

KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION SUBDIVISION REPORT - CONCEPT

▶ FILE #: 3-SD-07-C AGENDA ITEM #: 19

POSTPONEMENT(S): 3/8/2007-4/12/2007 **AGENDA DATE: 2/14/2008**

► SUBDIVISION: CHERRY STREET TOWN HOMES

APPLICANT/DEVELOPER: CHERRY RIDGE PARTNERS, LP

OWNER(S): Cherry Ridge Partners, LP

TAX IDENTIFICATION: 82 G B 001

JURISDICTION: City Council District 6

LOCATION: Northeast side of Washington Ave., east of Mundy St.

SECTOR PLAN: East City

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)

WATERSHED: Love Creek

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE: 23.57 acres

► ZONING: R-1A (Low Density Residential)

EXISTING LAND USE: Vacant land

► PROPOSED USE: Residential Subdivision

SURROUNDING LAND North: I-40 / R-1A (Low Density Residential)

USE AND ZONING: South: Residences / R-1A (Low Density Residential)
East: Knoxville Zoo / O-2 (Civic and Institutional)

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West: Residences / R-1A (Low Density Residential)

► NUMBER OF LOTS: 38

SURVEYOR/ENGINEER: Hodge Engineering

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via Washington Ave., a local street with a 24' pavement width

within a 40' right-of-way.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCES

NA

REQUIRED:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

► APPROVE the Concept Plan for up to 38 residential lots subject to 11 conditions:

- 1. Connection to sanitary sewer and meeting any other relevant requirements of the Knox County Health Department.
- 2. Provision of street names which are consistent with the Uniform Street Naming and Addressing System within Knoxville (City Ord. 0-280-90).
- 3. Providing all applicable easements for the stormwater system as required by the Knoxville Engineering Division.
- 4. A geotechnical report for the entire site, prepared by a registered engineer, shall be submitted to the Knoxville Engineering Division prior to design plan approval for review. The Knoxville Engineering Division shall specify the parameters of the study, and based on their findings after reviewing the report, may require a more detailed analysis for building sites.
- 5. If any building construction is proposed within the 50' buffer areas around the sinkholes designated on the Concept Plan, a geotechnical report must be prepared by a registered engineer to determine soil stability and that report must submitted to the Knoxville Engineering Division for consideration. Any construction in this area

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is subject to approval by the City following review of the report. Engineered footings may be required for this area. The sinkholes and 50' buffer shall be designated on the final plat even if they are approved to be filled.

- 6. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Engineering Division.
- 7. Meeting all applicable requirements and obtaining all required permits from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for any alteration of the sinkholes
- 8. Placing a note on the final plat that all lots will have access only to the internal street system.
- 9. Prior to certification of the final plat for the subdivision, establishing a property owners association that will be responsible for maintenance of the common area and drainage system.
- 10. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance.
- 11. A final plat application based on this concept plan will not be accepted for review by the MPC until certification of design plan approval has been submitted to the MPC staff.

With the conditions noted, this plan meets the requirements for approval of a Concept Plan in the R-1A district.

COMMENTS:

The applicant is proposing to subdivide this 23.57 acre tract into 38 residential lots. The property which is zoned R-1A (Low Density Residential) allows a detached residence or a duplex on each lot as a permitted use. A duplex has a minimum lot size requirement of 10,000 square feet. All proposed lots exceed the 10,000 square foot minimum lots size. With the duplex units proposed by the applicant, 35 of the lots can be developed with a duplex with the remaining 3 lots having a single residence, for a total of 73 residential units. As proposed the maximum density would be 3.1 du/ac.

The applicant had previously submitted a rezoning application (1-Y-06-RZ) to RP-1 (Planned Residential) and a Use-on-Review application (3-I-06-UR) for an 80 unit apartment complex. Due to neighborhood opposition, those requests were withdrawn.

The concept plan that is currently before the Planning Commission was tabled on May 10, 2007 allowing time for the applicant to work out access issues to the site (Removed from the table at the Planning Commission's December 13, 2007 meeting). The applicant now has control of two lots at the end Washington Ave. that allows for an extension of Washington Ave into the property. The subdivision will be served by public streets meeting all street design standards. There are no variances from the subdivision regulations for this development.

There are five sinkhole/closed contour areas located on the northern portion of this site. Three of those features are located in the area of Lots 6 and 7, Lots 8, 9, 10, 18 and 19, and Lots 20, 21, 25 and 26. The other two features are located on the property along the I-40 right-of-way. The site layout plan shows the sinkhole/closed contour areas with a 50' buffer designated around each feature. If any building construction is proposed within the 50' buffer area around the sinkhole/depressions, a geotechnical report must be prepared by a registered engineer to determine soil stability and that report must submitted to the Knoxville Engineering Division for consideration. Any construction in the setback area is subject to approval by the City following review of the report. Engineered footings may be required for these areas.

It has recently been brought to Staff's attention by residents of the area that there is a network of caves/caverns under this site and adjoining properties. It has also been mentioned that portions of the site have been used as a dump site. While Staff has recommended a condition requiring a geotechnical study for any development within 50 ' of the sinkholes, a condition is also recommended requiring a geotechnical report for the entire site. The Knoxville Engineering Division shall specify the parameters of the report, and based on their findings after reviewing the report, may require a more detailed analysis for building sites.

ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT 719 (average daily vehicle trips)

Average Daily Vehicle Trips are computed using national average trip rates reported in the latest edition of "Trip Generation," published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Average Daily Vehicle Trips represent the total number of trips that a particular land use can be expected to generate during a 24-hour day (Monday through Friday), with a "trip" counted each time a vehicle enters or exits a proposed development.

ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: 25 (public and private school children, ages 5-18 years)

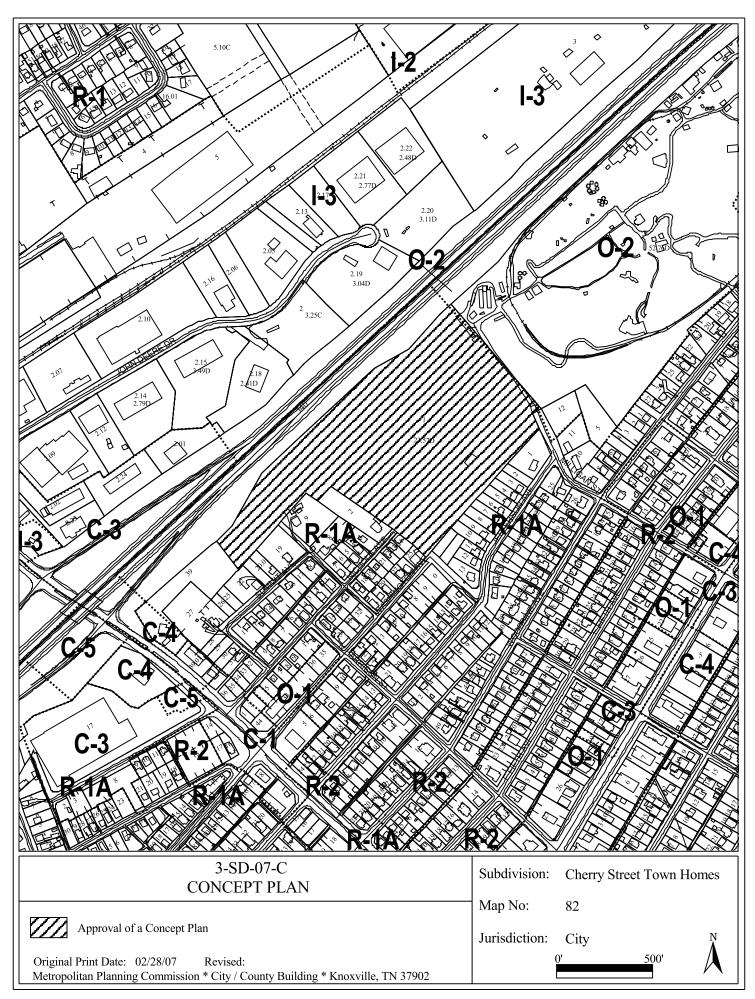
Schools affected by this proposal: Sarah Moore Greene Elementary, Vine Middle, and Austin East High.

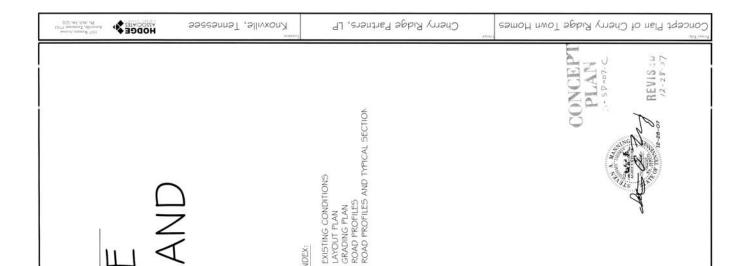
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- School-age population (ages 5–18) is estimated by MPC using data from a variety of sources.
- While most children will attend public schools, the estimate includes population that may be home-schooled, attend private schools at various stages of enrollment, or drop out of the public system.
- Students are assigned to schools based on current attendance zones as determined by Knox County Schools. Zone boundaries are subject to change.
- Estimates presume full build-out of the proposed development. Build-out is subject to market forces, and timing varies widely from proposal to proposal.
- Student yields from new development do not reflect a net addition of children in schools. Additions occur incrementally over the build-out period. New students may replace current population that ages through the system or moves from the attendance zone.
- School capacities are subject to change by Knox County Schools through building additions, curriculum or scheduling changes, or amendments to attendance zone boundaries.

MPC's approval or denial of this request is final, unless the action is appealed to Knox County Chancery Court. The date of the Knox County Chancery Court appeal hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed.

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PROPERTY ZONING = R- I A (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT)

TOTAL ACREAGE = 24.0

PARCEL ID #: 082GB001

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2760 WASHINGTON AVENUE

CONTROL MAP: 082

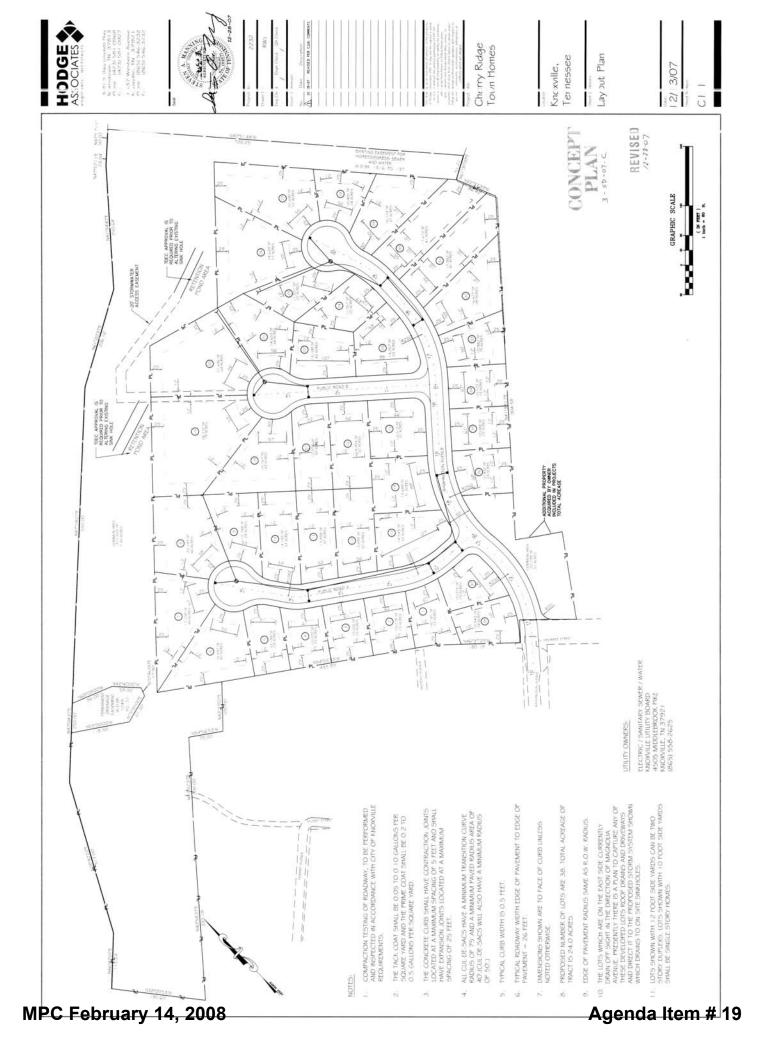


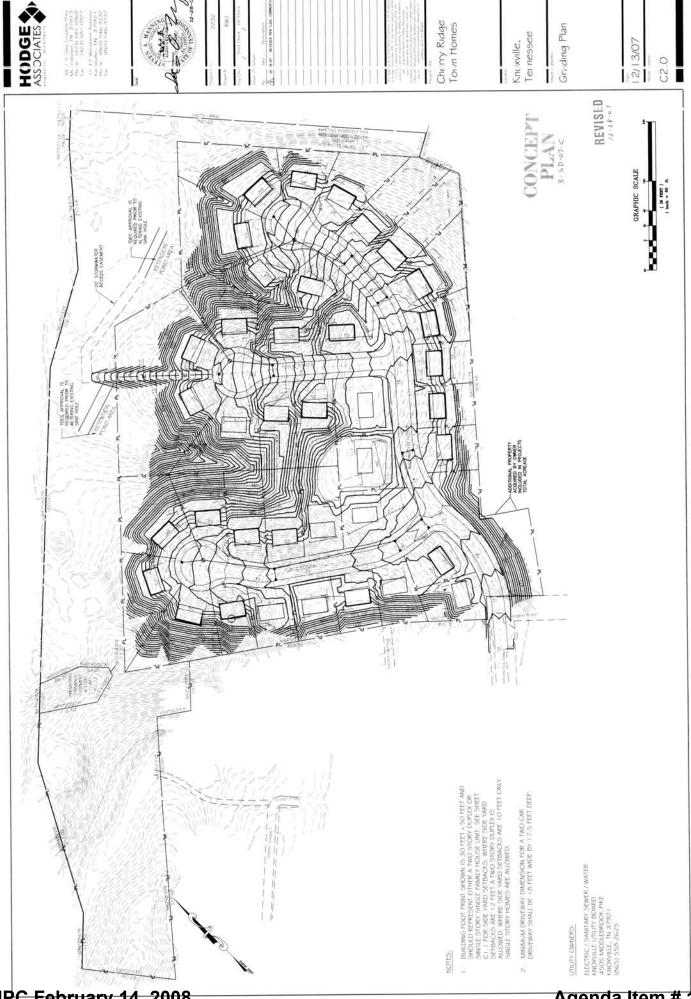
PROPERTY OWNER/DEVELOPER

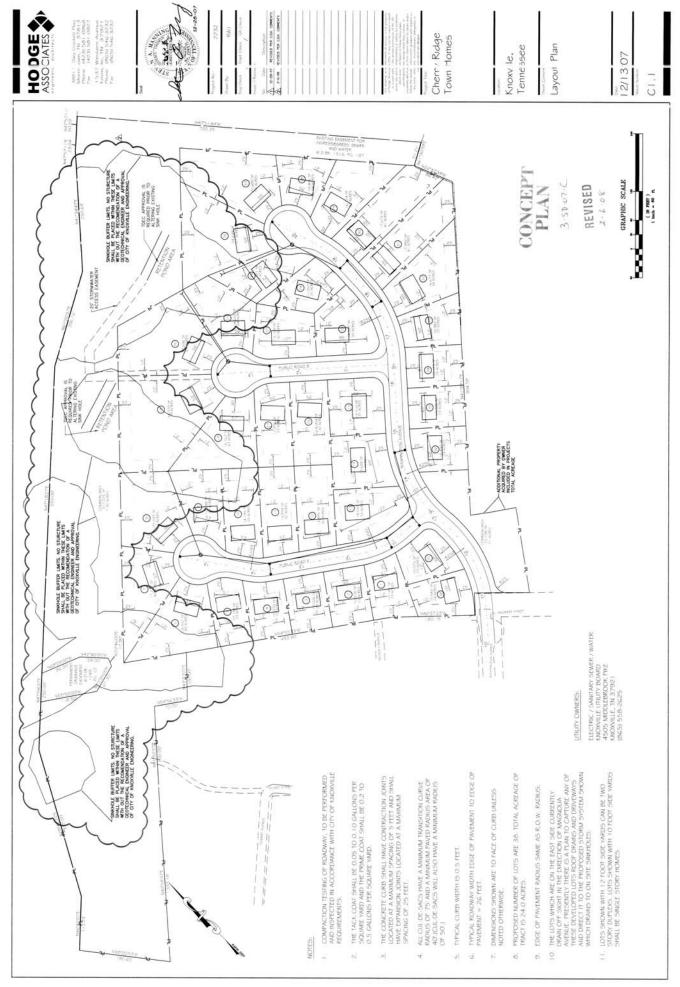
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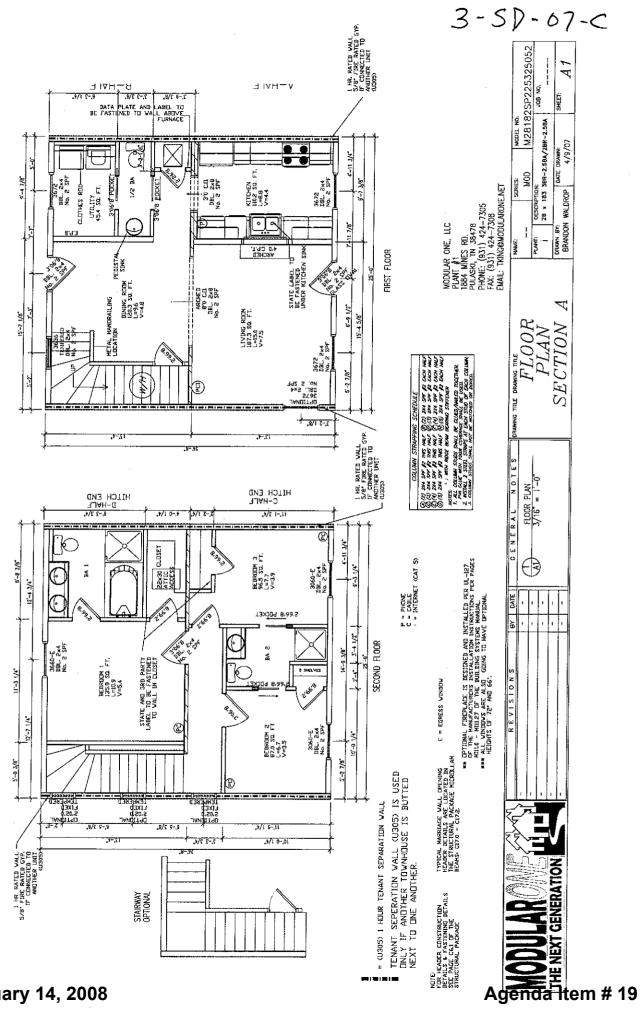


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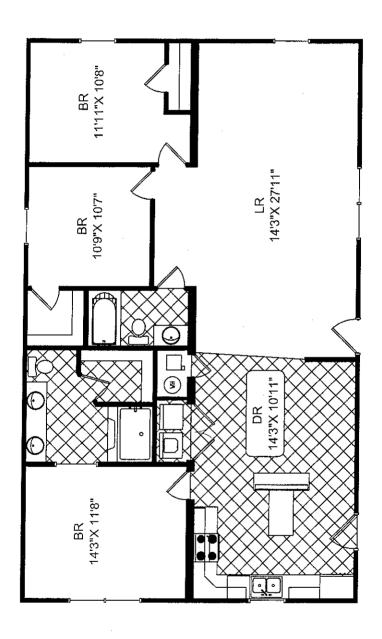








Summerplace I



Model: MD4.1 Width: 30'0" Lenght: 50'0" Approx sqf: 1500

Jun 2 / 2007 June 22, 2007

MPC Commissioners Suite 403 City/County Building 400 Main Street Knoxville, Tn. 37902

RE: Proposed development of Duplex/Townhouse Subdivision
Of Gary McNabb, Danny Meadows – Hodge Associates,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Dear Mark Donaldson
MPC Executive Director

I am a member of the Chilhowee Neighborhood Association. I am terribly concerned about the proposed development of apartment housing in my neighborhood. I have lived in this neighborhood for the last 10 years. I have spent the last ten years fighting prostitution and drug dealing next door and in front of my home. I am fighting to keep this a decent neighborhood where other like families will want to live. I am also trying to preserve the historical significance and value of this Park City neighborhood.

Last year about this time, my husband, children and I walked the neighborhood and obtained over 150 signatures of homeowners on Woodbine and houses close to the proposed apartment development in order to stop the proposed rezoning and development of apartment rentals behind Chilhowee Zoo. As a neighborhood we are concerned about the long term increased traffic congestion on our small streets, and the long term effect rental properties have on property values of homeowners. We want to encourage homeownership in this neighborhood. Currently, I see first hand the problems that are on-going and seemingly never ending in regards to lack of homeownership already present in my neighborhood. Please help us to revitalize our neighborhood and to encourage homeownership. Please vote no – for the proposed duplex/townhouse subdivision sponsored by Mr. Gary McNabb and Danny Meadows of Hodge Associates out of Clarksville.

Thank you for your help and your concern

for my neighborhood,

Jennifer Zialcita- Simon 3049 East 5th Avenue Knoxville, Tn. 37914 (865)742-2889 (cell)

therapist - Knox. County School System

Park City Town Hall, Inc

In the matter of Cherry Street Town Homes, MPC File No. 3-SD-07-C, situated on the northeast side of Washington Ave., east of Mundy St., Council District 6.

The neighbors and neighborhoods of Park City are quite opposed to this project for a variety of reasons.

- 1) The neighborhoods that make up Park City have an abundance of low income housing currently. A number of these properties are enrolled in the Section 8 program. Properties in the Chilhowee Park neighborhood at the foot of the ridge are 2000-3000 square foot houses selling for \$50,000 to \$60,000. This translates to \$25 30 per square foot. The housing stock is extremely affordable for low and middle-income residents.
- 2) According to 2000 census data, the area neighborhoods that make up Park City have a rental property density of 35% of which, 15% is Vacant
- 3) Geologically the site along the ridge is a labyrinth of caves leading to Chilhowee Park and the current Knoxville Zoo property. These caves, not properly mapped but known to some of your fellow Commissioners, are closed in the Park and Zoo property, however the fact remains the site would be a hazard on which to build such properties
- 4) Environmentally the site has been used as an illegal dump. Neighbors have witnessed tires being dumped into the cave sites and have made complaint to the City of Knoxville. Knox County is currently dealing with an illegal dump and subsequent fire in the western portion of our county.

This developer has no ties to Knoxville and, it seems, no interest or concern with struggling Knoxville neighborhoods working to regain identity and respect due all citizens of Knoxville. The current generation of homeowners in Park City, a heart of Knoxville historic neighborhood, is making a difference socially and commercially by investing in this historic area. MPC assists with this effort, recognizing the special place that is historic neighborhoods. The designation of H-1 for various neighborhoods and design guidelines specific to historic areas speak to the concern of this Commission and professional staff.

Park City residents would cheer a quality project promoted by a responsible developer. Park City needs the help and encouragement we are receiving from the City of Knoxville and the staff of MPC. A poorly thought out, cheap apartment project is not called for, desired by the neighbors, or required for housing needs.

Park City Town Hall and the neighborhoods that make up our group respectfully ask MPC to reject this development.

John Stancil
Park City Town Hall, Inc.
2003 Washington Ave
Knoxville, TN 37917

Dear MPC Commissioners:

As you know, the Metropolitan Planning Commission has received a proposal to build 73 lowincome, government-subsidized housing units on a hillside west of the Knoxville Zoo and north of Jefferson Avenue. Docket reference # 3-SD-07-C

As concerned citizens, we strenuously oppose this development. It is a revised version of an 80unit housing development that was submitted last year, then withdrawn in the face of neighborhood objections. The new version is just as objectionable as the old, and we strongly urge you to reject it.

The primary problem is that this project, if implemented, will greatly reduce the quality of life in our section of Knoxville. It will inevitably bring an increase in crime rates, drugs, prostitution, and squalor. The proposal is essentially for the building of a new slum, devaluing homes and reducing the incentive for home-ownership.

This issue is critical to us because for many years, against formidable obstacles, we have worked tirelessly to upgrade the quality of life in this section of town. Increasing – not decreasing – the percentage of home ownership is critical to that goal. This section of East Knoxville is important to the city because of its proximity to Chilhowee Park, which hosts many out-of-town conventions, the Tennessee Valley Fair, and other events. It is in direct proximity to the Knoxville Zoo, a major tourist attraction. In addition to the harm this project will do to all of us as residents, it will adversely affect our city's reputation in ways that go far beyond our neighborhood.

There is also a serious concern about the possibility of dangerous mudslides resulting during the construction process effecting all homes located north of Jefferson Ave. in the 2700-2800 blocks. In addition, if this project is approved and brought to completion, it is estimated that we will see an average daily vehicle trip increase of 719 auto trips per day.

We citizens of this neighborhood strongly object to this project and strongly propose that you reject it. Chilhower Park Assed Barbara Nowell Son Charles Nowell

Sincerely. Cheri and Gary Matthews 3101 Woodbine Ave 521-7829