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Advisory Council seeks members

By Mike Steely
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The Neighborhood Advisory Council is looking for new members. The council is appointed by Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogers and serves as her consultation group on issues facing all of Knoxville's neighborhoods.

Debbie Sharp is the Office of Neighborhoods coordinator and is looking for advocates of neighborhoods. Seats to be filled include District Seat 1-B, South Knoxville; Seat 3-1, West Knoxville; Seat 4-A, North and Far East Knoxville; Seat 5-B, Northwest Knoxville; and At-Large Seat A, a city-wide position.

Leaving the council are Molly Gilbert, Fran Nichols, Rob Glass, Molly Conway and Amy Midis.

The council is made up of neighborhood leaders and activists which

occupy 15 seats, representing two each of the six council districts and three At-Large. Terms are for three years and members may serve up to two full terms.

If you'd like to learn more about how city government works and enjoy discussing public policy then applying for an appointment might be a good idea. The council meets at 4:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

You must live in the district with a vacancy and you can fill out and submit an application online or contact Debbie Sharp at (865)215-3232 and have a hard copy mailed to you. Deadline for submitting an application is Friday. You can also contact the Office of Neighborhoods at dsharp@knoxville.tn.gov.

MPC approves concept and development plans for Post Oak Bend over residents' objections

By Pete Gawda

For the second straight month yellow shirted members of Northshore Corridor, which represents several home owners associations, packed the main assembly room at the City County Building to protest the proposed Post Oak Bend subdivision. Last month the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) postponed

the issue. However, at the Thursday, Sept. 13 meeting, after considerable discussion, the MPC approved the concept and development plans for the 260-acre subdivision.

This is only the first step in a process the developers say will take ten years to complete. Plans for the proposed subdivision, which is to be located on the northeast side of Tooles Bend Road, northeast of

I-140 and south of South Northshore Drive, call for up to 198 detached residential units, 184 attached residential units, 240 condominium units, a clubhouse, parks and other amenities, plus a sewage treatment plant. Staff noted that the water and sewer systems must be in place before final plat approval. Also the

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Soccer Square Off



PHOTO BY KELLY KEARNEY

South-Doyle High senior Phoebe Deering (left) and Zoe Velas, Catholic's senior captain, go one on one in a Thursday soccer match at Catholic. The Lady Irish prevailed 10-1 to improve their record to 13-2. Please see high school sports coverage in Sports & Recreation, Section C.

Community Meeting tomorrow to discuss Oakwood Neighborhood Overlay

A meeting to discuss a potential design overlay district for a portion of the Oakwood Neighborhood has been scheduled for September 18, 2018. The meeting will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association Clubhouse at 916 Shamrock Ave. The study area is defined by the boundaries of North Avenue, Woodland Avenue, Harvey Street and Central Street.

The Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood added an Infill Housing Design Guideline Overlay in 2007 in an attempt to help preserve the area, but it does not protect historic housing from being altered or demolished. Because of this, the neighborhood would like to explore additional overlay options of either a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay or a Historic Overlay. In the fall of 2017, Knoxville City Council requested that MPC make a recommendation for an overlay for the neighborhood in an effort to help preserve and protect it. This meeting will compare the two overlays so that the community can determine which option

would be most beneficial to them.

Though the purpose of the two options are similar, there are some distinct differences. Neighborhood Conservation districts apply only to new construction, while Historic District Overlays apply to both new construction and the repair, alteration and rehabilitation of existing structures. Additional nuances will be discussed at the meeting.

"This is an opportunity for anyone interested to come and learn more about these overlays. MPC staff will be on hand to answer general questions and provide insight on how each would impact the neighborhood and property owners," said Historic Preservation Planner Kaye Graybeal. "Regardless of which option is chosen, we need input from the neighborhood to develop the guidelines to ensure they are best suited for this particular area."

For more information, contact Kaye Graybeal at kaye.graybeal@knoxmnc.org or visit the project page on MPC's website at https://knoxmnc.org/historic/areas/oakwood/.

Carter Middle School Students Honored at Knox County School Board Meeting

By Anne Primm

Chairwoman Terry Hill called the Knox County School Board Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. City Councilmember Stephanie Welch was present at the meeting. Deputy Law Director Gary Dupler reported that the board had come from a private executive session which was an exception to the Sunshine Law where litigation and pending litigation was discussed with board attorneys.

Chair Hill announced that the dates of the Knox County School Board Retreat are September 27 and September 28, 2018 at the Dogwood Center at the Knoxville Botanical Garden. Hill also reported that the Knox County Schools Quarterly Workshop has been rescheduled from October 29, 2018 to



The Knox County School Board recognizes Carter Middle School students for their participation in the Spaceflight Experiment Program.

October 30, 2018 and will be held at the Andrew Johnson Building.

After several changes

to the agenda, Andrea Berry, Knox County Science Supervisor, took the podium to recognize

some very special Knox County students. Knox County is the only county

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