

OPPOSE Rezoning request 4-H-23-RZ -- 835 Tipton Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37920

We have just learned of this request for rezoning of 835 Tipton Avenue – former S. Knoxville High school. Though I have found it hard to find specific plans and/or individuals/businesses behind this request, I am appalled that it would be considered “okay” to locate a drug rehab center next to an elementary school and community center with playgrounds, amid a neighborhood of small modest homes. Not to mention that our own **Knoxville Industrial Board** as owner is requesting this **bad idea**.

It would seem better to locate such a facility on a main road with good bus transportation. There are many vacant places and lots on Chapman Highway that could fill this need and all on the bus line with other commercial uses. Also, as our graying population continues to grow, why change from assisted living? Or is this just a matter of unloading a property that has been in and out of City ownership for years?

We were thrilled to see the renovation done by Rick Dover after the mess created by Howard Pinkston <https://www.knoxmercury.com/2015/07/29/the-old-south-high-school-building-could-become-something/> However, keeping this historic property – designed by Charles Barber – residential is important to this neighborhood and all of South Knoxville.

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