

CASE SUMMARY

APPLICATION TYPE: PLAN AMENDMENT

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AVENUE CORRIDOR PLAN

File Number: 1-A-07-SAP **Related File Number:**
Application Filed: 12/13/2006 **Date of Revision:**
Applicant: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Owner:

KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

General Location:

Other Parcel Info.:

Tax ID Number: 999 9999

Jurisdiction: City

Size of Tract:

Accessibility:

GENERAL LAND USE INFORMATION

Existing Land Use:

Surrounding Land Use:

Proposed Use:

Density:

Sector Plan: Central City

Sector Plan Designation:

Growth Policy Plan:

Neighborhood Context:

ADDRESS/RIGHT-OF-WAY INFORMATION (where applicable)

Street:

Location:

Proposed Street Name:

Department-Utility Report:

Reason:

ZONING INFORMATION (where applicable)

Current Zoning:

Former Zoning:

Requested Zoning:

Previous Requests:

Extension of Zone:

History of Zoning:

PLAN INFORMATION (where applicable)

Current Plan Category:

Requested Plan Category:

SUBDIVISION INFORMATION (where applicable)

Subdivision Name:

Surveyor:

No. of Lots Proposed: No. of Lots Approved: 0

Variances Requested:

S/D Name Change:

OTHER INFORMATION (where applicable)

Other Bus./Ord. Amend.:

MPC ACTION AND DISPOSITION

Planner In Charge: Jeff Archer

Staff Recomm. (Abbr.): adopt the attached Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue Corridor Plan

Staff Recomm. (Full): adopt the Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue Corridor Plan

Comments: This plan was completed at the request of the City's Community Development Department to create an improvement program for the corridor, including means to strengthen the Five Points area and the stability of adjoining neighborhoods.

In developing the plan, MPC staff sought input through the Martin Luther King (MLK) Corridor Steering Committee, neighborhood meetings, and Community Development Department review. The Steering Committee was comprised of staff from the City, Partnership for Neighborhood Improvement, Knoxville Police Department, Knoxville's Community Development Corporation and MPC, and representatives of the business and community interests. The plan reflects extensive public input sought during four MLK Steering Committee meetings and five community-based meetings.

Highlights of the plan include:

- *Five Points area: improve sidewalks and other infrastructure, implement the commercial façade enhancement program, and expand the Redevelopment Area boundary in the future to add more infill housing.
- *Chestnut Square and other park and open space improvements: redesign Chestnut Square (formerly Union Square) for passive recreation and create infill housing around this square, acquire and develop other park land within walking distance of community residents, and renovate the grounds associated with the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Walter Hardy and Eastport Parks.
- *Neighborhood stability: rezone isolated commercial properties to residential, redevelop the hundreds of vacant lots using various housing programs, create a phased redevelopment plan for Walter P. Taylor Homes, and pursue neighborhood conservation zoning programs.
- *Street and sidewalk programs: initiate traffic calming, particularly along Chestnut, and add sidewalk connections along MLK, next to the area's transit lines and to the schools.

MPC Action: Approved MPC Meeting Date: 1/11/2007

Details of MPC action:

Summary of MPC action: adopt the Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue Corridor Plan

Date of MPC Approval: 1/11/2007 Date of Denial: Postponements:

Date of Withdrawal: Withdrawn prior to publication?: Action Appealed?:

LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND DISPOSITION

Legislative Body: Knoxville City Council

Date of Legislative Action: 2/13/2007 Date of Legislative Action, Second Reading:

Ordinance Number: Other Ordinance Number References:

Disposition of Case: Approved (One Reading Only) Disposition of Case, Second Reading:

If "Other": If "Other":

Amendments: Amendments:

Date of Legislative Appeal:

Effective Date of Ordinance: