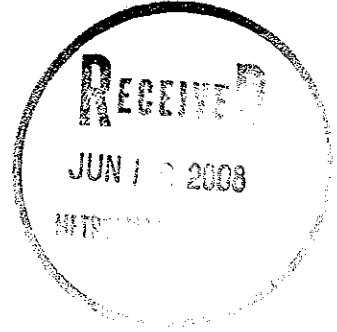




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June 10, 2008

Mark Donaldson  
Metropolitan Planning Commission  
Suite 403, City County Building  
400 Main Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Dear Mark,

I am writing on behalf of the Knox Heritage Board of Directors in regard to the proposed rezoning of the Admiral Farragut birthplace at Stoney Point near Northshore Drive. That location potentially has national historical significance due to the determination by the East Tennessee Historical Society that the birthplace of the nation's first admiral was located on the property.

The Board of Directors voted at its June meeting to request a postponement of consideration of the rezoning request so there will be additional time to meet with the land owner and determine a course of action that protects the site's historic resources. We also request that an archaeological study of the site be conducted prior to any rezoning or development in order to secure significant objects and information that will be valuable to the interpretation of the site and its significance.

We will offer our assistance to the property owner in identifying a qualified archaeologist who can assist in this effort and believe a professional who meets the Secretary of the Interior's minimum requirements should be engaged for the work.

These minimum professional qualifications in archaeology are a graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, or a closely related field plus:

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1. At least one year of full-time professional experience or equivalent specialized training in archaeological research, administration or management;
2. At least four months of supervised field and analytic experience in general North American archaeology, and
3. Demonstrated ability to carry research to completion.

In addition to these minimum qualifications, a professional in prehistoric archaeology shall have at least one year of full-time professional experience at a supervisory level in the study of archaeological resources of the prehistoric period. A professional in historic archaeology shall have at least one year of full-time professional experience at a supervisory level in the study of archaeological resources of the historic period.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,



Kim Trent  
Executive Director