Riverwalk and Blount Avenue public improvements have been completed. A Grand Opening will be held on the date and time shown above. The public is welcome to attend. Mayor (and Governor-Elect) Bill Haslam will open the celebration of completion of the Knoxville South Waterfront's first segment of what will eventually become a 3-mile long Riverwalk. Afterward, the CityView at Riverwalk Condominium development will be open for tours following the ribbon-cutting until 2:00 PM. For those interested in attending, free parking will be provided in the Cityview Condominiums parking garage.

We hope to see you there!!

EPA Brownfields Grant Project

Property access agreements continue to be negotiated to conduct Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments for parcels considered to have significant redevelopment potential. Work on the assessments should start in early 2011. The grant committee, which includes neighborhood representatives, will be asked to meet for a status report in early 2011 as well. The purpose of the grant is to determine the conditions under which properties can be redeveloped and reused, and to eliminate uncertainty that frequently tends to delay or even block investment interest in sites perceived to be contaminated.

