



**City Council
Special Meeting**

Agenda

**August 19, 2024
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

KNOX COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- 08-19-24 Together Knox

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT



Welcome!

This meeting is an opportunity to learn about Together Knox, a process to create a new Comprehensive Plan for Knox County. The meeting will be conducted in a small group and includes the following components.

GETTING STARTED

Please sign in on the sign-in sheet provided and make a name tag for yourself. Introduce yourself to the others at the table. Wait for instructions from the facilitator before beginning!

ACTIVITIES

1

Treasures

The facilitator of the meeting will ask what you treasure in Knox County.

2

Mapping Perspectives

You will be given a map and have the opportunity to provide how you feel about places in Knox County. The facilitator will lead a discussion on why everyone chose these places.

3

Outcomes

The facilitator of the meeting will ask you what you would like to see in the future of Knox County.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Tell us a little about yourself and what you thought about this meeting with an exit questionnaire. The responses you provide will help us plan future public engagement activities. See the Frequently Asked Questions on the back of this sheet for more information about Together Knox!

Thank you for participating today!
Tell others to get involved at TogetherKnox.org

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Together Knox?

Together Knox is a process to develop a comprehensive plan for Knox County and Mount Vernon that will help guide how we grow and develop. A large part of Together Knox is a community-driven effort. Your voice matters and will be a driving force in the goals and recommendations that will be provided in this plan update.

What is a comprehensive plan?

A comprehensive plan is the broadest public policy document a community can create for its future physical development considering the input of citizens, businesses, and other stakeholders. The plan is a tool to prepare for change and acts as a guidebook for decision-makers. The plan is not a legally binding document, but it can serve as a foundation for land development regulations, zoning ordinances, budgeting decisions, and more.

Why does Knox County need a new Comprehensive Plan?

The County exists in one of the most dynamic regions in the country. The last Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2018. Since then, the County and the region have experienced growth and change. An updated plan is needed to reflect current trends and priorities while being focused on the future. Regular comprehensive planning represents good stewardship and establishes a foundation for well-supported policies to create the best possible future.

How does this relate to other county and municipal plans?

The planning process includes reviewing all relevant plans and policies from the County and its jurisdictions. Existing plans and policies may inform the Knox County Comprehensive Plan. The research and analysis from Together Knox may also yield new policy ideas that jurisdictions could incorporate into their local plans and policies.

Will the community be able to participate?

Yes! This is an open and inclusive process. There will be two series of public input opportunities held during the planning process, which will include both in-person and online engagement opportunities. Anyone who cares about the future of Knox County will be able to participate and contribute their ideas and insight.

Do I need to be an expert to contribute ideas?

No! You are an expert if you live or work in Knox County. Who knows the community better than someone who lives or works here?

How long will the process take?

The planning team will be working to have the plan substantially complete by the end of November 2024, with the expectation that the adoption process will occur in early 2025.

Where can I learn more?

For more information about this exciting opportunity please visit the project website at togetherknox.org or contact Jeff Gottke, President of the Area Development Foundation, Inc. at Jeff@knoxadf.com.