

February 2007

PRESS RELEASE

Wisdom Street approved for historical markers
Historic Lambuth Area Neighborhood

The City Planning Department recently approved historical markers for the 400 block of **Wisdom Street**, changing the street designation from residential historic conservation to residential historic overlay. Homeowners in the Lambuth University neighborhood have been researching original deeds, city directories from the 1920's and before, as well as reviewing the Sanborn Insurance Maps at the Tennessee Room of the Jackson-Madison County Library. Jack Wood, library historian, has been instrumental in this effort.

The 400 block of Wisdom Street, also known as Lindsey Place Subdivision, was sold by **E.A. and Sally Lindsey** to the **Jackson and Suburban Street Railroad Company**, Jackson's trolley system, on **November 3, 1894**. In 1906, it became known as **Jackson Railway and Light Company**, and adjoined other properties in the neighborhood. This trolley system ran to *Highland Park Pavilion*, an amusement park of the 1890's and early 1900's. Today, Campbell Street Lake is the only remaining part of this former park.

The earliest home on the block dates to 1923, with most homes built in the 1930's. Two each were built in the 1940's and 1950's.

The historical markers replicate those on W. Grand Avenue, Arlington Avenue, Campbell Street and Westwood Avenue. **Patsy Cole** and **Barbara Day** helped other homeowners on the block with researching original deeds.

A block party to celebrate this historical status will be forthcoming to coincide with the placement of the markers in each yard. Installation should be completed mid-to-late March.