

# Notice of Metro Planning Department Small Area Study, Community Meetings, and Public Hearing – Potential Community Plan Amendment for Highland Heights Neighborhood

This notice has been sent to you because the Planning Department is working on a planning study in your area which may include your property or you may be nearby the study area.

## **WHAT IS A PLANNING SMALL AREA STUDY?**

The Metro Planning Commission and Highland Heights neighbors have asked the Planning Department to work on possible changes/refinements of current land use policies in the Highland Heights area, which is part of Metro's East Nashville Community Plan.

Land use policy guides the Planning Commission's actions on subdivision requests and zone changes. **Any updates made to land use policies would not change current zoning.** Our goal is to ensure that policies affecting the Highland Heights area accurately reflect how the members of that community want growth and preservation to happen in the future, and that any significant changes are guided by community input and discussion.

Metro planners will hold a "charrette," a series of public meetings and discussions, in early March, working with local property owners, residents, and business owners to gather community input on any possible policy changes. The area that's being studied is shown on the map on the back of this notice.

Highland Heights' policies were updated in 2016, but several requests for zone changes have been filed since then, which suggest that further refinements to land use policies might be appropriate.

The East Nashville Community Plan describes how current land use policies are applied in the Highland Heights neighborhood. That plan is online under the "community plans" link on the Planning Department webpage, <https://www.nashville.gov/mpc>.

## **HOW CAN I SHARE MY THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS?**

Two community meetings will be held during the charrette: a **visioning session** to identify ideas and goals as well as residential character for the area, and a **public presentation** to report a summary of the week's work. Planners will work to shape community input into draft policy. Two **design studio** sessions are open to the public to watch planners at work. The draft changes will then go to the Metro Planning Commission for approval.

Your participation in the public meetings is both welcome and important, and will contribute to future land use policies and guide community design. Planners will also receive your comments at the email addresses below.

### **CHARRETTE SCHEDULE – MARCH 5 THROUGH MARCH 8, 2018**

Visioning Session	5:30 pm Monday, March 5 – Sonny West Conference Center; Howard Office Building; 700 Second Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37210
Open Design Studio	1:30 pm to 3:30 pm Tuesday, March 6 – East Police Precinct, 936 E. Trinity Lane, 37207
Open Design Studio	9:30 am to 11:30 am Wednesday, March 7 – East Police Precinct, 936 E. Trinity Lane
Public Presentation	5:30 pm Thursday, March 8 – East Police Precinct, 936 E. Trinity Lane, 37207

### **PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**

4:00 pm Thursday, May 24, 2018, at the Sonny West Conference Center in the Howard Office Building, 700 Second Avenue South in Nashville.

### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Project information and updates will be posted on the study's webpage, [HighlandHeightsStudy.nashville.gov](http://HighlandHeightsStudy.nashville.gov)

Email your questions and comments to [highlandheightsstudy@nashville.gov](mailto:highlandheightsstudy@nashville.gov).

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