Historic Fort Sanders Neighborhood Association

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Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commissioners 400 Main Street Knoxville, TN 37902

RE:

10-J-07-PA & 10-N-07-RZ, Odle & Young Architects 10-L-07-PA & 10-S-07-RZ, Mathis Bush & David Harb

Dear Commissioners.

The Historic Fort Sanders Neighborhood Association (HFSNA) is submitting this letter to you to regarding the proposed re-zonings and One Year Plan Amendments in the Fort Sanders neighborhood, referenced above.

We believe that the appropriate rezoning for these areas is the Neighborhood Commercial, C1 and support that request for 10-L-07-PA & 10-S-07-RZ. Further, we ask that C1 zoning be substituted for the requested C3 on 10-J-07-PA & 10-N-07-RZ. Utilizing C1 on both of these properties lessens spot zoning, moves the zoning in the direction of the development trend already underway in Fort Sanders and promotes and allows a variety of neighborhood friendly uses and mixes within buildings unlike C3.

This portion of the neighborhood is in transition from farmer's markets and industrial to residential and mixed-use buildings. We believe that it makes sense for the MPC to conduct a comprehensive study of rezoning this entire area to a zoning that best supports the current trend.

The members of HFSNA are grateful for these proposed positive investments in our neighborhood and to the time spent in meeting with Steve Young, Odle and Young Architects, and Mike Harding, Neely Development, to discuss their intended mixed-occupancy building. We feel such a project will be an improvement to the current use, parking for truck trailers.

Our members know that proper zoning is necessary to maintaining a high quality of life for all stakeholders in our neighborhood. With that in mind, we ask that you promote positive development through the use of C1, Neighborhood Commercial zoning.

We appreciate your time and attention to this matter. Thank you for your support of the historic Fort Sanders neighborhood. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Councilman Joe Hultquist

9/4/07 To Whom It May Concern: lo truster of the Velma N Muyers Estate I gue Mathis Bushand David Harb permission to regore the proporty. at 1908A Drand Ave. Sencerely, Deborah Meyes Hornton, trustee

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