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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 13, 2009

## Meetings

- The **Hillside and Ridgetop Task Force** will begin hosting a series of eight public meetings to review and discuss the proposals for development and protection in the hillside and ridgetop lands of Knoxville-Knox County. Each meeting will be the same in content and format. The meetings will consist of a presentation of the Task Force proposals, followed by a period of public feedback.
  - Monday, July 13; 6:30 p.m.; South Doyle Middle School - 3900 Decatur Rd.
  - Tuesday, July 14; 6:30 p.m.; Halls Senior Center - 4410 Crippen Rd.
  - Wednesday, July 15; 6:30 p.m.; LT Ross Building - 2247 Western Ave.
  - Thursday, July 16; 6:30 p.m.; Karns Community Club Center - 7708 Oak Ridge Hwy .
  - Monday, July 20; 6:30 p.m.; New Harvest Park - 4775 New Harvest Ln.
  - Thursday, July 23; 6:30 p.m.; Powell Library - 330 West Emory Rd.
  - Thursday, August 6; 6:30 p.m.; Deane Hill Recreation Center - 7400 Deane Hill Dr.
  - Monday, August 10; 6:30 p.m.; Ramsey House - 2614 Thorn Grove Pk
- The next **TPO Technical Committee** meeting is July 14, where they will discuss the reallocation of ARRA funds. The first ARRA funds to be used for a highway construction project have been awarded to the Town of Farragut for the Campbell Station project.
- Two open forum meetings have been scheduled to discuss the changes being proposed to the **Town Center Zoning Districts** in both Knoxville and Knox County:
  - The first will be held July 15 4-5:15 p.m. at the Powell Library, 330 West Emory Rd.
  - The second meeting will be held July 22 at 6:30-8:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Concord – Westlake Campus at 9635 Westland Drive in the lodge, on the lower level.
- The next **East County Sector Plan** meeting will be July 16 at Carter High School Auditorium, 210 N. Carter School Rd., from 6 - 8p.m. During this meeting, staff will review Land Use, Community Facility and Transportation Plan Drafts for the East County Sector Plan.
- The Sustainable Development Working Group will brief the City Council, County Commission and Planning Commission on its proposed **sustainable development program** on Monday, July 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building. A public meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m.

## MPC Calendar

The MPC website now features an extended calendar that lists all public meetings through the end of 2009 in addition to the existing rollover calendar feature on the website front page and a printable pdf calendar for the current month.

## MPC Case Mapping View: Beta Launched

MPC's GIS staff and KGIS have collaborated on the launch of a preliminary version of a new online mapping application which provides access to boundaries and details for about 17,000 MPC cases dating back to the early 1980's through a mapping interface. At this point, all major functionality that will be included in the application is present, but users may experience some issues related to stability and performance. Internet Explorer 7.0 is the only supported browser. For more information and a link to access the new program, go to MPC's website.

## Knox County Redistricting Committee

At its July 8th meeting the Knox County Redistricting Committee unanimously voted to send Plan 3A to the full Knox County Commission for consideration. MPC staff will continue to support the county commission as needed.

## New Parks

- On July 2, Knox County' dedicated **Tommy Schumpert Park**. Named after former County Executive Tommy Shumpert, this regional park the regional park features three multi purpose fields for soccer, football, rugby and other sports, a baseball field that will be home to the Central High School Bobcats' Baseball team, the county's first Pet Safe Dog Park, a concession and restroom facility, and a connection to the Sterchi Hills Greenway.
- The City of Knoxville held a ribbon cutting for the **new playground in World's Fair Park** on July 8. The playground is located north of the park fountains and adjacent to the East Tennessee Veteran's Memorial.