

After the development plan off the Midway Road exit was railroaded through MPC back in 2015, the county gave \$50k to produce a report on the reaction of area residents and a development plan for the east Knox area. A kind of goodwill gesture, I guess. It's on the MPC website. ([https://archive.knoxplanning.org/plans/smallarea/east\\_county\\_2017.pdf](https://archive.knoxplanning.org/plans/smallarea/east_county_2017.pdf)). The MPC adopted this plan.

None of the current commissioner were on the commission at that time. One of the chief complaints that was mentioned by area residents was that MPC would do studies, approve plans, and then ignore the plans they had approved if they impeded a new development. I know the current commissioners are not obligated to adhere to previous plans, but it's beginning to feel that it's about to happen again and the MPC will disregard previous commitments. Can anyone be surprised? What good does it do to fund studies and waste time preparing plans if they are just going to be ignored to get what developers want?

Most of us are realists and know that development is inevitable. We tried to get the developer to pare back his plans to something more in character with the surrounding area and were offered a 0.4% reduction in number of homes. His idea of a joke?