

CASE SUMMARY

APPLICATION TYPE: PLAN AMENDMENT

KNOXVILLE KNOX COUNTY PARK, RECREATION AND GREENWAYS PLAN

File Number: 10-A-09-SAP Related File Number:
Application Filed: 9/1/2009 Date of Revision:
Applicant: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

General Location:

Other Parcel Info.:

Tax ID Number: 999 9999

Jurisdiction: City and County

Size of Tract:

Accessibility:

GENERAL LAND USE INFORMATION

Existing Land Use:

Surrounding Land Use:

Proposed Use:

Density:

Sector Plan:

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:

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: Mike Carberry

Staff Recomm. (Abbr.):

Staff Recomm. (Full): Postpone to allow additional opportunity for park department and public review.

Comments:

The Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission, in partnership with the city and county park and recreation departments, prepared this plan, which marks the first time that a seamless, county-wide Park, Recreation and Greenways Plan has been created. With adoption, it will be an element of the Knoxville Knox County General Plan, representing a set of proposals and policies to create the park system. The proposals are framed by the twelve sectors (see Chapters VI and VII), which provide the means to update the plan with the periodic adoption of the sector plans.

The plan was compiled through an extensive public workshop, survey and meeting processes. Workshops were held in the communities and with the recreation organization interests. Surveys were also conducted to assess general public and high school students' preferences for recreation activities and park system improvements. Review of an earlier draft was made possible through a public meeting at the Expo Center and MPC's website.

A foremost recommendation of the public is to make connections in the greenway system, joining trail segments together and providing links to parks and schools. The plan was developed and refined to propose such a connected system.

Other major proposals include: a greater number of close-to-home parks within walking distance of residents in urban and suburban neighborhoods, preservation and creation of natural areas in each quadrant of the county, development of a well distributed system of sports fields, court spaces and such facilities as dog parks and skate parks to meet growing interests in all types of recreation.

As a 30-year plan, the vision is long range. However, the key steps for short-term and mid-range improvements are outlined in the appendices. These include park acquisition, greenway connections and retrofitting existing facilities.

In addition to the park departments, MPC staff has considered the advice and mission statements of Legacy Parks, the City's Greenway Commission and the County's Advisory Park Board in preparing the plan.

Action: Approved

Meeting Date: 12/10/2009

Details of Action:

Summary of Action:

Adopted the Knoxville Knox County Park, Recreation and Greenway Plan and corresponding General Plan and Sector Plan amendments and recommend the Knox County Commission adopt by resolution the plan and amendments.

Date of Approval: 12/10/2009

Date of Denial:

Postponements: 10/8/2009-
11/12/2009

Date of Withdrawal:

Withdrawn prior to publication?: Action Appealed?:**LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND DISPOSITION**

Legislative Body: Knox County Commission

Date of Legislative Action: 1/25/2010

Date of Legislative Action, Second Reading: 1/26/2010

Ordinance Number:

Other Ordinance Number References:

Disposition of Case: Approved

If "Other":

Amendments:

Approved by County Commission

Date of Legislative Appeal:

Disposition of Case, Second Reading: Approved

If "Other":

Amendments:

Approved by City Council

Effective Date of Ordinance: