



Town Hall Happenings

September 2007

Sept. Membership Meeting - KUB

Meetings & Updates

Christmas Celebration at the Lake: FCTH Board formed a committee to begin organizing the Christmas Celebration at the lake. Contact Donna Currie, Jamie Rowe or Charlotte Davis to help with the event.

C.O.I.N. - Following a vote at the August Town Hall Board Meeting, Town Hall joined the Council of Involved Neighborhoods (C.O.I.N.), which is an umbrella organization originally formed to support inner city neighborhood groups within the Empowerment Zones. However, the organization has broadened their focus to all neighborhoods in Knoxville and Knox County. The dues will be \$50 for the first year and \$25 per year thereafter.

Membership Renewal: Annual membership renewal forms will be mailed out in September. Memberships are \$10/year per household, business or organization. Please note that the renewal form will include two membership categories approved in the by-laws in May 2007 – resident and associate members.

Fountain City Heritage: Town Hall Board Member Dr. Jim Tumblin is in discussion with the U.T. McClung Museum to install a second display on Judge John W. Green at the Fountain City

The September membership meeting is scheduled for Mon., Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Jacksboro Pike. KUB will provide the program and cover two subjects: vegetation management and replacing infrastructure.

Vegetation Management KUB maintains approximately 5000 miles of electric service lines over a 687-square-mile area that includes portions of Knox County and four other surrounding counties. KUB customers have a high expectation for safe, consistent, and reliable electric service. Most businesses and an increasing number of households rely on computers and other high-tech electronic equipment. KUB uses a tree-pruning program aimed at reducing outages to meet those important customer needs. Providing safe, reliable electric service while being

sensitive to affected communities and maintaining the natural beauty of our region are KUB's primary objectives. To accomplish these objectives, KUB maintains a year-round integrated vegetation management program to control growth throughout the system.

Infrastructure Upgrades KUB, like other utilities nationwide, must step up efforts to replace aging infrastructure. Century II, a new infrastructure management program, is designed to be an investment in KUB's next 100 years of quality service - and in the quality of life in our community. Century II is KUB's proactive long-range program to improve and maintain the electric, gas, water, and wastewater systems for our customers. It moves KUB into its second century of service by improving each system through sound planning, resource allocation, and continued, but accelerated, investment.

Fountain City Development Issues

The Highland Neighborhood Association has spearheaded an effort to get their neighborhood on Highland Dr. rezoned from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to R-1EN (Single Family Established Neighborhood). R-1EN is designed to maintain the established character of older neighborhoods with large lots and has similarities to the conservation district zoning but is generally less restrictive. The Highland Dr. and Maple Dr. rezoning resulted from the May 2007 Town Hall Membership Meeting in which Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) Director Mark Donaldson gave a presentation on the new zoning classification. The rezoning of Highland Dr. and portions of Maple Dr. was approved at the August MPC meeting and will go to City Council for approval on September 11. If anyone is

interested in the rezoning for their neighborhood, contact Town Hall Board Member and President of the Highland Neighborhood Association Kelly Scott (919-6020) for more details.

Town Hall has been monitoring proposed changes by MPC to the city zoning ordinance, which would allow more than 750 sq. ft. of ground floor space for accessory buildings in R-1 (single family) zones. The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) requested MPC propose changes to the ordinance to increase the allowed square footage of accessory buildings because of the large number of variance requests. MPC's initial response was to allow accessory buildings to be built

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Update on Fountain City Skate Park . . . The Fountain City Skate Park Task Force presented its final report to the community on August 7, 2007. About 40 people attended the meeting including City Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Joe Walsh and City Council Members Bob Becker and Chris Woodhull. The task force recommended that a skate (board) park be built on city-owned property on Knox Road between the bait shop and Maple Drive. The task force also presented a conceptual design for the park, which was developed with significant input from the skaters. There was no opposition to the proposal voiced at the meeting except for a concern over the location of the parking. City Council voted in favor of proposed site on August 28 and fundraising efforts have begun. The conceptual estimate is \$130,000, with some funding coming from the city with the remaining coming from the community. The Legacy Parks Foundation, which is a 501(c)3 organization will be the recipient of funds raised by the community. The foundation is in the process of applying for a \$10K grant from the Tennessee State Community Enhancement Grant Program. Depending upon how quickly the funds can be raised, construction is expected to begin in the Spring/Summer 2008. Anyone interested in helping with funding raising, please contact Michael Kane at 241-7587.

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Library. Work on the project will begin in September for installation at a later date. The new Fountain City Library building is named for Judge Green in honor of his significant contributions to the Knox County Library system and the Fountain City community. Judge Green died in 1957. He and his wife Ellen McClung Green provided the endowment for the formation of the U.T. McClung Museum, which has an extensive collection of personal artifacts and memorabilia on the Greens. If anyone is interested in Fountain City history and wants to learn more about Judge Green, go to www.fountaincitytnhistory.info/.

DEVELOPMENT . . . *from front page*

as large as the primary residence as long as the total lot coverage does not exceed the maximum allowed coverage of 30% currently in the zoning ordinance. Following concerns raised by Town Hall Chairman Michael Kane and others, MPC Director Mark Donaldson discussed the issue at the August 6th Council of Involved Neighborhoods (C.O.I.N.) meeting. Mr. Donaldson said MPC Staff has reconsidered its proposal and is evaluating another option of requiring that accessory buildings greater than 750 sq. ft. be "Use on Reviews" to be heard by MPC

instead of the current variance request heard by BZA. Participants at the C.O.I.N. meeting commented that this approach needed to address materials of construction and design. Mr. Donaldson will report back with a revised proposal at the September 10th C.O.I.N. meeting.

All residents of Fountain City who live in older neighborhoods with large lots and which do not have deed restrictions on accessory buildings should pay particular attention to this proposed zoning ordinance change.