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City Begins Development of Fairmount Neighborhood Plan **Public Input Meeting Set for April 21, 2011**

The City of Bristol Tennessee's Community Development Department is developing a Neighborhood Plan for the Fairmount area to address future land uses, development pressures, redevelopment opportunities, infrastructure, as well as housing and property conditions.

The first citizens' meeting will be hosted by the City's Community Development staff at Fairmount School, on Thursday, April 21, 2011, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the cafeteria. Citizen input is vital and will be contemplated along with staff research during the development of the Fairmount Neighborhood Plan.

Shari Brown, Director of Community Development for the city stated, "The Fairmount Neighborhood is one of Bristol's oldest neighborhoods. It was initially developed in 1876, then expanded and subdivided by the Bristol Land and Improvement Company in 1888 with the construction of the Fairmount Hotel." Brown continued, "The significance of this neighborhood in Bristol's history is irrefutable, therefore it is important as community stewards we guard and guarantee the integrity of the historic nature of the area for generations to come."

Approximately 1,100 parcels of land are included in the study area, which generally is bounded by East State Street, First Presbyterian Church and King College, Oakwood Street, and the Norfolk Southern Corporation rail line.

City Manager, Jeff Broughton cited the area's example of by-gone era community planning, "Not only is the area important architecturally, the neighborhood is a great snapshot of the priority for community planning during the city's inception. Fairmount was said to represent the New South of the late 1800's and early 1900's with public water mains, modern fire hydrants, and electric trolley cars and service alleys." Broughton continued, "This is a great undertaking but one of which the city feels strongly about."

For more information on the Neighborhood Plan go to the website for the city of Bristol Tennessee at <http://www.bristoltn.org> or contact Shari Brown, AICP, Director of Community Development by phoning 423-989-5514 or by e-mail at fairmountplan@bristoltn.org.

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