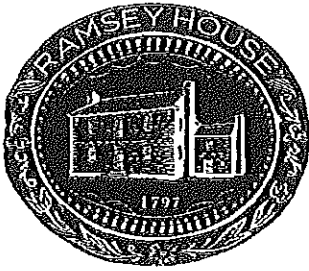


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May 1, 2014

To: Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission

Dear Commissioners,

Historic Ramsey House, the Knoxville Chapter of the APTA, is sending this letter to support the transfer and sale of our 9+ acres that fronts the corner of Gov. John Sevier Hwy and Thorn Grove Pike in south east Knox County. In addition the Board of Directors support the removal of the Historic Overlay (H-1). The Board of Directors has agreed that this property, purchased in the 1980's, cannot now or in the future serve any useful purpose as part of the grounds that surround the home or its accompanying buildings. Neither would it serve in any way to benefit any programming or events that are scheduled or that will be held in the future.

There is a significant buffer of trees and shrubs between the house and surrounding property to protect any views from any part of the property especially the Historic Home and the Visitor's Center. The view would be 100% obstructed from the parcel in question.

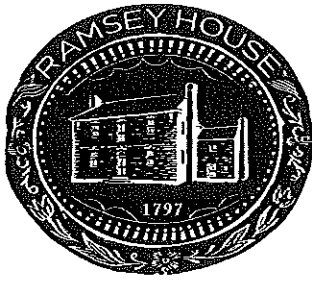
The Board of Directors believes the property would better serve as commercial property. With the proceeds from the sale of this land, Historic Ramsey House will gain funding to promote its programming with the intended educational benefits that would serve the community. It would also provide a source of income that would go directly to any repairs, improvements or additions to our grounds or buildings. Such improvements may generate additional income and help to support our operational expenses as needed.

Sincerely,

Wayne Decker, President of the Board

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Dear Commissioners,

I have been associated with Historic Ramsey House as Archeologist and Historian from 1985 through present day. As such I conducted surveys of the property and did archeological excavations until 2003 with University of Tennessee students.

To my knowledge, archeological examination of the piece of property in question would not produce anything of any historical significance. I base this on the fact that this area was covered by water for several thousand years due to the formation of an ancient beaver dam. Further, maps of the area from the early 19th century do not show any structures on this particular parcel. By the 1820's it was under cultivation. Additionally, the study of later documents does not indicate buildings or activity other than the growing of crops. Due to this evidence, I believe that it was not and is not now worth the time or expense of archeological testing on that portion of the Ramsey property.

In conclusion, I fully support the lifting of the historical overlay on the Ramsey House 9+ acres of property that fronts the Gov. John Sevier Hwy and Thorn Grove Pike.

Yours Sincerely,

Charles H. Faulkner, PhD; Distinguished Professor of Humanities;

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Dear Commissioners,

I serve as President of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (APTA) which is a nonprofit that owns the Historic Ramsey House on behalf of the Knoxville Chapter of the APTA. This letter is written in support of the transfer and sale of the 9+ acres that fronts the corner of Gov. John Sevier Hwy and Thorn Grove Pike in the south east portion of Knox County.

The sale of the property will not impact the Ramsey House or its grounds in a negative way. There is a buffer that protects our historic property from the development. The sale will not impair the view of the historic property in any way. The Ramsey House leadership is supportive of the rezoning and sale of the property and is leading the effort for the sale.

The State Board of Directors of APTA has agreed to the sale of this property, purchased in the 1980's. The Ramsey House and the APTA State Board does not see this undeveloped parcel as adding value or serving a historical purpose. The sale of the parcel creates a financial reserve for preservation.

It is our belief that we would be better served with the sale of this property as commercial. The proceeds from the sale of this land will enhance an endowment and other long-term Historic Ramsey House funds which would insure the long-term viability of this Tennessee treasure.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Frank McMeen
President