

MPC UPDATE

June 29, 2009

Update

This MPC Update replaces what had previously been called the Friday memo. It is hoped that it will become a staple on the MPC's new Facebook entry.

Meetings

- **East County Sector Plan.** Tonight (June 29) at Carter H.S. at 6:00 p.m., the Comprehensive Planning staff is hosting a meeting to discuss elements of the draft East County Sector Plan update. Topics tonight include town center, economic development and French Broad conservation concepts. Draft land use policies and concepts are available on the MPC website at www.knoxmpc.org.
 - On July 7, MPC staff will be meeting with the East County Business and Professional Association at 7:30 a.m. at the Crackerbarrell near the Strawberry Plains exit of I-40.
 - On July 16 there will be an additional East County Sector Plan update meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Carter H.S. to discuss the land use, community facilities and transportation planning elements of the Plan.
- **Briefing on Sustainable Development Program.** The Sustainable Development Working Group initiated by Chairman Trey Benefield has developed a draft program to encourage sustainable development by providing incentives in the City and County Zoning Ordinances. These programs will be presented during a joint briefing session for City Council, County Commission and Planning Commission members on Monday, July 20 at 5:30 p.m. and during a public meeting on Thursday, July 30 at 6 p.m. Both will be held in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building. The draft city and county programs are available on the MPC website at www.knoxmpc.org.
- **Knox County Redistricting Committee.** The Knox County Redistricting Committee, for whom MPC staff has provided mapping services, will meet at 3:00 p.m. on July 8, 2009 in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building. Draft redistricting maps are viewable on the MPC website at www.knoxmpc.org.

Facebook

Thanks to Commissioner Laura Cole and several staff members MPC is now on **Facebook!** Go to www.knoxmpc.org and look under "Related Sites" to find a link to the page and become a fan.

Fond Farewell

MPC staff will be hosting a reception on Tuesday, June 30 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building to celebrate the retirement of **Allen Alderman** and **Ken Pruitt**. Together, they have served MPC for 80 years.

South Waterfront Name Selection Survey

In March, many took part in a poll to help name three streets and a new city park in the South Waterfront area. City Council's Public Properties & Facilities Naming Committee asked the South Waterfront Department to run the survey again with just the top two names from each category to get final results. The Committee and the MPC will make their final recommendations before City Council is asked to formally approve the selected names. Go to the MPC website to vote for your favorite names.

CMAQ Call for Projects

The Knoxville Regional TPO is advertising a Call for Projects for the Federally allocated Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) FY2009 funds. Applications must be completed by July 10, 2009.

Notes

- The planning commissioners have voted for the 2009 Excellence Awards winners. We had 100 percent participation! We look forward to seeing you all at the banquet on Tuesday, August 18.
- The MPC office will be closed July 3 to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday.