

Fort Sanders Quality of Life Committee  
*Notes from November 5, 2009 Meeting*

Recommendations

- 1) The first recommendation is to the entire list of participants in the long-range planning process and the quality of life committee. Having found these conversations valuable, we recommend that we form a permanent coalition of Fort Sanders stakeholders and continue meeting on a regular basis.
- 2) We request that the University of Tennessee and Fort Sanders Hospital cease lateral expansion in the Fort Sanders neighborhood — and that they stop buying vacant and blighted properties — because the uncertainty of their plans encourages speculation and a reluctance to proceed with structural improvements.
- 3) We applaud the cooperation between KPD and UT, and suggest that KPD continue to provide UT (Student Affairs, UTPD) with the records of student arrests in Fort Sanders. We further urge UT to make it widely known among students that UT will find out about and follow the cases of any student arrested by KPD in Fort Sanders. Such cooperation, over time, will help counter the myth that fraternities and other “party houses” can foster and condone illegal activity off-campus without consequences.
- 4) We ask that UT — and to the extent possible, KPD — enforce the University’s risk management policies for fraternities.
- 5) We request that MPC conduct a needs assessment and market study of student housing — at least in Fort Sanders if not citywide.
- 6) We suggest that the City and/or the Stakeholders adopt a definition of landlord responsibilities with regard to building standards and the behavior of their tenants.
- 7) We ask the City of Knoxville to document the cost of KPD and Codes Enforcement calls in Fort Sanders.
- 8) We ask the City of Knoxville to mount a “street level” codes “sweep” in the neighborhood and then, together with the stakeholders, consider further codes enforcement strategies.
- 9) Identify possible revisions to or addition to codes enforcement and ordinances that would address problems more effectively, such as:
  - \*\* Requiring owners of rental properties in Fort Sanders to register their properties with the City.
  - \*\* Proactive annual inspections of rental properties in Fort Sanders.
- 10) Because trash and infrastructure are integral to the way residents and visitors treat Fort Sanders, we urge the City to improve sidewalks, pave alleys, add additional lighting, and place trash cans in high-volume trash areas.