

FOUNTAIN CITY TOWN HALL, INC.
P.O. Box 18001, Knoxville, TN, 37928-8001

February 8, 2016

RE: February 11, 2016 MPC Meeting
Item 2-B-16-RZ, Fountain City Partners

Dear Commissioner:

The Board of Fountain City Town Hall supports the staff's recommendation to approve the rezoning request for property located at 5401 Fountain Road. We support the zoning change from R-2 to O-1 with the one condition included by the staff regarding landscaping and retaining walls.

We thank the staff for taking into consideration the location of this site and its potential effect on what is perhaps the most prominent feature of our community. This property forms part of the backdrop for our beloved Historic Fountain City Lake. The staff's recommendation properly characterizes the context and use of this public space, provides for pedestrian safety, and recognizes the long-term benefits of maintaining aesthetic integrity.

In an effort to preserve and enhance the Lake and the public space, this portion of Fountain Road been the focus of many infrastructure improvements, including the removal of all above-ground utilities. Repairs and improvements to the Lake are presently underway. The staff's recommendation protects both the public and private investments.

Yours truly,

Charlotte Davis, Carlene Malone, Co-Chairs, Land Use Committee