

Village News

General Meeting 8 Nov. 2012

Speaker was from KUB - subject work in neighborhood on gas and water mains.

Missed the meeting no notes.

General Meeting 11 Oct. 2012 -

Our Fall picnic - held inside because the temperature was a little low for comfort.

General Meeting 13 September 2012

9/13/2012 General Meeting Speaker Eden Slator

KPD – Officer Harvey spoke about changes to traffic patters on Chapman Highway due to UT football traffic, be careful. Things on the crime scene are quite for now.

SKNBC – report: Henley Street bridge scheduled to open 2013, June 30. Flanagan apartments will be full by the end of the month with 48 residents.

Eden Slator of the Office of Neighborhoods spoke about the Disaster Preparedness Pilot Program. The purpose is to create a community based disaster preparedness program with one or more neighborhoods and develop a group within the community to act together in the advent of any disaster to provide common aid until the formal emergency agencies such as the fire department, police or other public personnel can provide needed aid. The program is called “Knoxville/Knox County Emergency Management Agency “ (KEMA) the phone number is: 865-215-1166 and the web site is:

<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/kema/default.asp>. A handout with suggestions for planning for personal emergency was provided. The address for on the handout (<http://knoxtnlepc.com/getready>) appears to be a web page that is a holder to be developed later.

General Meeting 12 August 2012

The ten year anniversary of the association was celebrated at this meeting. Former City Council member Joseph Hultquist was given a plaque in recognition of his part in founding the Association in 2002. Also the former presidents were given a Golf Shirt with an embroider with a "former president" logo. Nick Pavlis, Marshall Stair represented the City Council and Mike Hammond from the County Council attended.

President Paula Gumpman gave a talk on some of the highlights of the last ten years of the organization. Cake and drinks were served.

General Meeting 12 July 2012

Speaker: Nick Pavlis – Our City Council representative and vice Mayor.

KPD: Officer Harvey again warned about door to door salesmen, if they have no ID call KPD.

Treasure's report – the association has \$2131.26 in the bank, again remember \$500 is grant money that is in limbo.

Mr. Pavlis said that the Riverwalk bridge has had a study done but because of the cost (\$16 million) is a long term project. The boat launch at Langford St. is in operation. Work will begin on "Suttree Landing Park" an RFP has been published. Construction is supposed to being by Sprint 2013. Henley street bridge is on schedule to be completed on time.

The Urban Wilderness Arts & Trade District is going to have "Reward Cards" project. A bit like Bingo, fill your card up with stickers from South Knoxville merchants and win a prize, I think it to light the JFG sign. The JFG sign project is progressing, the sign is ready to be placed at a site in the Kerbela Temple parking lot, Nick thinks that contracts are already signed for the lease. If all goes well the sign will be lighted on Boomsday. Nick would like a project to upgrade the entrances to South Knoxville at both the Henley Street bridge and the Gay Street bridge. Sounds like a very good idea! Cherokee Trail will be upgraded with better signs and lighting. Not much can be done with the street widths etc. due to property restrictions.

South High is a problem that the city is addressing, the building is being allowed to decay by the owner. The city is going to do some work on the site is the owner won't.

The fish kill at Butterfly Lake was a tragedy but quick action on the part of Nick and the Director of Public Works – David Brace removed the dead fish very promptly. Nick made the suggestion that the feeding of bread to the ducks can cause problems with algae and suggested that a system like the Fountain City pond might be tried out. A machine that dispense duck food for a fee, the fee is split between the owner of the machine and the association. It might be worth a try, the algae in the pond is a problem every summer.

CVNA 10th Year Anniversary is being celebrated at the next meeting. Flyers will be distributed in the neighborhood before the meeting on the 9th of August.

Early voting has started – South Doyle Vocational Building is the local site.

General Meeting 14 June 2012

Officer Harvey of KPD warned about door to door salesmen. They should be able to produce a form of ID and license to go door to door, if they can't call the police.

The treasury report shows that we have \$2000 in the bank account, that includes \$500 in grant money that we can't figure how to return to the city.

SKNBC Report: Work is being done on the boat launch at Langford Street. Also a "Welcome Package" is being worked on for new home owners in South Knoxville.

The planning for the tenth anniversary of the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association was the subject of the meeting. It was suggested that we invite all the city council members and the mayor. They will be contacted as well as Joe Hultquest who when he was a city council member provided the seed money for the first mailing and other cost in starting the association. The past presidents will be ask to attend as well. Refreshments will be purchase from local stores and they will be ask for a donation toward the food. A photo slide show of photograph of the past ten years of the association will be computer generated (no narration) and play during the meeting. A suggestion was made to get T shirts made for the past presidents. Joe Touchton will arrange for the sodas and water.

Fliers will be printed and distributed around the neighborhood near the time of the meeting.

General Meeting 10 May 2012

Spring cookout - about 45 people and lots of food.

General Meeting 12 April 2012

Sorry I missed the meeting and have no notes.

General Meeting 8 Mar. 2012

The KPD speaker was officer Harvey, officer Mays has been reassigned to another area of the city. Officer Harvey reports that there are no suspects for the burglary on White Oak that happened when the owners were at church.

The main speaker Sam Adams from Cortese Tree Service gave a "five minute tree care" talk that emphasize several points.

- Get high quality trees – 66% canopy and 33% trunk.
- Plant properly and put them in the right place.
- A tree with a tapered trunk is better for wind resistance.
- Sprouts off the main trunk are not OK and should be pruned after 2 or 3 years.
- Don't buy container trees with roots that curl around in the container, they will curl after planting and the tree will not thrive.

- Dig a \$50 hole for a \$20 tree, but not too deep.
- Brace is necessary with webbing or bicycle inner tube not a wire in a garden hose.
- Don't plant a tall tree under power lines, use Dogwood etc.
- Pruning is wounding. Don't trim the top of the tree, decay will go down the trunk.
- It is OK to trim the lower branches (crown raising) so you can walk under the tree.

Terry gave the SKNBC report. They are attempting to get together a meeting about the South Knoxville Waterfront for information to the community. The Council of Involved Neighborhoods is concerned about people who have appliances on their front porch! A cash mob is scheduled for the Disk Exchange and Wee Care Shop for 5 to 7 (but I didn't get the date will update). Nick Palvis will be holding a meeting at the City/Council building large meeting room on the 15th of March at 6PM on blighted property, drop by and put in your two cents worth.

There will be a hike of the Fort Dickerson trails by "Track Hike" on the 18th March at 1PM. They have a web site but didn't get the address.

General Meeting 9 Feb. 2012

KPD- Officer Mays reported on events in South Knoxville, mainly there are new officers that are riding along with more experienced officers to learn the real world of being police officers. Officer Mays went into some detail on the "situation" at Walmart. Sadly Officer Mays will be leaving this "community group" for a new rotation soon. His replacement will be Officer Harvey who will be coming to the meetings to report on local crime.

Nick Pavlis our City Councilman and Vice Mayor gave a talk on the progress on the Greenway from Gary Underwood. He then told us about his additional duties as Vice Mayor.

- Administration of the City Council
- Oversee the City Council budget
- Sheppard the other councilmen – a bit like herding cats!
- Working with the Deputy Mayors on projects

The City Council and the new Mayor are in sync on goals for the city. Nick is surprised that the media wants to talk to him so much. The work on the Henley Street bridge is on schedule, he would like it to be ahead of schedule (as we all would). He mentioned a proposal for development of what is now a "tank farm" just outside of the Island Home Gates as part of the waterfront development.

Terry Caruthers gave a report on SKNBC activities for the month.
Joe and Mary Touchton set March 15th as the trash pickup day.

General Meeting January

Meeting canceled due to expected bad weather.

General Meeting 10 Nov. 2011 – General Meeting Speaker James Newburn UT on Dogwoods.

KPD – Officer Mays gave us an update on local crime, items taken from a car on Beechwood. He also warned about taking extra care during the upcoming holidays. Mr Newburn offered several tips about planting the dogwood trees that come as "bare root" items.

They like shade, well drained soil but not too dry, and should be mulched and if needed equipped with tree guards to prevent damage to the bark near the ground.

Some fungus resistant trees have been developed – the Cherokee chief is a red dogwood and another one named Cherokee something is pink, can't read my notes. The dogwood will do best if the forest floor is emulated in your yard. That means removing the grass from around the tree, add compost to the top layer of the soil and then cover with mulch. Bark mulch is recommended as the best due to the way it decays. Some trees will have a “powder fungus” attack the leaves. The leaves should be removed and disposed of.

Paula ask for volunteers for two open board positions – Vice President and Secretary.

There will be a presentation on tree care “Five Minutes Tree Care” on the 8th of March 2012 at the East Tennessee History Center the speaker will be from UT.

General Meeting 13 Oct. 2011 – General Meeting

Speaker: Craig Leuthold Public Information Director, Knox County Property Assessor. KPD Officer Mays give us more information about the two fatal accidents on Chapman Highway in the last few weeks.

Sharon Welch candidate for City Council at Large Seat “C” introduced her self. She stated that she would study the issues and make sound decisions for Knoxville. Her web site is: www.electsharonwelch.com.

Mr Leuthold gave a short introduction to the property assessor's office functions. Starting with the fact that the office is a “constitutional office” - one that is called out in the state constitution. The appraisal function applies to “read and personal” property. The personal bit is for business property however. Appraisals are made at the fair market value, approved by the State Comptrollers Office. A technique called a “mass appraisal” is used, a computer method that is running on an old computer that is being replaced. The new computer will allow the data to be “on line” and open to the public. A detailed appraisal is done every four years. The appraised value may be contested by the owner by four different ways: 1. An informal appeal made to the Property Assessor's office 2. The City of Knoxville Board of Equalization. 3. A state board of Equalization and 4. Chancery court. Knoxville has 190,000 properties and 17,000 businesses to be appraised each cycle. Other services provided by the Property Assessor's Office are: Records, property maps, certain exceptions to owners of “greenway” properties, and “tax relief” processing for low income elderly. The office is “on-line” at www.knoxcounty.org just click on the picture of the current property assessor. The employees of the assessors office are in certification and training on a continuing basis.

Paula Gumpman (the president) announced that the grant for new sign would be granted an extension till later next year.

General Meeting 8 Sept 2011 Fall picnic. The turn out was less than we expected but a good time was had by all.

General Meeting 11 August 2011

Speaker: Carol Evans and Joe Walsh of Legacy Parks Foundation

Officer Mays of the KPD gave a talk and demonstration of a new on-line service. The service allows the viewing of crime maps. The link to the service is www.raidsonline.com and instructions for its use are stored here: [Raid-Info](#). also a link has been added to the CVNA front page on the lower center, to the right of the link to the "Board" page.

Ms Evans was introduced by Nick Pavlis (or City Council representative) and discussed the recent developments in the "Urban Wilderness Project" the News Sentinel ran this article <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2011/aug/10/steady-progress-made-toward-urban-wilderness/>

Ms Evans pointed out that the new land and trails in South Knoxville were possible by donations from people outside of South Knoxville. Interest if the trails is city wide. Studies have shown that the trails and Greenways do not increase crime but do increase property values. Mr. Pavlis got a \$200 thousand grant from the city to align the entrance to Fort Dickerson park with Wooklawn. Also Joe Walsh added that the lake at Fort Dickerson is available from Augusta Ave. now with parking. The lake is 200 foot deep and is a possible training for deep water scuba diving, at least one firm having expressed interest in using it.

Announcements: Picnic next general meeting. A candidate forum will be held 18 Aug. 2011 at 7PM at the South Woodlawn Christian church (corner of Woodlawn and Young High Pike). A new fire truck will be on display 20 Aug. (Saturday) at the Sevier Avenue Fire Station.

14 July 2011 – General Meeting – Candidate forum: Present were – Bo Bennett, Ivan Harmon, Joe Hultquist, Mark Padgett and Madeline Rogero. Officer Mays from KPD gave us crime statistics and a reminder that August 2nd is "National Night Out" also the police department now has a "Facebook" page "KnoxPD".

The candidates each gave an opening statement and a brief biography: Bo Bennett – A 311 operator . Ivan Harmon – Many years in the food store business, wife and kids live in Knoxville, as mayor he would like to see that "kids don't have to move out of town to find a job". Joe Hultquist – Work on City Council and South Knoxville Waterfront, as mayor he has a five point plan. I didn't catch all five, but work with neighborhoods, and continue the waterfront development were two. Mark Padgett – Local education, wife and young kids live in Knoxville, has experience in state government working for last governor. Startled a local computer company and as mayor would "travel to grow business" in Knoxville, as well work at the "kitchen table" with local groups to combat crime etc. Madeline Rogero – Lives in South Knoxville, this is her second run for mayor. She worked for the last mayor doing community development. One of her projects was to get started the realignment of the entrance to Fort Dickerson park with Woodlawn. As mayor she would try to attract both private and public money to the South Knoxville Waterfront project.

Questions from the audience: "What will you do about blighted lots?"

Harmon - "staff up the codes department. Hultquist – legal constraints to what can be done. Padgett – change hierarchy to make codes more visible to mayor. Rogero – help for elderly owners, emergency home repairs, add codes officers, and is already working on getting the penalty increased for owners with citations, possible purchase of worst case lots. Bennett – hold owners responsible, not a lot of answers for South Knoxville. "

Question "What will you do about South Knoxville Waterfront Project?"

Padgett – Sell private sector on South Knoxville Waterfront, make sure of “return on dollars” for invested money. Rogero - South Knoxville Waterfront and I40 best areas for development use mainly private dollars. Sell the parks as “crown jewels” of South Knoxville and the city. Bennett – involve South Knoxville, needs private dollars. Harmon – South Knoxville Waterfront needs economic recovery before real development, pedestrian bridge over river important for UT.

Question “Spay and Neuter Ordinance for pet owners?”

Padgett – Look into it, likes animals. Rogero – Get stakeholders around the table, City Council could change ordinance, mayor not involved. Bennett – has animals. Hultquist – Has talked to Terry Cauthers about feral animal problem, catch and spay one solution, along with more personal responsibility.

Question “What about the Homeless Problem?”

Rogero – Waiting results from “Compassion Knoxville, community wide problem, have to address by checking recommendations and more forward. Look at real facts not presumptions. Bennett – mental problems for some, work together and compassion best plan. Harmon - “Homeless choose to be homeless” the homeless have been quoted as “we go where we get the best deal”. Harmon wants families of homeless to help and not burden the taxpayer. Hultquist – The ten year plan felt like it was “imposed” on community. Lack of reach out to community and due diligence there are solutions that have worked in other city's. Padgett – Affects Knoxville's crime rate, tourism, will not support multiunit scattered housing. Cites that 24% of Knoxville's population is below poverty level. Emphasis that three things are needed: Jobs and training, Medical help and affordable housing.

9 June 2011 - General Meeting - No speaker, instead a group meeting about the homeless, or more correctly the feelings of the community about the homeless. I missed the meeting but will try to get an update from someone who attended.

12 May 2011 - CVNA Picnic. Had a good turnout and good food.

14 April 2011 - General Meeting - Speaker James Newburn, Assistant Director of UT Test Gardens. Officer Mays of the KPD gave a "crime report". There was an attempted break in at the South Knoxville Church of God and a domestic assault. Next month Officer Mays will speak on home security. Our main speaker Mr. Newburn talked about the UT Gardens. The high lights are: 1. A research and demo garden for UT. 2. Venue for art students to display their sculpture. 3. A container and shade garden. He

passed out a plant list. Items on the list are plants that grow well in this area. The garden has a web address <http://utgardens.tennessee.edu> where you can get more information. They plan a "Blooms Day" for May 7th & 8th. This is an earlier date than usual. There will be a farm market at the garden each Wed. afternoon 4-7PM starting the 18th of May.

10 March 2011 - General Meeting - Meeting was canceled because the speaker was not able to attend.

10 Feb. 2011 - General Meeting Speaker Paul deLeon and Jose Morales.

Officer Mays of the KPD gave a "crime report". We had a couple of aggravated assaults in the neighborhood. One on Magazine Road and another on West Ford Valley. Not too serious but something that is unusual for Colonial Village. Our invited speaker, Paul deLeon teaches english in the Knox County School System. His students are immigrants from mainly South America. His colleague Mr. Jose Morales works with immigrants to provide help with interactions with the local authorities. They had an open question and answer session about the concerns of the neighborhood with immigrants. They also provided contacts for resources available to immigrants. The "Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition" phone - 615.833.0384 , email - mail@tnimmigrant.org and a Web site www.tnimmigrant.org. Mr. deLeon offered his phone number and offered assistance with local language problems.

.Joe Touchton announced that the "Trash Day" will be 2 April 2011.

13 Jan. 2011 - General Meeting Speaker George Scott

Holly Briggs, Art Teacher at Mooreland Heights Elementary thanked to Association for their contribution to the Art Classroom and for supporting the student project to design a new sign for Colonial Village. She explained the Arts Integration program that is used across the curriculum in all grade levels of Mooreland Heights. She indicated that Mooreland Heights is one of only a handful of schools throughout the state that was awarded this program five years ago. As a result of the success of the program and the positive effect it has had on student proficiency testing, Mooreland Heights is now mentoring 5 other Knox County Elementary schools in methods of arts integration. George Scott, Knoxville resident, presented a plan to convert Henley Street into a boulevard type road allowing for better pedestrian traffic and more opportunities for business development along Henley Street. This would also provide a safer and more aesthetic opportunity to provide a link between World's Fair Park, the convention Center, South Knoxville and other parts of downtown. With the closure of the Henley Bridge and the rerouting of traffic along James White Parkway, he proposes to continue this construction route to become the main route for Hwy 441, thus making Henley St. and part of Chapman Hwy the Business route 441. This would reduce the overall thru traffic along Henley Street and Chapman Hwy south of Henley Bridge and would allow for more opportunities to business development for local residents. This is

not a formal plan at this point but has been presented to individual City Council members and city planners. Mr. Scott has proposed submitting the plan to MPC for review.

11 Nov. 2010 - General Meeting Speaker Nick Pavlis City Council for our district. The KPD Officer John Mays gave a short presentation on the local crime for the month. The only thing is a small increase in petty crime. The home invasion on Red Bud appears to be a drug deal gone wrong. Nick was kind enough to step in to replace the scheduled speaker to could not make the meeting. The Henley street bridge closing is coming along and Nick is starting a Web site "WWW.SouthKnoxOpen.com" to showcase South Knoxville business. It will have maps showing routes to the business around the construction. The site is not open yet. He has also arranged for public service announcements on the local cable channels. The Blunt avenue condo is now open. The city has approved money for the design of a pedestrian bridge over the river to connect South Knoxville with the city. The old Food City store (in the shopping center opposite Walmart) is being converted to a health center. It will have doctors offices and house medical equipment such as CT scanners. The cost is \$3,500,000 for the new construction. The election of a new mayor will be by the City Council. This will save the cost of an open election. The construction of bike trail (Greenway?) to connect parts of South Knoxville parks is high on Nicks todo list. The trail will make South Knoxville even more attractive to home buyers as well as current owners. There was a workshop on "Vacant and Blighted Property" just before the CVNA meeting. The conclusions were that: 8500 homes and lots are a problem, the city does not have enough "codes" inspectors, the landlords will fight any steps to enforce or add to the city codes. The JFG sigh will be coming back to South Knoxville for sure, just don't know exactly when.

Chip announced that we have \$2526.99 in our bank account. Terry told us what the South Knoxville Neighborhood and Business Coalition was up to, mainly a Flenniken Advisory Group to work with the powers that be on running the project once it is completed. Paula had art work from the Mooreland Heights School for the design of the sign to be placed at Chapman and Mayflower. The winning student will get \$50 and the school art department will be given \$200 for their use. This is part of the requirement for the grant the city gave us for the sign construction, we have to spend some money on the sign also.

14 Oct. 2010 - General Meeting. Speaker John Hunter Chief Traffic Engineer of Knoxville . Mr. Hunter talked about the plans for the rebuilding of the Henley Street bridge. Mr. Hunter started with a brief biography - he graduated from UT (BS & MS) and worked for TDOT of the I40 project. He moved to his current position with the city of Knoxville one year ago. He gave some history of the Henley Street bridge, opened on 3 Jan. 1932, has had several repair projects completed 1971, 1987 major repairs, 1991 lights, 2004 emergency repair of surface and supports. The repairs planned for the current project were outlined and a web address <http://www.tn.gov/henley> that the state maintains that has information about the project and will have live video feeds of the work once it starts. Also there is an office open on Blunt Ave. across from Baptist

hospital where there are displays and more information may be found. The questions from the floor were about the availability of maps showing the detours and what is happening to the James White Parkway entrance to Moody Ave. The good news is that there will be traffic lights at the intersection and the "one way" part of Davenport that intersects Moody will be closed. No more looking to the right to see who will hit you as you merge right. There will be two lanes for the right turn and one for the left turn. The Gay Street bridge will be useable also but there is some concern about ice during the winter. It is now closed during icing conditions. He mentioned the latest idea - using "Beet Juice" as a deicer. Apparently it works without the damage that salt causes. The contractor has a tentative start date of 3 Jan. 2011, a completion date of 30 June 2013. The completion may be earlier than that perhaps a little as 24 months.

9 Sept. 2010 CVNA picnic, had a good turnout about 50 people. If you were not there you missed a good meal!

12 Aug. 2010 - General Meeting: Speaker Mark Donaldson MPC. KPD did their crime report. Not a lot, a car breakin and burglary (the guy had left his car open and they used the garage door opener to gain entry). Sgt. Malinda Fortner left her email address for us - "mjfortner@cityofknoxville.org" in case anyone would want to contact her. Tyler Pavlis of the Metro Drug Commission gave a short talk on protecting prescription drugs from abuse. Older people are often the victims of theft of their drugs. Mr. Pavlis suggested "monitor/secure/dispose" as a means of preventing drug abuse by the young teens. Keep track of your drugs, keep them in a secure place and dispose of them when no longer needed. For more see <http://www.metrodrug.org>. Mr. Donaldson discussed the proposed new zoning type "R-4". This is an attempt to allow existing houses along routes such as Chapman Highway to be used as offices for doctors, accountants etc. This work will be presented in a series of public meetings by the MPC. Also the "South City Sector Plan" will need to be updated to create this zoning. For more information see the web site for the MPC. See you at the Picnic!

8 July 2010 - General Meeting: Speaker KPD "CSI unit. First the KPD gave their crime report. Not much happened last month. Tammy Sommers announced a "landscape" day for Mooreland Heights School - 7 Aug. 2010 starts at 9AM. Bring tools for spreading mulch etc. CSI representative Beth Goodman gave a talk mainly on situational awareness when shopping and some guidelines for safety at home. She discussed the problem of getting finger prints from crime scenes. Nick Pavlis announced that the city budget had no cuts in services or terminations. The city ordinance about chickens was mentioned - there may be a change by the City Council in this matter.

11 June 2010 - General Meeting - Missed this meeting - can someone fill me in?

May 14, 2010 - Picnic

April 8, 2010 - General Meeting: Speaker - Allison Toucher of Keep Knoxville Beautiful. KPD gave a crime review for the month. Nothing much happened. The Trash pickup produced 40 bags of trash a few tires and a TV set. There was some discussion of getting a crew from the city to clean up Martin Mill Pike. The speaker from Keep

Knoxville Beautiful started by saying a clean neighborhood reduced crime, according to statistics. While she was "on the fence" about a "bottle bill" she did think that a "bring back your trash" movement was a good idea (recycling). Keep Knoxville Beautiful would like to see Chapman Highway cleaned up more often. Beautification as well as clean up is a goal for her organization. The idea was mentioned that the "homeless" could help in planting and other projects to "give back to the community".

<http://www.keepknoxvillebeautiful.org> is their internet address and more information about their projects may be found there. Also discussed was the NOTICE (Neighbors Organized to Initiate Codes Enforcement) project. This project would train people to start a codes enforcement action against properties in their neighborhood that need action.

March 11, 2010 - General Meeting: Speakers - School Board Candidates - Pam Trainor, Tammy Sommers, J Max Houser and Robert Bratten. The meeting started with KPD reporting "no action" in Colonial Village for the month. Good News! Tammy Sommers spoke first and outlined her experience: 20 years as a teacher, Student counselor and now CEO of a company that deals in education issues. Ms Sommers would like to raise the standards for graduation. J Max Houser gave his experience as 42 years in the schools and Time as a Drug and School counselor. Mr Houser would like "class room teachers" to have a greater voice in school issues and more infrastructure replacement. Robert Bratton is currently on the school board and spoke about a new school to remove disruptive students from the current schools and into a special environment. He also mentioned the use of Title One funds and the board's use of special funds. Ms Trainor arrived late due to another engagement and spoke briefly of her 13 year experience with the school system and work with the PTA. Question from the floor started with asking for the candidates opinion about a recent proposal for a "national standard" for education. The candidates were generally supportive of the standard. Another member ask about "outsourcing" some work in the school system to save money.

Other CVNA business for the night consisted of a vote on changes to the bylaws, approved. The time and place to meet for the "Cleanup Day" April 3 at the church parking lot around 8:30 - 8:45. Call a friend and bring him/her along. Also there will be a "meet and greet" for all candidates in the May elections at the South Knoxville Community Center on April 13, 7-9PM. The center is also known as the "Vestal Boys & Girls Club.

January 14, 2010 - General Meeting: Speaker Terry Caruthers - Colonial Village History. KPD came to the meeting and showed the "crime map", not much to report there except that the "panhandlers" are being targeted by the police now. There has been some success. Terry gave a talk based on her research and some history collected by Sharon Webb about Colonial village. Terry covered "1000AD to 1950 in a quick rundown of the prehistory of the area and then the relationship of South Knoxville to the rest of the city from the mid 1800 to the present. Her talk was recorded and can be heard at this link <http://www.discoveret.org/colonial/history.mp3>

January 14,2010 General Meeting: Speaker Russ Jensen Director Knoxville 311 call center. Prior to Mr. Jensen's presentation Mrs. Tammy Sommers introduced herself as a candidate for the school board. She passed out a handout outlining her goals as a school board member. Mr. Jensen's talk gave an outline of his experience prior to running the 311 call center. How the center was staffed and some of the problems solved during the startup. Some of the current plans are to put the "leaf pickup schedule" on line, both on the city Web sites and the local TV stations Web sites. The call center handles calls to the municipal court (traffic tickets etc.) and during high call volume periods they handle the overflow to KUB. When the call center is overloaded you can leave a voice mail message. They will get back to you as quickly as possible - often the same day. The call center handles 260,000 calls a year at a cost of \$1.50 per call. Quality checks are done by a random sampling of callers being called back and interviewed. The ratings are 98% favorable and 80% timely response to problems reported. Mr. Jensen's phone number is 215-2066 if you have a problem that needs his attention. One item that he mentioned is of interest to anybody doing a cleanup of their attic or basement, the city will provide a FREE dumpster on request, there is a six to eight week waiting list however. Also no construction material can be placed in the dumpster. City council member was at the meeting and ask that people be notified of his email address (npavlis@comcast.net) and his Web site (<http://www.nickpavlis.com/>) he also has two phone numbers listed on his card (865-579-2055 and 865-454-7216).

November 12,2009 General Meeting: Speaker was a no show. In place of the speaker there was an exchange of information among the members attending. We expect the speaker will be at the January meeting.

Sept. 10, 2009 Cook Out - Had a good turn out for the picnic.

August 13, 2009August 13, 2009- General Meeting: Speakers - Robert Marlino and Nick Pavlis, candidates for City Council First District. KPD reported no serious crime this month but a "tree cutting" scam, the guys don't clean up the mess and the city won't either. Mr. Pavlis spoke first and introduced his wife Joy. He is retired from 16 years in the family food distribution business. He was City Council member "at large" from 1995 to 2003. He works for Charter Communications in government relations in TN and LA. Mr. Pavlis has a web site: www.nickpavlis.com Mr. Marlino was born in Oak Ridge and is 47, the single father of two. He interest include Urban Design and Historic Preservation, he has lived in Washington DC and in New Mexico and moved back to TN. This allows him to "see the First District with outsider eyes". He is active in various public committee organizations. His web site is www.robertmarlino.com.

July 9, 2009 - Sorry no notes from meeting.

June 11, 2009 - General Meeting: Speaker Joe Hultquist , subject "Conversion of the Smokey Mountain Railway to a Greenway". Joe discussed some of the background of this project. The difficulties that have to be overcome and what actions that CVNA could take to aid the project. Brief remarks were made by Terry Sharp - Knox County Greenway Coordinator, Carol Evans - Legacy Parks Organization and Roger Doudy - Economic Development Office. KPD gave a presentation on local "crime" events for

the month of May. Nothing exceptional happened in Colonial Village.

● **May 14, 2009 - Summer Cookout - We had a good turnout. Thanks to all who brought "extras".**

● **April 9, 2009 General Meeting Speaker Mike Carberry MPC, subject "Chapman Highway Corridor Plan". Environmental study expected to be completed by 2012. Changes to Chapman Highway would make it a "complete" street ie cars, walkways and bike paths. The mixed use plan would put residential and shops together like the waterfront development. Also there is a park plan that could involve "Butterfly Lake". It also would change the way parking lots are constructed. The idea is to produce less harmful water runoff. A greenway plan using the "Smoky Mountain Railroad" was mentioned as still being a project in development. There is also a proposal to put in a local park, perhaps along Stone Road. All this is still expected to be slow moving due to a number of factors. Chip announced that the Traffic Calming project has had two speed enforcement areas added. The plan is expected to get final approval this month.**

● **March 12, 2009 General Meeting**

I. KPD Report

No significant issues were addressed. It was noted that two burglaries were reported in our neighborhood in February. Neighbors in attendance were not aware of these but they could be related to know burglary attempts in January. The officer noted that car break- ins seem to be on the rise through out Knoxville and provided some suggestions for preventing these.

II. Speaker- Dr. Neal Shover

Preventing and Coping with Household Burglary – Dr. Shover gave some statistics related to home burglaries and break-ins. He noted that most home burglaries happen during the daytime hours in areas that are easily accessible to major roads. He suggested some ways to prevent burglaries by using light timers, having attentive neighbors, security systems, managing landscaping, etc. The presentation was well received and attendees asked many questions.

III. Announcements:

Mooreland Heights School PTA request – The association voted to approve the Boards request to contribute 100.00 to Mooreland Heights PTA to help pay for the trip to DC for the students volunteering with the Safety Patrol.

Trash Pick-up Date Saturday March 28, 2009. Meet at 9:00am at the Church

City of Knoxville Neighborhood Small Grants – Chip presented the grant proposal to have a quarterly newsletter. With no opposition, Chip will follow-up with Sandy Ammons to complete the grant application

South Knox Business Watch meeting? Nobody in attendance tonight attended the meeting. No updates

Other announcements/Ideas for presentations (Chip-384-7480)

● **12 Feb. 2009 General Meeting - Speaker Kelley Fre're of Guyton & Fre're Elder Law Attorneys. KPD announced that a house on Red Bud was broken into, the door was knocked in. They say that the economy will drive up the crime rate. Our main speaker, Ms. Fre're started her talk by giving out a test to the members. It consisted of eleven questions about making wills, for example should you do if you have a permanently disabled child. All the questions were answered by "true or false". She then went through each of the questions and explained the correct answer. It was a truly informative and interesting lecture. The firm is located at 9424 Kingston Pike (ph 865-694-0373) they are certified in "Elder Law" and handle estate planning, special needs planning and other legal matters for the elderly.**

● **8 Jan. 2009 General Meeting - Speaker Carol Evans, Executive Directory - Legacy Parks Foundation. Founded in 2005 this non-profit organization works with the City, County and Iams Nature Center to help preserve green space and help with grant applications and other issues in preservation of green space. The current emphasis is to preserve the "ridge views", provide for park creation in underserved areas among other activities. We in Knoxville have only about one-third of the green space of other cities. Ms. Evans discussed at length the organizations efforts in preserving green space in the "Log Haven" area. Pointing out that from the Iams Nature Center to Alcoa Highway there is a strip of nearly 1000 acres of preserved areas that are (or can be) connected. Properties that are currently under preservation activities are Fort Stanley and Fort Higley. Joseph Houlquist mentioned the Smokey Mountain Railroad Greenway and the preservation of Butterfly Lake as two local projects that need the support of CVNA and locals from the South Knoxville area. Michale McGuness collected some money for the family of Jake Sharp who house was burned during the Christmas season.**

● **13 Nov. 2008 General Meeting - Patti Thighpen and Tom Barnard and a Mr. Stewart came to tell us about the state of Butterfly Lake. They had arranged for KUB to add water to the lake and were asking for donations/purchase of printed T-shirts etc to support the cost. They have a web site "www.supportbutterflylake.com" where you are invited to contribute both information about the lake and purchase the T-shirts. The man speaker was Jennifer Wilson of the Knoxville Health Department, her topic was emergency planning. The emergencies discussed ranged from Snow, Tornados,**

panademics, chemical spills and terrorist attack. The basic routine is to have food and water for several days. The food should be easy to prepare, dry package or canned. For a pandemic you could be ask to stay inside for as long as three weeks. All in all it was a sober assessment of all the things that can go wrong in a very big way. For more information check out: "the city web site" link to the health department and fema.gov

● 9 Oct. 2008 General Meeting - Joe Hultquist ask people to attend the South Knoxville Summit meeting on 1 Nov. starting at 8:00AM at the Tennessee School for the Deaf. The meeting will go on all day with groups and panels. Check with Joe for more details. KPD officers Willaiams and Marros gave a report of the last months police activity. We did have a couple of breakin problems. The main speaker Wayne Loveday of KUB gave an update on the PACE 10 project. Basic outline is that the result of a concert decree from a lawsuit involving the "Clean Water" act, is causing KUB to undertaking extensive repair/updates to the existing sewer system. The total project will cost \$76 million. The work in our area is almost complete and work will start on East Lake Forest soon. The work there will be much more extensive due to sink holes and sewer pipes running through their "lake". Mr. Loveday mentioned that "in a few months" KUB will be checking the sewer "lateral" from the street to your house. If they find problems on your side you will receive notice and have to fix it at your expense. There are several financial options for people who qualify - Financial Aid, Interest Free Loans & outright free fixing. He also mention the need for donations for the "heating bill" help for the low income this winter. See your KUB bill for details. There is a South Knoxville Waterfront meeting on Oct 16 at 6PM at South Koxville Elementary School Gym.

● 11 Sept. 2008 Cookout - Had a good attendance. Hope everybody was well feed.

● 14 Aug. 2008 General Meeting - The speakers were supposed to be both the local organizations for the McCain and Obama elections. The McCain representative didn't show. The Obama representative was Chris Ivey a student from UT. A self described "young first time voter". He had all the Obama talking points in his speech. Other interesting points were: of the 1400 volunteers in the local effort 30% are republicans. This is the biggest turnout in UT history. There was an announcement about the South Knoxville Council meeting on Nov 1st - 9AM - 2PM. There will be breakout groups - subjects are transport, educiation, development and beautification. Anyone interested should contact Kim Rogers at kimrodg@gmail.com.

● 10 July 2008 General Meeting - The speakers were Mr. Mike Brown , County Council candidate, Mr. Chuck Ward, County Council candidate and Mr. Joseph Hultquist, City Council member. KPD reported no local crime for the month. Mr. Brown gave his biography as a Knox county resident and answered questions from the floor about cuts in the funding for the library system and about how the County Council could influence funding for the school system. Mr. Hultquist requested volunteers for the South Knoxville Foundation to plan for a meeting to be helt on 11 Oct. or 1 Nov. this year. He also gave an update a local motel that is planned for demolition. Mr. Ward gave his biography and offered a three point plan for his County

Council representation. The points were: Safe Streets/Successful Schools and Strong Community. He answered several questions from the floor, including expansion of the tax base and plans to make time from his businesses to serve on the council. Elections were held for new officers and area representatives.

● **12 June 2008 General Meeting - The speaker was Mr. David Watson, Executive Director of The East Tennessee Community Design Center. KPD officers: John Willams and Sergio Mannerio gave a report of the past months crime activity in the neighborhood. There was a burglary reported, turned out to be a false alarm, that was all. Mr. Watson's talk was on traffic calming. He has 38 years of experience in the field. The program used by the Design Center is called the 3E program, Enforcement, Education and Engineering. Enforcement is by asking the police to monitor areas where there is speeding. The police will monitor an area 4 hours a day for 4 days. However: continual monitoring is depending on them writing enough tickets - at least 4 tickets a day. Education can be done with signs and rumble strips. The strip gets the drivers attention and the sign shows the speed limit for the street. Engineering requires care to avoid problems with fire trucks and drainage (this would be speed bumps). Some of the elements used have to be approved by the City Council. Mr. Watson can help us get the speed limit lowered in the neighborhood and other steps in the engineering process. Kelvin Francis and Brian Mischely will look into problems.**

● **8 May 2008 CVNA Cookout - The cookout became a cookin, rain. We cooked in the church kitchen. The attendance was good in spite of the weather.**

● **10 April 2008 General Meeting - Speaker couldn't make the meeting. KPD gave a crime report: Officers Chucd Sands and Lt. Armstrong. There have been three burglaries in the neighborhood, Stone Road, Magazine Road and West Ford Valley. The officers gave us several tips for avoiding theft and prevention of breakins, mainly good lighting. A general discussion held on the Welcome Sign plantings and work being done by KUB on the sewers around Colonial village. Joe Houlquist ask for volunteers for a "South Knoxville Summit". He also suggested in dealing with the 311 problem reporting service that we always request a "ticket" number. This allows the problem to be traced back if it is not resolved promptly.**

● **8 March. 2008 General Meeting - Speaker Jerry Reed of Senior Citizens Awareness Network (SCAN). Mr Reed started is talk by pointing out that Knoxville ranked seventh in crime when compared to the total US on a scale of 1 to 10. Theft (56%) and burglary (16%) are crimes for which seniors should "be prepared". He then listed various ways to avoid theft of purses. Keeping your purse in the grocery cart child seat when taking your purchases to your car and putting your purse in the car before loading your packages into your car. Don't take unnecessary credit cards with you. Keep a list of all cards so their loss can be reported. Using a "buddy" system - try to not go alone to a shopping center and not to shop at night. If you are concerned about going to your car alone ask a store manager to provide an escort. Home safety begins with a sturdy front door with a wide angle "peep hole" installed. This allows viewing the visitor before opening the door. He also recommended that you have a storm door as a second barrier to entry. Use care in admitting people to you home. Verify employment of workmen. Trim shrubs so they do not offer cover near or above window level. This**

leaves a place for a burglar to hide while gaining entrance. Motion detector lights are good to have. If you leave a radio on when you are not at home that can help also, "burglars don't like lights and noise". Pick up your garden tools and store them, they make convenient weapons for the burglar or thief. Don't leave your purse where it can be seen from an entrance. Beware the buddy system - a visitor keeps you occupied while his buddy enters and steals. Keep a list of emergency numbers and have your address on the list. If somebody needs to use it they may not know your exact address, for example a friend calling for help for you. He also warned of the dangers of computer emails. Offering the Nigerian scam letter as one example. More important is the "phishing" email, asking for account information for your bank or your social security number. He suggested that the "credit card" offers we all get can be stopped by use of a service, www.optoutprescreen.com or by calling 888-567-5688. Getting your credit report once a year to check who has been accessing it is a good idea. The "once a year" credit report is available from the three major credit reporting companies for free. Phone 877-322-8228 or use the internet.

● 14 Feb. 2008 General Meeting - Speaker Dennis Bernard (KUB). Subjects: conservation, "being Green", increase costs in providing services. Fully one third of the total load on KUB gas and electricity is for heating/cooling. Mr. Bernard recommended that heat pumps be set back only 3/5 degrees to save on energy by decreasing the night time temperature, the unit operates differently than a gas furnace and should not be set back 10 or 15 degrees. Another way to save energy is to only run a dishwasher and laundry with a full load. The new charges on waste water are the result of a requirement to totally upgrade the sewer system within ten years. Savings on your water bills for water that does not go back into the sewer system can be had by using an external water meter, KUB will deduct the water you use to water your lawn or fill your pool from the total consumption. The new regulations on the "secondary" meter are a bit more restrictive than last summer. KUB wants the meters in a fixed location and attached to your house. They can be removed during the winter to keep them from freezing. Mr. Bernard also discussed the purchase of appliances with a high SER rating. The minimum SER rating is set by Federal regulation, you can purchase equipment with a higher rating. The very high rated equipment (16 to 24) is expensive and you may want to question if it will pay back the initial cost over the life of the equipment.

● 10 Jan. 2008 General Meeting - Speakers Senior Citizens Awareness Network (associated with the sheriff's office). The speaker discussed the organization of SCAN and its work in Knox county. They provide visits to the elderly on a weekly basis. The organization consists of volunteers who are trained by the sheriff's department and drive official cars. The organization provides in addition to visits to the elderly, lectures on subjects such as: ID Theft prevention, Home Safety and Security. Much of the time for the talk was taken up describing the organization. The subject of the lecture was advertised as ID theft prevention. There were several suggestions made to prevent ID theft. Including separating all documents (medicare cards etc.) that contain your Social Security number from other documents that you carry on a daily basis and only taking them with you when you have a need for them. The candidates for district 9A, Tim Greene and Mike Brown introduced themselves. Business from the floor was the discussion of the current status of the Helen Ross McNabb Center project proposal. The funding for the purchase of the site at Easton & Colonial did not happen, so the project is off for the time being. The group from CVNA who was working to find out

more about the centers operation of their "homeless shelters" proposed alternative sites for the home. Ms. Leann Human-Hiliard from HRMC was at the meeting and thanked the association for our cooperation so far. Also an MCP package and photos of a proposed cell phone tower to be erected on property owned by Tim Berry was passed out. The tower is to be sited behind the tree line and is a "monopole" type - that is no antennas are visible just a smooth round tapered shaft. It should not stand out from the trees. Jan Steffan and Sandy Ammons will head up the spring fixup of the Welcome Sign and the Trash Pickup day will be Saturday March 29th. This year the work may be lighter as Stone Road and a couple of other streets have already be picked up by the city.

● 8 Nov. 2007 General Meeting - Speakers 1. Mark Donaldson MCP on R-1 EN Zoning, 2. Andy Black on Helen Ross McNabb Center plans for an apartment for their clients on lot at corner of Easton and Colonial. Mr. Donaldson The purpose of R-1 EN zoning is to require new building to take into account the appearance of the existing neighborhood. Several subdivisions in the city have requested the zoning to be able to avoid the problem of builders coming in and packing houses together to maximize their profit without regard to the neighborhood appearance. Currently under R-1 zoning a minimum lot size is 7500 square feet. Most of our lots are larger, EN zoning would establish an average lot size for new building. Trailers under R-1 EN have to meet 5 sets of design criteria. This is to force them to "look more like houses" according to Mr. Donaldson. It also makes trailers less attractive because of the expense of meeting the criteria. Large lots that could be subdivided to build multiple houses also have to meet several criteria, 250 foot frontage minimum and at most 3 units per acre. Attached houses are allowed by special ruling by the MPC on a case by case basis. We can get R-1EN for the neighborhood by having meeting, discussions scheduleing a hearing with the MPC and then going to City Council for the final approval. Mr. Donaldson said that MPC would work with us on each step. He also said that a petition would be useful. CVNA will form a work group to address this after the first of the year.

The Helen Ross McNabb presenter, Mr. Andy Black discussed the preliminary plan to build an eight unit apartment building on the lot at the corner of Easton and Colonial. The building would be used to service the clients of the McNabb center. They would be people who have mental or addiction problems but who have been selected to live in a supervised setting. Many of them have jobs and need a controlled environment in order to function in a normal fashion. The unit would have a resident manager and support staff provided by the McNabb center. There were several question about the problems that would/could be caused in the community by these individuals. A group of CVNA members will be preparing a detailed report on this matter using information provided by the McNabb center and gathered from other sources. There are several apartments units of this type in various areas of the city, they will be examined and we will talk to the neighbors of these units to get their impressions. The lot in question is currently not zoned for residential and the MCP must rezone the lot and the City Council must vote on the rezoning. The time line for the rezoning is not too clear but should take at least til Jan. of 2008. The report by the group will be make available to the community by email (the CHNA list serve) as well as a mailing to those people who do not have email. The report will also be available on this Web site and copies will be provided to MCP and the City Council

●11 Oct. 2007 General Meeting - Speaker: Mr. Fred Sisk Knox County Trustee. Mr. Sisk spoke on the "Real Estate Tax Freeze" for senior citizens. Knox county is the fifth county in the state to implement the freeze. The income limit for a couple is \$32,400 and is tied to the Social Security index. Only deed holders for the property are able to apply for the tax freeze. Mr. Fisk pointed out that over a period of time the tax freeze could save the property owner(s) quite a bit of money, the real estate tax can double in ten years. The City has not implemented the tax freeze, he suggested that we call our council members. You can apply for the freeze to be given for this years taxes until 3 April 2008. Only one of the owners need be 65 or older to get the freeze granted. Documents needed to support the application for the tax freeze are: Social Security card, Medicare Card, proof of income (the top page of your federal tax from - the 1040 will do). You can apply an any of the six county trustee offices. The tax freeze forms must be filled out each year, to keep the freeze amount in force.

●13 Sept 2007 Cookout - The cookout was held at the church picnic area. The turnout and good the weather were both good.

●9 August 2007 General Meeting - Speakers: Ray Abbas, Joe Bailey. Ms. Isa Infanti was scheduled but had to cancel because of illness. Also there was a presentation scheduled by a developer who is asking for a rezoning of some property at the end of Stonecress Lane. He was a no-show but Marvin Johnson gave a presentation of what is know so far.

Mr. Abbas is running for the city council seat currently held by Joe Bailey. He presented his view of what should be the goals of a city council member as well as a brief summary of this experence in the Knoxville community. He would like to see more economic development of low income neighborhoods in Knoxville. Also he would address the problem of the homeless in downtown, he pointed out that the city has a program in place and money to fund it but that (his statment) nothing had been done. He also would like to see better salary and benefits for the city firefighters. The city has retention problems because of the low pay. He likes the real estate tax freeze for Seniors and thinks more should be done for that group. He summed up his view of public service by saying "I Will never forget I work for you".

Mr. Joe Bailey gave a short history of himself and then an overview of his work on the city council. His concerns are the "delivery of basic services", to study other cities that "work" to adopt some their solutions to Knoxville. He told us about his current project of providing a golf course access for Senior Citizens at affordable rates. He also mentioned that college scholarships are available for young people who shoot in the low 80s. He wished to continue service to the city and work with folks and their problems. He gave examples: the rezoning problems with both the Stone Road (Quarry) site last year and the "Maple Garden" project. He thinks that all projects should be a public process with input and debate. He gave as an example the South Knoxville Waterfront development. He said that projects should be run from tax on the economic

development not property taxes. When ask about problems with the Greyhound bus station he said that Government should not be in the private market place.

Stonecrest Lane Development - The developer Michael C. Rhodes who has a rezoning request before MPC had ask to address the association and was scheduled at the last minute. Mr. Rhodes ask for a 30 day postponement of the rezoning hearing. He did not make it to the meeting. Mr. Marvin Johnson (a Colonial Village resident) gave a presentation of what is known of Mr. Rhodes plans. Mr. Rhodes has ask to be rescheduled and a special meeting is scheduled for the 23rd of August at the church at 7pm. The request for rezoning and the MPC package is at this link [Rhodes.pdf](#) if you have a PDF reader (Acrobat) it gives a clear view of the MPC concerns about the project.

◆ 12 July 2007 General Meeting - Speaker Mr. Bill Haslam (Knoxville Mayor). Mr. Haslam gave a short history of his administration and then took questions from the members present. The discussion was very informative and interesting. Jan Steffen passed out a survey on activities for the Senior Center.

◆ 14 June 2007 General Meeting - Speaker Dr. Bob Compton (UT) spoke on "The Changing Atmosphere of Earth". KPD officers Bruce and Powell gave an update on local crime problems - none to speak of. Jan Steffans gave an update on the new Senior Center that opened tuesday the 12th.

◆ 10 May 2007 Cookout - Had a good turnout for the Picnic.

◆ 12 April 2007 General Meeting - Speaker Mr. Roy Miller (Mooreland Heights School). KPD Officer Jerrold George gave a short talk and answered some questions from the members. Mr. Miller talked about events at the school, clarified some issues with the bathrooms and the plumbing and presented a "wish list" of things that the association could do for the school. Joe Harrison gave a short presentation on the "Chapman Highway Corridor" meeting held by TDOT.

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