

UPDATE

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 14, 2009

Meetings

The **sustainable development working group** assembled by MPC will meet Tuesday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the MPC large conference room to discuss the draft of a sustainable development incentive programs for the City of Knoxville and Knox County Zoning Codes.

Tour de Lights

The much anticipated **Third Annual Tour de Lights Bike Ride** will leave Krutch Park (next to Market Square) on Wednesday, December 16 at 7 p.m. This fun, easy bike ride will visit downtown then tour 4th & Gill and Old North Knoxville looking at holiday yard displays. There are prizes for the best decorated bicyclist, bicycle and helmet. Mast General will provide hot cocoa and cookies after the ride! Helmets are required and free bike safety checks start at 6 p.m. This event is sponsored by the city of Knoxville, the Knoxville Regional Bicycle Program and Mast General Store.

Comprehensive Planning

Now under final review by MPC staff, a draft of a new residential zone district, the **R-1HK (Heart of Knoxville)** district, is nearing completion. This new zoning will recognize the traditional lot patterns and housing of pre-1940 Knoxville.

Staff are currently working on the **Vestal Redevelopment Area Plan**. Their work is expanding on a report prepared by Elizabeth Eason Architecture and will include a history of the area, redevelopment challenges and implementation suggestions.

Next!

At its December meeting, members of MPC elected **Robert Anders as chairman** for 2010, taking over from Trey Benefield, who served as chair in 2008 and 2009.

Notes

All MPC Commissioners are invited to the **MPC staff Holiday party** on December 17. We will be collecting gifts and donations for Mobile Meals participants during our celebration.

The MPC office will be closed December 24-25 and January 1 for the holidays.

The next MPC Update will be published on January 11.