

opens East Knoxville office

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Knoxville businessman and candidate for mayor Eddie Morris stepped into Democratic East Knoxville last week to officially open his campaign office at 800 East Hill Avenue where he was welcomed by many of his supporters.

Morris was introduced by former Commissioner Sam McFarley who said that Thomas "Tom" Spindland, who is hospitalized, sent his well wishes and endorsement of Morris.

Morris said he is committed to the future of East Knoxville and Open Space Knoxville. The Knoxville founder has a history of progressive positions and support of community projects. He said he has served on the Zoo Knoxville board for eight years and added, "There is so much potential in East Knoxville, so much opportunity in Chinese Park and East Spine Mall."

"I want to be intentional with our focus on East Knoxville and complete the Magnolia Corridor all the way through," he said.

"But I can't do it all alone. It takes smart decisions and I listen to what you say and take it into consideration," Morris said, adding, "When we decide we'll do it collectively."

"Let's move Knoxville forward. I promise I will do that," he said.

Following the opening of the campaign office the well-wishers dined on a full meal from Jackie's Dream restaurant. Morris then headed out for a meeting of the Fairbridge Community Organization for a discussion with residents there.

would then build and run the facility - attendees were free to voice their questions and comments.

The free-wheeling response was, to say the least, vocal and passionate. Some were in favor of the facility, more weren't. The nucleus of those opposed hinged primarily on developing land that was - and should stay - a part of Cassell Park.

At its monthly meeting on Thur., Oct. 10, Knoxville-Knox Co. Planning took up the matter. At issue was whether to change the zoning designation from OS-2 (Park and Open Space) to RP-1 (Planned Residential). The original request was for designation RP-3, which would have allowed a higher density of housing units per

were dealing with a post-ent open-space situation.

"The Community Development Department was approached by NKC as a potential site for permanent supportive housing. These supportive housing projects serve the neediest among us. Mayor Rogers has placed a high priority on both affordable housing and the challenge of homelessness. This project is the intersection of both of those challenges. The site is very well suited for the eventual use of permanent supportive housing. It has a history of residential use and underuse prior to the time of the purchase. It's within a block of a major bus line. The cost of the land won't be an issue (since the city owns it)."

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