

**FOUNTAIN CITY TOWN HALL, INC
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July 3, 2015

RE: Agenda Item 44: Gibbs Drive at Broadway, Sector Plan Amendment (7-E-15-SP); One Year Plan Amendment (7-D-15-PA); Rezoning (7-E-15-RZ)

Dear Commissioner:

The Board of Fountain City Town Hall, Inc., asks that you approve the staff's recommendation to amend the Sector Plan and One Year Plan to Office and to rezone the property to O-1 or O-3.

We support the staff's recommendation for all of the valid reasons given by the MPC staff. Office zoning will allow reasonable use of the property while protecting this beautiful, historic neighborhood from incompatible, intrusive uses allowed in the Commercial zoning districts.

Gibbs Drive is a historic district listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**. Along with the lake and park, Gibbs Drive provides a sense of place and definition to our community. As chronicled in the staff report, the rezoning history of this site illustrates the long-standing intention of public bodies to protect this neighborhood.

The staff recommendation clearly describes the negative impacts commercial zoning and uses would have on this neighborhood and therefore on our community.

We ask that you vote to approve the staff's recommendation.

Yours truly,
Charlotte Davis and Carlene Malone, Co-Chairs, Land Use Committee