

asking candidates for At-Large Seat C several questions. Their answers are being shared with our readers. We've been focusing on the five candidates for the seat currently held by Councilman and Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders because only two of them will emerge from the August 27th Primary and advance to the November General Election.

Following the primary The Focus will be asking all the Knox County Council candidates questions as well. Here's this week's question to the five Seat C candidates:

Would you favor expanding KAT bus service into the county? Please explain.

**Amelia Parker:** Yes, it is an investment that should be shared between the county and the city because both city and county residents would benefit. Additional public transportation options should be explored as well such as light rail. As Knoxville looks to the future and the growth anticipated, we must expand our vision of the possibilities. How is it possible to grow but still move around a city with ease? What makes sense for the blueprint of our city? What will best preserve our environment and lower our carbon emissions? What invest-



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*Knoxville City Mayor Madeline Rogero and other dignitaries cut the ribbon marking the re-opening of the newly-renovated Performance Lawn at World's Fair Park. The lawn was opened for Thursday's Festival on the Fourth but closed afterwards. It will be re-opened on Aug. 1.*

## Ceremony marks the re-opening of World's Fair Park Performance Lawn

By Ken Lay

The City of Knoxville hosted a ribbon-cutting Wednesday afternoon to celebrate the renovation of the Performance Lawn

since January as a \$2.5 million effort to update water and electrical services.

New sod and pervious paver hardscaping were also added and the area around

this downtown. It's close to [the University of Tennessee's] campus.

"Last year, 158,000 people came to events here and that's not counting