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Date: 2/9/2010 2:13:30 PM
Subject: Midway road Business park

Hello Mr. Donaldson,

As a citizen of East Knox County I am very frustrated that my voice, along with others in my community, is not being heard. I am a property owner in the Mid way road area that is being considered for rezoning in order to accomidate an industrial park. Let me make myself clear...I AM AGAINST AN INDUSTRIAL PARK AT MIDWAY ROAD. In fact. I have lived in the area my entire life and I do not know one person in my district that is in favor of this so called business park. Let the people who are in favor of an industrial park have it in their own community. We will fight this proposal at ALL costs.

I want to know if you are listing!

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Mr. Donaldson:

We are very frustrated with the MPC staff for not listening to the wishes of East Knox County regarding the proposed Industrial Park in the Midway area. As was stated at the recent MPC meeting, supposedly "roundtable discussion", which was anything but that, you agreed that to that point there were more people opposed than approved of the park. Your staff is proceeding against the wishes of the people and in fact, against the ruling of Chancellor Fansler, agreeing that no change had been made in this area.

I am wondering if all this new business that is supposedly going to originate from the park and if employees move their families into this area, what will happen to the schools as it has been many years since Carter was supposed to be "on the list for the next new school" and others have been renovated and one new one built and another on record to be built. Also, as you know, we have a cemetery that adjoins the property that will be full in a few years, and be locked in with no other property available to expand. There has been an attempt to purchase some of the property proposed for the park, but as you know "money talks" and the decision was made to sell it to Knox County.

Also, there have been many, many sinkholes on the property you purchased that have eroded greatly over the last 30 years that we have lived in this area on Carter School Road on property that adjoins the proposed park. Also, we have had to fill in our property several times due to sinking of the land.

It is our hope that your agency would again view the land with an open mind and take the land and this area for what it is - a wonderful rural community that we desire to be left alone. None of us are against expansion and development of Knox County, but not on property that is not appropriate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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I hope

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Subject: MIDWAY ROAD INDUSTRIAL PARK

Good afternoon!

I'll be brief. I am a 54 year old resident of Strawberry Plains. I reside on Thorngrove Pike about a mile from the proposed Industrial Park.

I would just like to make my voice heard about the semi-legal (illegal?) way the MPC is trying to push this Park through without heeding the voice and opinions of the citizens. Sounds like Obama's way of handling his VERY UNPOPULAR push of his Health Care Plan. Seems like nobody really wants either one, except for the people backing them. Strange.

I feel that at the present time, during economic hardships, that this would be a HUGE WASTE of money at the present time. If the Mine Road and Forks of the River Parks were full, my opinion would be different, but they are far from full. It seems to reason that if you still have a abundance of available property, adding more would not be too smart. Perhaps in 10 years from now, the economy will have recovered enough to fill Mine Road and The Forks. THEN, AND ONLY THEN, will it make sense to throw MILLIONS of dollars into a project that will sit empty for who knows how long? Who will maintain it? Who will pay for up-keep? Will it be run down by the time it is actually needed?

As a close resident, I STRONGLY urge you to vote AGAINST it until the time it is ACTUALLY needed and would be a productive use of the area's cash resources!

Thank you very, very much for your time!
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Subject: Midway industrial plan

I am appealing to you all to NOT pass this plan for development in a rural area that needs to remain rural. We have industrial parks sitting empty around our county right now. Fill those spaces and you will bring jobs to the county. Using the monies toward furthering educational development will help our county more than anything. A better educated people will bring better jobs and better lifestyle to the entire area.

A development in the Midway area may bring jobs somewhere in the future, but where will those people live? Jefferson County, Sevier County, even Cocke and Hamblen will benefit. More than 80% of the business and residential owners in that area are completely AGAINST this development. That should speak volumes to the MPC about finding an alternative plan or else using the sector plan that is already in place. Good money was spent developing this sector plan and it is a good plan, as is. Following the plan is the best way to improve our economic future. The County has spent a great deal of money on County owned, and County financed parks, i.e. Forks of the River. It is my opinion that we are best served by finding businesses to fill the existing spaces available, NOT create more empty industrial space.

80% in the area and even olks like me from another area of the county are against this plan. This is an urgent appeal to follow the sector plan in place and cease and desist on ths one!

Thank you for taking the time to read my request.

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Subject: Midway Rd

Dear Mr Donaldson,

I think you have been to the East County Sector Plan meetings and have heard our opposition of changes in our community. I was at the meeting on January 25, 2010. Someone asked Mr Carberry if there have been any citizens "for" an industrial park. Mr Carberry said 'yes' and when asked how many he said 'several'.

I have a petition that has over 200 signatures against development in this area. I have a list of names of others that are getting signatures. We have more than "several".

Taxpayer money could be spent more wisely!

Thank you,

Janis Waggoner
Treasurer: 8th District Preservation Association.

From: <garywatson2006@comcast.net>
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Subject: Midway Industrial Park

Mark,

***Please be advised that the residents in the Thorngrove and Midway communities are still strongly against the development that is being proposed. We feel this project is a blatant waste of tax dollars*and a waste of the resourses these residents treasure. We have felt this is park has been a foolish venture from the beginning and to continue at this time and in this economy would be no less than spite. We as a community have attended*the meetings and discussions, stating our objections and opposition hoping*that someone with the MPC would listen.*I ask again for myself and my neighbors, please*do not change the Sector Plan to allow this to continue.

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Subject: Please put a copy of this letter into Mr. Lobetti and Mr. Sharp's mailbox

Hello Mark,

I would very much appreciate your putting a copy of this e-mail into Mr. Lobetti and Mr. Sharp's mailbox. Thanks,

Wayne

Hello,

My wife, Connie, and I have been residents of Knox County for over 30 years. We helped draft the current East Knox County Sector Plan. We like many of the features of the new East Knox County Sector Plan draft, but we join the overwhelming majority of local residents who do not like the change in zoning for the Midway Road area of the sector. The critical question according to Chancellor Fansler is this: What changes justify a change in the zoning of the Midway Road area?

A few things have changed in East Knox County since the current plan was approved. The French Broad River is cleaner and there are more canoes and kayaks gliding past the pristine river banks. There are families walking, talking and enjoying the Seven Islands Wildlife Refuge. Conservation easements have blossomed in the French Broad River Corridor. Properties have been placed on the Historic Register. Because of these positive "developments" Knox County now has an opportunity to promote the area for cultural, historic and agri-tourism. On the negative side, there is more sprawl creeping away from Strawberry Plains Pike Exit of I-40. But the Midway Road Exit and the land along Tuckahoe Creek down to the French Broad River has not really changed at all. That is the beauty of it.

Rezone this property for business and light industrial, and residential and commercial development will follow. Such development may ultimately require a new waste water treatment for the area on the French Broad River, whether one is built for an industrial park at Midway Road or not. It may ruin any chance to preserve this area for the future. It may ruin or hinder future tourism. It is not our land. It is not your land, it is our children's land. A misstep now may be irreversible.

Bank the land and the development funds for now. The options have not been explored. In the mean time, open this property up as a low impact park for all Knox County residents to enjoy walking, picnicking or gardening under the supervision of Parks and Recreation until we explore all of our options and alternatives. Create a new Green Zone. Attract green technology demonstration projects. Let KUB and TVA demonstrate their green technologies. Create an entry to the Solar City (Knoxville). Provide electric shuttles into downtown Knoxville for shopping and events. Let local businesses demonstrate their green technologies. Let the Ochs Center give us other ideas. Let's scratch our heads before we scratch the land.

A postponement of the Sector Plan (or of the Midway Road section of it) would be prudent for all of Knox County.

Very truly yours,

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