



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 regretfully request that this item be denied. We are in agreement with the South Waterfront Advisory and Advocacy Group (SWAAG) that this submission fails to align with the South Waterfront Vision Plan and Form-Based Code, and thus feel that approval at this time would be a disservice to the community.

As we have stated previously, pedestrian connectivity is vital for this area. Folks should be able to walk safely and comfortably between downtown and South Knoxville, whether residents of the proposed development, nearby neighbors, or visitors seeking to enjoy the waterfront. SWAAG's recommendations of removing the gate and fence, ramping the public pedestrian path to the large plaza elevation, and allowing public access through the lower lobby area would help to meaningfully address community concerns about pedestrian accessibility and connectivity with and through this development.

Bike Walk Knoxville believes in developments that meet the needs of future residents without compromising on mobility, and supports the goal of a pedestrian-oriented built environment as outlined in the South Waterfront Vision Plan and emphasized throughout the Form-Based Code. We appreciate the collaboration between CR Endeavors and the City of Knoxville, but ultimately must respectfully request denial of this submission due to unaddressed concerns regarding community accessibility and connectivity.