

CASE SUMMARY

APPLICATION TYPE: OTHER BUSINESS

KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY

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METROPOLITAN
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File Number: 5-C-07-OB Related File Number:
Application Filed: 4/25/2007 Date of Revision:
Applicant: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPERTY INFORMATION

General Location:

Other Parcel Info.:

Tax ID Number: 999 999

Jurisdiction:

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: The Knoxville Knox County Tree Conservation and Planting Plan

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.: The Knoxville Knox County Tree Conservation and Planting Plan

MPC ACTION AND DISPOSITION

Planner In Charge: Mike Carberry

Staff Recomm. (Abbr.): approval

Staff Recomm. (Full): A Resolution to approve and adopt

Comments: Action on an earlier version of this plan was postponed in June 2005 with concerns that various interests be further involved in the review of the document. Since that time, there have been several workshops and meetings with City and County staff, the Home Builder's Association and various civic and community groups. In response to concerns that the original plan was targeted to regulatory means of tree conservation and planting as opposed to information dissemination and incentive-based programs, references to potential ordinances regarding private tree protection were deleted. One ordinance, which will have to be created via a separate review process, is recommended: the creation of a joint City-County Tree Board (or alternatively, if the County wishes to have its own tree board, the maintenance of the City Tree Board). The board's purpose would be to advise the mayors and legislative bodies on public tree plantings and future tree conservation and planting programs. A draft of that ordinance is included in the appendices.

Objectives of the plan:

- 1) Develop landscape and tree planting plans for parks, schools, libraries, and other civic properties
- 2) Set standards for landscape buffers between residential uses and commercial or other higher intensity uses
- 3) Plant trees native to East Tennessee Protect
- 4) Protect/replant trees in environmentally sensitive areas (specifically stream corridor and steep hillsides)
- 5) Enhance street and highway projects through tree protection and planting.
- 6) Educate the public and utility providers about tree protection and planting near utility lines

Other Public Review: the revised draft was made available to various organizations and city county agencies via a web-link and/or hard copy. . Various organizations have endorsed the concepts with the plan, including Keep Knoxville Beautiful, the Knoxville Tree Board, the American Society of Landscape Architects, Wesley Neighbors Association, West Knox Association of Retired Persons, and the Association of West Knox Homeowners. Changes were made to the riparian tree conservation and street tree planting concepts to align with storm-water control proposals and highway design considerations as suggested by County Engineering staff. In addition to Engineering staff, we have worked with the County's Office of Neighborhoods in developing this plan. As suggested by Commissioner Tony Norman, we will work with him in conducting a workshop with the County Commission as the plan is brought forward for their review. The City Tree Board has adopted the plan and is willing to pursue the creation of a City County Tree Board.

MPC Action: Approved

MPC Meeting Date: 5/10/2007

Details of MPC action:

Summary of MPC action: APPROVE

Date of MPC Approval: 5/10/2007

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: 5/22/2007

Ordinance Number:

Disposition of Case: Approved

If "Other":

Amendments:

Date of Legislative Appeal:

Date of Legislative Action, Second Reading: 6/5/2007

Other Ordinance Number References:

Disposition of Case, Second Reading: Approved as Modified

If "Other":

Amendments:

subject to approval also by Knox County Commission

Effective Date of Ordinance: