



Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission
400 Main Street, Suite 403
Knoxville, TN 37902

RE: Special Use 11-D-24-SU

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable. It has come to our attention that a proposal for a Harper Carwash at 3223 Chapman Hwy is under review by Knox Planning. Our Board of Directors met last night to review this proposal. While we are not opposed to the project per se, we were shocked to see that one of the two planned egresses for this carwash is at the entrance to Fort Dickerson Park on Fort Dickerson Road. We as a Board are united in our opposition to this egress on to Fort Dickerson Road. This entrance to the historic Fort Dickerson Park should remain undisturbed to protect accessibility to the park and for obvious aesthetic reasons.

The City of Knoxville and the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable have worked cooperatively for more than forty years maintaining this historic city park. As an organization we have spent thousands of dollars and worked hundreds of hours to preserve what is one of the best remaining earthen Civil War forts in the southeast. We conduct tours and living history events there, maintain the signage, and conduct several workdays there annually.

In the last decade, moreover, the city has poured thousands into park trails and reclaiming and maintaining this park land. In addition, the Aslan Foundation has spent tens of thousands of dollars on building an entranceway worthy of this historic treasure, and the Legacy Parks Foundation has earmarked the park for its support as part of the Battleground loop of the Urban Wilderness. This concerted effort to protect, preserve and highlight Fort Dickerson Park speaks to the importance of keeping Fort Dickerson Road free and clear of the encumbrance of an entrance and exit into the proposed carwash and why we oppose such an egress so strongly.

Thank you,

Tammie Burroughs, President
Knoxville Civil War Roundtable

CC: Aslan Foundation; Legacy Parks Foundation

