

development was the Wharfedale and Riverside Landing Park began in 1993 in honor of the former Tennessee governor. The park is located beneath the South Knoxville or Fort James White Parkway Bridge and consists of just over four acres of state-owned property.

The 20-year lease, which will replace the already expired agreement between the city and the Tennessee Department of Transportation, won't cost the city any local funds. The city agree to maintain the park during those years.

Currently the park, seldom used by local residents except for parking under the span, has a fishing pier, a boat ramp, picnic tables and a playground. The dock at the landing is owned and maintained by the Knoxville Rowing Association.

The park, at 1648 Riverside Drive, is currently the eastern end of James White Greenway which stretches west to the Neyland Greenway. The park also has a connection to the Morningside Greenway and eventually plans call for a connection atop the bridge to the South Waterfront and Will Skelton Greenway.



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Charles Tallent fishes for catfish as other men prepare to launch their boat. Tallent said he often fishes from the pier at Gov. Ned McWherter Park on Riverside Drive. The city has agreed extend a 20-year lease with the state for the 4-acre park, just below the James White Parkway bridge.

Landing, Barker Creek Preserve

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The Knoxville City Council zipped through its agenda in less than an hour Thursday with many items passing without discussion. The council, meeting on Thursday because their regular meeting would have been on the July 4th holiday, passed ordinances dealing with sidewalks, street closings, changes in the beer ordinance, and a rezoning on East Martin Mill for a planned residential development with 30 units per acre.

To permit the development on East Martin Mill Pike and Lippencott Street by ECG Martin Mill LP the council agreed with the planning commission and amended the South City Sector Plan from Medium Density and Mixed-Use Special District to High Density Residential. The immediate zoning was changed from C-4 Commercial and Arterial Commercial to RP-2 Planned Residential.