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With Central High seniors forming a human tunnel, Head Coach Bryson Besser leads his Belkats to the field for their 2018 season opener Thursday night against Tennessee High of Bristol. The visiting Vikings held on for a 19-16 victory in one of the first games in the state to be played this season. Please see Week 1 prep football coverage, including scores and schedule, in Sports & Recreation, Section C.

Historic Zoning Commission considers three petitions

By Pete Gensde

On Thursday, Aug. 23 the Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) had three petitions on the agenda for their consideration.

The house at 1819 Forest Ave. in Fort Sanders is scheduled for demolition. Mark Blain of GDS Engineering was granted per-

mission to demolish the house. Staff noted that the applicant took care of all the neighborhood's concerns.

After considerable discussion the HZC postponed until next month a decision to allow Schwenker Properties, Inc. to install faux-grained flake cement board siding rather than smooth finish flake cement board siding on

the exterior of the house. Staff stated that the neighborhood does not want a faux-grained cement flake board to be used. Staff feared that granting permission would set a precedent. Since 2013 there have been seven construction projects approved in Fourth and Gill using cement board siding. In six of those cases smooth finish

to determine if that action will mitigate the faux-grained effect. Christine and Haven Sutherland, the owners of the house at 240 E. Sixth in Old North Knoxville, were granted permission to replace rotted tongue and groove flooring on the front and back porches with a synthetic tongue and groove mate-

rial again looking for land suitable for that use.

Another factor in the proposal was money. Deputy Mayor David Brace noted that the college that the school faces a \$10-million cost and the city's estimated clean-up and construction is estimated at about \$10 million.

Brace said the search for a new location will not delay the "much-needed replacement of the outdated Safety Building" or delay the Clayton Family Foundation's plans to build a \$150 million science and discovery center on the grounds of the Coleman Auditorium and Safety Building.

Currently the city has pledged \$40 million for a new police and fire headquarters.

"The City is disappointed