

First Re-Zoning Meeting

Location: Farragut Middle School

Date: 11-28-2016

Attendance: 91

Comments from Community:

- Farragut Alderman, Louise Povlin read her statement regarding the effect of previous re-zoning on the Farragut School system. She also wanted to keep transfers open to the Farragut Schools. And wanted to have direct feed from the Middle School to the High School within their community. She also wanted to make sure that room was left for growth of the Hardin Valley Middle School-as many new neighborhoods were already in the construction phase. (Russ Oaks asked if she would e-mail her comments to him directly)
- Siblings should be allowed to “Grandfather-in” to the schools.
- Consider high school re-zoning for all Farragut Schools at the same time. All schools for Farragut should feed to Farragut and Hardin Valley- to HVA.
- If we are going to “re-zone” do it all at one time including Elementary schools so the feeder patterns make sense.
- The high school zone needs “tweaking”
- Post the remaining meetings on the website as soon as possible.
- Reverend John Butler’s wife asked why African American students are being bused and while white students were not? She also asked why we were only building new schools in white communities.
- Parent felt that re-zoning had a “domino effect” on her student’s education. She specifically mentioned that the curriculum at Hardin Valley Academy was not as rigorous in the science area as what was offered at Farragut High School. She also had concerns with young teenage drivers having to go further to attend HVA and was concerned that it could create more accidents. She also stated that it hurt the home values for those that lived in Farragut area, but were zoned to HVA. According to her realtor, the re-sale length on the market was 3x’s longer for HVA Zone than for the Farragut Zone. And she believed that wherever students started in school- they should be able to “run the table” and finish in the same community.
- Parent wanted assurance that we would look at re-zoning high schools as well. Also stated that he had relocated to Knoxville and specifically bought a home in Farragut because of the schools- and wanted to make sure that we were not going

to displace his students. And, if we do bus students to another area are we going to fix the roads to accommodate for more travel?

- One gentleman represented the Karns area. He expressed grave concern over the last re-zoning and the fact that his community and school was “completely gutted”. He stated that the re-zoning had crushed the morale of the community. And wanted to know what staffing changes would happen at Karns as a result of this Hardin Valley Middle School project? Also stated that several programs such as Driver’s Ed were lost because of the re-zoning. What would they lose this go around?
- Reverend John Butler spoke regarding East Knoxville, Mechanicsville and Lonsdale students all being bused to other areas. He stated that there is no “community” schools for these students. He asked if we were considering re-zoning for all Middle Schools county wide.
- Are we working with the Metropolitan Planning Commission so that we can be kept informed of all potential new growth in the area, and make sure that we allow for that in the planning.
- Cedar Bluff School had recently been re-zoned. Mother had 4 students going to 4 different schools. Can we please not re-zone areas that have recently been re-zoned?
- Look at neighborhood borders and the access roads within subdivisions when considering re-zoning entire neighborhoods.