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City Begins Implementation of Fairmount Neighborhood Plan

During the Spring of 2011, city staff and residents of the Fairmount neighborhood worked together to complete the Fairmount Neighborhood Plan. This plan contains a heavy community input element which resulted in a very action-oriented plan for the protection and enhancement of the rich assets of the neighborhood. Of primary concern to the residents was elimination of additional apartments in the area.

Based on this concern, an action item in the plan is to rezone a large area currently zoned to allow apartments to a zone more in keeping with the current use – large homes on compact city lots. The current zoning is R-3, Multifamily Residential, and the proposed zoning is R-E, Established Residential District. The proposed zoning will allow single family and duplex uses but will not allow new apartment uses.

Another planned action item regarding zoning is to rezone an area currently zoned for manufacturing use to a commercial zone.

The City of Bristol Planning Commission will consider these rezoning items at their Monday, November 21 meeting. The meeting will be held at the Slater Community Center, 325 McDowell Street, in the auditorium at 6:00 P.M.

Two rezonings that will be considered are as follows:

1. “North Fairmount” rezones an area generally extending from McDowell Street to Pine Street / Maple Street from R-3 to R-E. Fairmount School and the existing multi-family units around the school will remain zoned for apartment use.
2. “South Fairmount” rezones an area at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and Oakwood Street/Beechwood Drive and extending along Oakwood Avenue from M-1, light manufacturing, to B-3, general commercial.

In keeping with city notification policy, “Public Notice” signs will be posted at several intersections through the neighborhood notifying property owners of the Planning Commission meeting. Also, property owners will receive with additional notification of the rezoning and inviting participation in the process.

For more information please contact the Community Development Department at 989-5515 or email sbrown@bristoltn.org.