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NEXT MEETING – MAY 9, 2005 AT 7 P.M

Speaker: Amy Gibson, Executive Director, Knoxville Botanical Gardens & Arboretum

Our speaker is Amy K. Gibson, the new Director of the Knoxville Botanical Gardens & Arboretum. She will tell us about the Arboretum's current plans and programs, their work on a master plan, and opportunities to visit and enjoy this treasure in our midst. The property, which has been nominated for National Register recognition, has stone terraces, stacked stone greenhouse, open green-space, and plenty of specimen trees from its early days as the Howell nursery. Please come and give Amy a warm welcome on May 9th and learn all about it. In the meantime, check out their website: www.knoxgardens.org, or call them at 540-8690, or write them at Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum, 2743 Wimpole Ave. Knoxville, TN 37914.

Please join us on Monday, May 9th at 7 p.m., in welcoming Amy at the Fellowship Hall behind Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 4904 Asheville Highway. We will also hear from a TrinityCare assisted-living project representative and the office re-zoning applicant—*see articles below*.

MAY ELECTIONS At the May meeting, we'll be electing our 2005-2006 president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three members of the Board. In order to vote, you must be a paid member of Town Hall East as of the March meeting date. The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate:

President	Sharon Davis
Vice-President	Carr Hagan
Secretary	Betsy Henry
Treasury	Mac Goodwin
Directors	Linden Craig, Dawn-Michelle Foster, and Doug Upton

Additionally, President Jeff Petrik has appointed Tammy White to fill the position vacated by Darla Garrison, which expires in 2006.

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY PLANNED FOR CHILHOWEE HILLS BAPTIST SITE: TrinityCare Senior Living of Knoxville, LLC will be presenting their plans for a faith based senior living center located on Asheville Highway adjacent to Chilhowee Hills Baptist Church, and behind the Post Office. The project is locally owned and will be financed by Citizens National Bank in Sevierville. Information on the project can be found at their website - www.trinitycare.com/knoxville.html and includes: traffic statistics, market area, site line, site plan, floor plans, elevation, landscaping, and photos of other properties. The founder and CEO of the management company will be present to answer your questions. They will be seeking Use on Review approval by the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) soon, so this is your opportunity to learn more.

OFFICE ZONING PROPOSED FOR ASHEVILLE HIGHWAY RESIDENTIAL SITE: Carl Lansden and his developer will present their plans for rezoning 5315 Asheville Highway (NW corner of Asheville Highway and Nokomis) from residential (R-1) to office (O-1). The proposed zoning would permit such uses as offices for lawyers, architects, engineers, financial services, real estate agents, political and religious organizations, private clubs, medical or dental offices, clinics, funeral homes, art galleries and museums, schools, beauty and barbers shops, television or radio studios, with additional uses possible upon review and approval by the Metropolitan Planning Commission. We appreciate Mr. Lansden bringing his proposal to Town Hall East and encourage everyone to attend the meeting to learn more about it and ask questions. If you have computer access, you can learn more about Knoxville Zoning Ordinances at www.knoxmpc.org.

ILLEGAL BILLBOARDS SUIT, II – A second lawsuit to challenge the illegal billboards built by Danny Amanns/Outdoor Displays, Inc. has been filed by the McRaes and Three Rivers Association, now that the Knox County BZA decided on March 23, 2005 to give Amanns a second variance. The original variance granted in October 2000 was challenged in Court and was found to be illegal. It was appealed all the way to the Tennessee Supreme Court and affirmed. The illegal Billboards were built within 2000 feet of a scenic parkway (actually, about 175' away) in contravention of Knox County Zoning ordinances. The concern is that the sign company is waging a war of attrition to wear down the citizenry. No help has been obtained from the County government, including elected county attorney Mike Moyers who let this happen again, without advising the BZA this is wrong. The measure passed 5-to-2 with Commissioners Guthe (the Movant), Moore, Cawood, Pinkston and Harmon all voting with the sign company. Commissioner Jordan abstained. Only Commissioners McMillan and Hammond stood up for the citizens. Remember this at election time.

HOLSTON RIVER FESTIVAL – GREAT WEATHER, GREAT MUSIC, GREAT FOOD, GREAT FUN: The 3RD Annual Town Hall East and Dogwood Arts Holston River Festival on April 16th brought us out in droves. The committee would like to thank everyone who donated time, energy, and funding to bring this event to East Knoxville. Major sponsors include Broadway Sound, City of Knoxville Department of Community & Neighborhood Services, Comcast, Knoxville City Council, Town Hall East, and WVLT-TV. Donors include Dr. Alan Solomon & Andrea Cartwright, Anonymous, Asheville Highway Animal Clinic, BB Tile, Chandler's Deli, Dawn-Michelle Foster, Deb Haines, Designed by Tonie, Elizabeth McShane, Holston Hills Country Club, Ideal Cleaners, Dr. James Foster, Rep. Joe Armstrong, Councilman Joe Hultquist, Joe Shirt, Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, Knoxville Zoo, Kroger, KUB, Light House Studios, The Lunch House, Martha Coppock, Sharon Davis, Three Rivers Rambler, Melissa Hansen-Petrik, Patty Shea, Petree's Flower Shop, Pizza Palace, Stitches R Us, and the Volunteer Rescue Squad of Knoxville (thanks Chris and Will for complementary emergency services all day). Thank you to the staff and 2005 chairmen at Dogwood Arts for all the assistance with coordinating the event, support, and encouragement.

Special Thanks to our marvelous musicians who played from sheer joy, without compensation, other than sunshine and the appreciation of neighbors and friends: Broadway Sounds, Danny Gammon & Friends, Knoxville Children's Choir, Carter High School Ensemble, Austin-East High School Jazz Orchestra, Vine Middle School Jazz Orchestra, Rich Adlin & Mark Appleford of Adlin & Appleford, Hector Qirko and friends with the HQ Band, Beaumont African Drummers, and the Dogwood Dulcimers. The food was amazing again and we congratulate Tammy's Fried Green Tomatoes for winning the Best Festival Food Contest. Great job; we note that runner-up Jack & Jill gave Tammy a run for her money! We were pleased by repeat participation from local groups including Eastminster Presbyterian, Chilhowee Intermediate School Beta Club, Burlington Branch Library, Holston-Chilhowee Pool, and Milton Roberts Recreation Center. Finally, grateful thanks to our dedicated volunteers: Jill Adlin, Bert Benedict, Judy Blackstock, Brenda Brooks, Carter High School Honor Students, Linden Craig, Dawn-Michelle Foster, Deb Haines, Melissa Hansen-Petrik, Mike McEntee, Lib McShane, Barbara Owens, Jeff Petrik, George Reynolds, Patty Shea, Sionag Smith, Jennifer Stokes, and Mike Talley. Several folks came to help out in mid-afternoon, but things were running so smoothly we told them to just relax and enjoy.

Finally, we announce retirement of committee veterans: Linden Craig, Melissa Hansen-Petrik, and Deb Haines as they focus their energies elsewhere. If you are interested in helping, contact one of them or any Town Hall East board member. Your energy and fresh ideas will make the next Festival even better!

BY-LAWS: The membership approved the following change to the by-laws at the March 2005 meeting:

Revised Portion of Article VII, Section F (The first paragraph remains unchanged.)

"Thereafter, no person shall be eligible to vote on any matter coming before the membership unless their dues have been paid *by the date of the last regular meeting* prior to the meeting at which such vote will be taken."

SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER ... GIVE EAST-SIDE ACTIVITIES A TRY: Especially for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles with children to entertain, there are many things to do right here in East Knoxville ... drive your car or ride your bikes to some close-by family fun.

- **Burlington Branch Library:** Get involved in the summer reading program and story times. Contact the branch for more information. 4512 Asheville Highway, 525-5431. p.s. New branch library coming soon to the former Walgreen's site on Asheville Highway.
- **Cansler Family YMCA** is an amazing facility opened in 2003 featuring swimming, fitness classes, yoga, kung fu, and more for all ages. Located at 616 Jessamine St. near the Magnolia Ave. bridge. Check www.ymcaknoxville.org/pages/chansler.asp or 637-9622 for information.
- **East Tennessee Discovery Center** is open Monday through Saturday at Chilhowee Park and offers a planetarium, fish, reptiles, amphibians, microscopes, fossils, rocks, a Lego Lab and more science fun. For more information: www.etdiscovery.org/ or 594-1494.
- **Holston-Chilhowee Pool:** our neighborhood pool is located at 6005 Holston Drive (near the river); the membership drive is going on now. Only \$200 for a summer family membership, \$75 for seniors, \$100 for singles! AND, for every new family membership you refer, you get \$25 off your own membership. That's a bargain. Offers a full-size pool, baby pool, swimming lessons, volleyball, and more, opening day May 28th. Call 521-6518 or 524-0826 or email holstonchilhoweepool@yahoo.com for more information.
- **Knoxville Zoo:** The zoo is always a wonderful place to visit and now Kids Cove is open featuring a giant sandbox, beavers, cow milking, a wooden carousel, and more. Zoo camps are also available. The zoo is located next to Chilhowee Park (come feed the ducks, geese, and fish); open daily. www.knoxville-zoo.org.
- **Milton Roberts Recreation Center** offers a gym, weights, and activities for kids of all ages throughout the summer. Located at 5900 Asheville Highway. Call 546-4536 for more information.

2005-2006 DUES: JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Support Your Community Organization

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ ... Are you willing to receive the Newsletter via email? ____yes ____no

Please provide an email address if you would like us to inform you of happenings between newsletters.

NOTICE: Dues have increased this year. The amounts shown are PER PERSON.

_____ \$10/person **Active member:** I live in city ward 13, 30, 31, or 75 (or still in the county but adjacent to ward 75)

_____ \$10/person **Associate member:** I live outside wards 13, 30, 31, or 75 but would still like to receive the newsletter and keep informed of Town Hall East activities

_____ \$25/person **Business member:** I own or manage a business in city ward 13, 30, 31, or 75 and would like to

support the neighborhood and the residents of Town Hall East

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