

May 4, 2006

From: Concerned Residents of Snowdon Drive
To: Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission Members

RE: Objections to re-zoning request 5-Q-06-RZ by Mr. Paul Beeler



Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to summarize re-zoning concerns of residents in the Skyland Park subdivision, particularly those living on Snowdon drive, part of the Fountain City dogwood trail. Mr. Paul Beeler has submitted a request (**5-Q-06-RZ**) to re-zone two lots from 'residential' and 'planned residential' to 'agricultural.' We believe this change has the potential to fundamentally alter the character of our neighborhood, decrease property values, and increase noise disturbances. In our opinion, "spot zoning" within ANY residential area for a land-use significantly different poses a detriment to property values within a city environs and specifically in our subdivision. Especially so with the proposed Agricultural designation. Further, the precedent of re-zoning to agriculture may encourage others in the area to re-zone.

Attached to this letter, please find several air photos showing the proximity of the re-zoning to residential development (both our subdivision and new development across Rifle Range road), a zoning map showing surrounding zoning, and photos of Snowdon Drive showing the character of our neighborhood. This type of re-zoning does not follow the spirit of the charter plan.

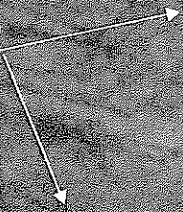
We see no need to secure a formal petition from the neighborhood. This is a very quiet and well established neighborhood, and we simply do not understand why the commission does not dismiss this request out of hand. It is so out of character for this neighborhood's existing landuse. Many residents in the area are elderly, original homeowners who are unwilling to 'create waves' over the situation. However, we as newer residents understand the potential impact of such a change. One of the reasons we choose to live in city limits—and pay higher taxes—is to avoid this type of spot zoning.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Roger Tankersley, Steven Seifried, Glenn Price, and Troy and Michelle Wedekind

Representing Residents of Snowdon Drive

These two lots





This is Snowdon drive. It is on the Fountain City Dogwood trail.



Location 'A' denotes the opening of Pineway Circle; at the end of Pineway is where the re-zoning will take place.



This is the view down Pineway.

From: Ken Pruitt
To: Betty Jo Mahan
Date: 5/9/2006 8:50:51 AM
Subject: Fwd: Rezoning file # 5-Q-06-RZ (Paul Beeler)

>>> "Gregory Francis" <gdf Francis@knology.net> 5/8/2006 9:10:09 PM >>>
Dear Mr. Pruitt:

As we will be unable to attend the rezoning hearing on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 1:30 pm on the application for Paul Beeler, we would like to take this opportunity to express our feelings to the Knoxville/Knox County MPC.

It is our understanding that Mr. Beeler has built a detached building used to house and protect his motor home which has angered some of the residents of our neighborhood. This building is not visible from the main road (Snowdon Drive) and sits on his property at the side of the cul-de-sac on Pineway Circle.

Mr. Beeler is an excellent neighbor and does not disturb anyone. He is always willing to lend a helping hand. As an example, during the bad summer storms that moved through our neighborhood 2 years ago, power was out due to many downed trees. As we have some elderly residents in our neighborhood, Mr. Beeler was immediate in his response. He went through the neighborhood on his ATV with a chain saw to make sure that no one was trapped or injured inside their homes.

As a long time employee of KUB, Mr. Beeler has worked hard to acquire the additional property surrounding his home and the homes of several of his neighbors. This was done in order to prevent developers from building subdivisions in our quiet neighborhood. Our property line directly borders his property line, so we can definitely attest to Mr. Beeler's "neighborly" character and conduct.

While we realize that we do not have a "direct vote" in this matter, we would like to respectfully request that Mr. Beeler's application for rezoning be granted. We would like to see that all of Mr. Beeler's hard work and perseverance in providing for his wife and young son to continue.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Virginia L. and Gregory D. Francis
1133 Snowdon Drive

May 8, 2006

To: Knoxville / Knox County MPC
From: Genevieve Smith, 1205 Snowdon Drive
Subj: File No. 5-Q-06-RZ (Paul Beeler)

This property is currently zoned as Single Family and Planned Residential. In addition to the normal flow of traffic, heavy equipment and large trucks move frequently from Pineway Circle onto Snowdon Drive. Residents worry not only about the noise and pollution created. They also worry about the safety of their children on this street. Along with many of my neighbors, I do not want this property to be rezoned to General Agricultural. Your help in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.

