



On behalf of Bike Walk Knoxville, a local nonprofit organization working to make the Knoxville region a better place to walk and bike for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, I am writing to request that this item be postponed. We are in agreement with the South Waterfront Advisory and Advocacy Group (SWAAG) that postponement will allow the community more time to work with the developers to address meaningful concerns.

Pedestrian connectivity is vital for this area - folks should be able to walk safely and comfortably between downtown and South Knoxville. Isolating the development through large setbacks and a large building footprint could deter public access, serving to detract from the pedestrian-oriented goals of the South Waterfront Vision Plan. We are encouraged by reports of collaboration with the City of Knoxville focusing on public access and pedestrian connectivity, but empathize with community feelings of uncertainty due to the lack of a guarantee.

Bike Walk Knoxville thanks CR Endeavors for their willingness thus far to work with the community, and is proud to advocate for further collaboration to respond to the issues that have been raised. We humbly ask that you postpone this item to ensure there is proper opportunity for that important work to be done.