



Town Hall Happenings

March 2007

Meetings and Updates

From MPC . . . January Meeting

1. Dutch Valley property, east of Wing Way, rezoning request R1 to C3, approved O1. Town Hall opposed at City Council, postponed.
2. Cedar Ln/Parkdale property rezoning request R1 to O1 denied.
3. Stanton Rd property adjacent to library rezoning request R2 to O1 approved.
4. Tazewell Pk property, Dr. Byrd's office, rezoning request R2 with use on review to O1 approved. Town Hall opposed, denied at City Council.

Knox Co. Stormwater Ordinance Review

Knox Co. Commission and Engineering Dept. to review Stormwater Ordinance and the flood Damage Prevention Ordinance - Mon., March 26 following County Commission meeting in large assembly room of City County Bldg between 5 and 6 p.m.

Rep. Duncan to Chair Conference

An important regional conference being chaired by U.S. Rep. John

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March Meeting Features North Sector Plan

The March 12th membership meeting is moving to the Sterchi Elementary School at 900 Oaklett Drive to allow the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) to present a draft of the North City Sector Plan at 6:30 p.m. Monday. Questions and comments from the public are welcome.

The plan focuses on the Broadway corridor and the heart of Fountain City, as well as land use issues along Central Avenue Pike and Dutch Valley Road. It also includes ideas for new and improved community facilities and suggestions for using protective zoning tools such as historic, neighborhood conservation, and infill overlay districts.

A background report is available at www.knoxmpc.org under Plans and Studies, Sector Plans, North City; or call Anne Wallace at 215-3804.

MPC divides the city and county into 12 sectors for planning purposes, and these plans are updated every five to six years on a rotating basis. They serve as the basis for future land use and zoning decisions, as well as transportation improvements. After the plans are adopted at a meeting of the Planning Commission, they are forwarded to the Knoxville City Council or Knox County Commission for a final vote.

Update on Skate Park for Fountain City *By Michael Kane, Chairman*

Fountain City Town Hall has arranged a meeting with residents and property owners located near the east end of Maple Dr. at Knox Rd. to discuss a proposed skate (board) park in that area. The neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, March 8, 2007, Grace Community Church, 2001 Highland Dr. at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to identify and discuss potential neighborhood concerns with the site. Skateboarding has become a mainstream sport (like soccer), but there are no safe, public facilities available for area skaters to develop their skills.

A task force was created at the Town Hall January meeting to evaluate sites for a local skate park and work with the City Parks and Recreation Department on implementation. The task force identified a site on Knox Rd. at Maple Dr. (next to the bait shop) as the preferred site. However, City Engineering determined that the Knox Rd. was useable because of floodway restrictions. However, much of the land on the west side of First Creek off Maple Dr. is out of the floodway and could be utilized for a skate park. This has now become the preferred site. Before the community and the City can proceed further, it is important to have input and address issues that the property owners and residents from Maple Dr. may have. There will be representatives at the meeting from City Parks and Recreation, Engineering, and the Police Department. Members of City Council have also been invited.

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Rep. Duncan continued from front

Duncan is open to the public. The conference, "Plain Talk on Quality Growth," begins on March 29 with an evening lecture at UT and continues through the day on March 30 at the Knoxville Convention Center. Early bird registration (by March 16) is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch, and conference materials. You can register online at www.ETQG.org or call 524-0270, ext. 12.

Honor Fountain City Day

This annual Memorial Day event is Town Hall's way of welcoming summer, and this year's theme is "Art in the Park". Expect good entertainment, crafts and good food.

Anyone interested in participating in any of these categories, please contact

Jamie Row at 688-9525.