



Town Hall Happenings

April 2007

Meetings & Updates

From BZA . . .

Request for variance for a 1200 square ft. accessory building at 5222 Jacksboro Pike. City regulations allow up to 750 sq. ft. Denied.

Update on Skate Park

The Fountain City Skate Park Task Force made a presentation to the neighbors near the proposed site for the skate board park and walking trail on the west side of First Creek off Maple Dr. Over 40 individuals attended the meeting with about 15 neighbors from Maple Dr. and Highland Dr. There was strong support for a skate park in Fountain City, but the Maple Dr. residents had concerns about the park in their neighborhood. Their primary issues were pedestrian safety because of the speeders driving on Maple Dr. and the potential for decreased property values. The task force is reevaluating other options as well as looking at ways to mitigate the neighbors concerns if the Maple Dr. site is selected as the final site for the skate park.

April Meeting: Knox County Storm Water Issues

A panel from the Knox County Storm Water Advisory Committee will speak at the April 9 Fountain City Town Hall membership meeting. The subject will be the Knox County storm water ordinance the county Knox County plans to adopt and other issues. The 3 speakers will be John Schoonmaker, President West Knox County Council of Homeowners; Laura Cole, who owns a farm in east Knox County and is a member of the East Knox County Community Action Committee and Jamie Rowe, president of the Tazewell Pike-Beverly Station Neighborhood Coalition. The meeting will be at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Jacksboro

Central High School Company II Seniors to Perform

This choral group from Central High School will present a short program prior to the storm water discussion. This group entertained the crowd during the Christmas lighting at the lake and features about a dozen students.

2007 Fountain City Community Awards

Fountain City Town Hall is taking nominations for the 2007 Community Awards to be presented at Honor Fountain City Day in the Park on Monday, May 28. Nominations can be submitted by mailing to Fountain City Town Hall, 2007 Award Nominations, P.O. Box 18001, Knoxville, TN, 37928-8001, by April 6 or at fnichols@cityofknoxville.org.

Nominations should include names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the individuals/organizations being nominated as well as the contact information for the individual submitting the nomination.

The award categories are:

Fountain City Man of the Year - Given to an adult male resident of Fountain City who exemplifies the spirit of the community through his dedicated, long-term service to others and the community

Fountain City Woman of the Year - Given to an adult female resident of Fountain City who exemplifies the spirit of the community through her dedicated, long-term service to others and the community

Commercial/Public Area Beautification Award - Given to any business or public facility that has recently renovated, reused or beautified its property and has enhanced the neighborhood by extending a sense of community or has helped to preserve and/or beautify Fountain City

Residential Restoration Award - Given to a privately owned home whose rehabilitation, renovation, preservation, or caring maintenance has added to our community. This is not limited to older homes or historic homes, but any property that is lovingly maintained

Garden/Landscaping Award - Given to the owner of any garden or yard that adds to Fountain City through its landscaping, planting or outside maintenance

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MPC TAKING NOMINATIONS

The Metropolitan Planning Commission is accepting nominations for its annual Excellence Awards, an event held in August, which recognizes outstanding development and civic achievement. Some past Fountain City award winners are Fountain Commercial Park and Fountain Square, Adair Park, Fountain City Park Bank, Tazewell Pike/ Beverly Station Neighborhood Assoc., Fountain City Branch Library, and Fountain City Art Guild. Some new categories and criteria are being considered this year. Look for information at www.knoxmpc.org or call Jill Draper at 215-3234.

MPC North City Sector Plan Meeting

Several members of Fountain City Town Hall attended the North City Sector Plan meeting sponsored by MPC on March 12th at Sterchi Elementary. Anne Wallace from MPC made a great presentation covering various topics from a proposed streetscape plan for Broadway in Fountain City to recommended zoning changes. One of the biggest discussions was allowing the north side of Dutch Valley Dr. to be rezoned from residential to office zone. MPC considers office zone as a good transition from the commercial activities on the south side of Dutch Valley to the residential areas on the north side. Those in attendance were concerned that office zoning would lead to other commercial zoning which would not be protective of the Plummer Drive neighborhood. In other words, there would be a "crack in the dam" allowing the commercial activities to migrate all along the north side of Dutch Valley. The MPC staff said that they would take those concerns into reevaluating their recommendations.