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With Central High seniors forming a human tunnel, Head Coach Bryson Bower leads his Belcats 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 Gauda

On Thursday, Aug. 15 the Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) had three petitions on the agenda for their consideration.

The house at 1619 Forest Ave. in Fort Sanders is scheduled for demolition. Mark Blaik of GBS Engineering was granted permission to build two multi-family dwelling units on that lot and the adjoining lot, 1623. It was determined that the designs for these two structures appear

Fort Sanders. 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 Schweitzer Properties, Inc. to install faux-grained flake cement board siding rather than smooth finish flake cement board siding on a newly constructed detached garage at 1019 Deane St. in Fourth and Gill. The requested permission is after the fact since the faux-grained siding

stated that the neighborhood does not want a faux-grained cement fiber board to be used. Staff feared that granting permission would set a precedent. Since 2012 there have been seven construction projects approved in Fourth and Gill using cement board siding. In six of those cases smooth finish was specified. In one case faux-grained was specified to match rough-hewn cedar. In the following month the applicant was requested to apply several coats

to determine if that action will mitigate the faux-grained effect.

Christine and Faven Sutherland, the owners of the house at 240 E. Scott 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 material provided the material was painted. The HZC further ruled that wooden material must be used to repair the porch railings.

In addition, the HZC received

much demolition, environmental clean up and then construction to relocate both the police and fire headquarters. The city is now again looking for land suitable for that use.

Another factor in the proposal was money. Deputy Mayor David Brace notified the college that the school faces a \$16-million debt and the city's estimated clean-up and construction is estimated at about \$5 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 Coliseum, Auditorium and Safety Building.

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

"The City is disappointed that this agreement was not able to advance in a timely manner," Brace said, adding that future talks about partnership