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## Fwd: Closing of Ben Atchley Drive

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**Mark Donaldson** <mark.donaldson@knoxmpc.org>

Thu, Mar 14, 2013 at 8:19 AM

To: Buz Johnson <Buz.Johnson@knoxmpc.org>, Michael Brusseau <mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org>, Dan Kelly <Dan.Kelly@knoxmpc.org>, Betty Jo Mahan <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org>

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From: **Bonnie Carpenter** <colleges@bonniecarpenter.com>

Date: Wed, Mar 13, 2013 at 9:03 PM

Subject: Closing of Ben Atchley Drive

To: Wes Stowers <wstowers@stowerscat.com>, Art Clancy <artclancy3@gmail.com>, Bart Carey <bartcarey@comcast.net>, George Ewart <gewart@georgeewart.com>, Michael Kane <makane1@bellsouth.net>, Nate Kelly <NathanJ.Kelly@gmail.com>, Janice Tocher <jtocher.mpc@gmail.com>, Herb Anders <herb@claibornehauling.com>, Laura Cole <cole5137@bellsouth.net>, Len Johnson <lenedna@bellsouth.net>, Rebecca Longmire <rebeccalongmire@hotmail.com>, Brian Pierce <brianpierce@mbiarch.com>, Jeffrey Roth <jwroth@qmwkx.com>, Charles Lomax <cfomax@hotmail.com>, Mark Donaldson <mark.donaldson@knoxmpc.org>

In addition to the many reasons why this road should not be closed...access, safety etc. we should all remember that it is named in honor of the many accomplishments of one of our most esteemed statesmen, Ben Atchley. It would be disrespectful to Ben and his family to close this road that has deservedly been named for him.

Bonnie Carpenter

College Search Consultants



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## Fwd: MPC Meeting 3/14/13

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From: **Di cell** <dgcarter@knology.net>

Date: Wed, Mar 13, 2013 at 10:20 PM

Subject: MPC Meeting 3/14/13

To: [bartcarey@comcast.net](mailto:bartcarey@comcast.net), [gewart@georgeewart.com](mailto:gewart@georgeewart.com), [makane1@bellsouth.net](mailto:makane1@bellsouth.net), [NathanJ.Kelly@gmail.com](mailto:NathanJ.Kelly@gmail.com), [cflomax@hotmail.com](mailto:cflomax@hotmail.com), [jtocher.mpc@gmail.com](mailto:jtocher.mpc@gmail.com), [herb@claibornehauling.com](mailto:herb@claibornehauling.com), [artclancy3@gmail.com](mailto:artclancy3@gmail.com), [cole5137@bellsouth.net](mailto:cole5137@bellsouth.net), [lenedna@bellsouth.net](mailto:lenedna@bellsouth.net), [rebeccalongmire@hotmail.com](mailto:rebeccalongmire@hotmail.com), [brianpierce@mbiarch.com](mailto:brianpierce@mbiarch.com), [jwroth@qmwkx.com](mailto:jwroth@qmwkx.com), [wstowers@stowerscat.com](mailto:wstowers@stowerscat.com), [mark.donaldson@knoxmpc.org](mailto:mark.donaldson@knoxmpc.org)

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to consider voting against closure of Ben Atchley Drive in the Bearden/Homberg area.

As a neighbor and patron of the area, I can tell you that the road is important to constructive traffic flow in that area and for the Homberg businesses. Turning left onto Kingston Pike on the western end of Homberg is extremely tricky and dangerous, as it enters Kingston pike at a strange angle. And turning right from that section is nearly impossible from the angle that the road is positioned. The only other way to flow will be to head down to Mohican, which will create a bigger traffic issue, especially when the new Anthropologie store opens up.

That particular part of Mohican also serves as an entrance for some Homberg shops (Serendippity, Michael Peters Home, Loopville), Nama, Chez Liberty, Holly's Eventful Dining, and Bearden Antiques and is already a narrow, difficult stretch of road. The excess traffic would be too much for an already congested area. The Ben Atchley Drive access is very convenient and safe and provides a great & safe way to enter businesses such as Southern Market, Jerry's ArtARama, Nostalgia, etc.

I urge you to please consider this and vote against this closure and support positive traffic flow. We seem to frequently yield to development without adequately anticipating traffic issues, and I would hate to see this happen in our neighborhood. Thank you so much for your support!

Sincerely,

Diane Carter



Betty Jo Mahan <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org>

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## FW: Please keep Ben Atchley OPEN!

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**Len Johnson** <lenedna@bellsouth.net>  
To: Betty Jo Mahan <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org>

Wed, Mar 13, 2013 at 6:41 PM

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**From:** [amyfay@initiallyamyfay.com](mailto:amyfay@initiallyamyfay.com) [mailto:[amyfay@initiallyamyfay.com](mailto:amyfay@initiallyamyfay.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2013 6:18 PM  
**To:** [lenedna@bellsouth.net](mailto:lenedna@bellsouth.net)  
**Subject:** Please keep Ben Atchley OPEN!

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I fully support keeping Ben Atchley OPEN. I am in my eleventh year of business at the Southern Market. Thanks to my involvement in the Junior League of Knoxville, I learned that Southern Market could provide me as a stay-at-home mother a place to do business in 2002 when our boys were 5, 4 and 2. When the economy slipped, I realized that every merchant at Southern Market was important to my business even though before that it seemed a little competitive. It became clear to me that we need each other to not only survive but also to thrive.

The District in Bearden exists because together we offer more to our community than any one business could. We welcome new business to our district - that is a key to our success... but being welcoming does not include making decisions that lack integrity.

Mr. Capiello's poor reputation precedes him, and this is but another example of bad choices on his part. My yardstick for making choices includes these values: trustworthiness, responsibility, respectfulness, fairness, caring and good citizenship. To want a street closed so that one big business can swallow up Kingston Pike frontage to the detriment of so many small businesses is not a desire that demonstrates any of these qualities.

There is VALUE in being visible from Kingston Pike. There is VALUE in having direct access that is safe from Kingston Pike. There is VALUE in doing business in the District of Bearden because of the time and money invested by so many small business owners for many many years.

I would be at the meeting tomorrow, but I have to be in Atlanta for business. Thanks to my business at the Southern Market, I have been able to stay home with my children and have had

the flexibility to grow and learn which now includes bigger business. I continue my involvement giving back to our community through many avenues - my favorites of which are my church and Junior League - where I am currently serving as Sustainer Advisor on the board. Our community is important to me. Our businesses are important to the community.

Thank you for voting against closing Ben Atchley. I appreciate your service.

With respect,

Amy Fay Chandler

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The logo for 'Initially Amy Fay' features the word 'Initially' in a small, simple font above the name 'Amy Fay' which is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. A small trademark symbol (TM) is located at the end of 'Fay'.

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**Len Johnson** <lenedna@bellsouth.net>  
To: Betty Jo Mahan <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org>

Wed, Mar 13, 2013 at 6:42 PM

**From:** Donna C [mailto:[princessmuffin822@gmail.com](mailto:princessmuffin822@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2013 5:55 PM  
**To:** [lenedna@bellsouth.net](mailto:lenedna@bellsouth.net)  
**Subject:** Please Leave Ben Atchley Street Open

Commissioner Johnson -

The closure of Ben Atchley Street will make it very difficult and DANGEROUS for anyone turning left onto Kingston Pike from a business on Homberg Drive. Southern Market customers and patrons of other small businesses in the Homberg Community will be forced to exit west onto Kingston Pike from the Naples Restaurant location, a sharply angled intersection with extremely limited visibility for oncoming traffic.

Mohican Drive is the only other access point to Homberg Drive. Mohican Drive is a narrow street with a limited time traffic light. More traffic through this small intersection will cause traffic backups for both Mohican Drive and Kingston Pike. This is not a viable alternative.

The closure of Ben Atchley Street would be to the benefit of ONE developer, but to the detriment of ALL the rest of the Homberg business community. It will restrict the visibility of the small businesses along Homberg Drive and will negatively affect their viability.

BEN ATCHLEY STREET DOES NOT NEED TO BE CLOSED for the new development. It can remain open and provide access to the new development as well as to all the businesses on Homberg Drive.

The Bearden area, and the Homberg businesses in particular, would love to see landscaping along the street providing an attractive entrance for the new store and showing pride in the redevelopment of our area.

Thank you, Donna Connors

Bearden Resident



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From: <[debbieprice@healthymindcounseling.com](mailto:debbieprice@healthymindcounseling.com)>

Date: Wed, Mar 13, 2013 at 11:52 AM

Subject: Ben Atchly Drive

To: [mark.donaldson@knoxmpc.org](mailto:mark.donaldson@knoxmpc.org)

Dear Sir/Madam,

3/13/2013

We have been an occupant of the Homberg Building located at 5410 Homberg Drive for 8 years. It has been an excellent location for our business which has had a 30%+ growth rate for the last 4 years. We are told by our clients that accessibility to our office is one of the reasons for choosing us over our competitors. The purpose of this email is to strongly object to the closure of Ben Atchley Drive. Please note the reasons below:

- We have a large number of seniors (we provide services to Medicare clients) as well as teenagers. The intersection of Homberg Drive and Kingston Pike (to head west on Kingston Pike) is an extremely dangerous intersection. Visibility is limited at best in both directions.
- If Ben Atchley closes cars will also need to turn onto Homberg Drive from Kingston Pike westbound, making a difficult hard left turn and complicating a west exit from Homberg Drive.
- Exiting from Homberg Drive at Mohican is not a good option as the traffic regularly backs up at the light and making a left turn is difficult at best. I would not think the businesses in that area want our traffic congesting the area.
- The only other option, other than Ben Atchley is exiting at the east end of Homberg Drive. With the new Chick-Fil-A traffic, that intersection has also become challenging most times of the day.
- We service 900 clients per month so reducing our ability to safely traverse Ben Atchley could significantly impact our ability to do business. We currently employ/contract with 26 people so this could also impact pay/compensation for these people.

Thank you for hearing our concerns and the impact the closing could have on our small business.

Debbie Price, MSSW  
Owner  
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success!" Tony Robbins  
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