

Erskine Oglesby:

“I fully support the work of green|spaces and it’s work on creating a sustainable city and regional approach to bringing partners together to create a comprehensive plan to support its efforts. As Mayor, I would adopt the findings in the report and make it a part of my administration priority in building an environmentally friendly, economically inclusive and a healthy city that is accessible and connected to all citizens.”

Kim White:

"Thank you for the invitation, but unfortunately, I am unable to attend due to a prior commitment. However, I am giving thoughtful consideration to how we can address environmental and sustainability issues across our city.

If elected mayor, I will be a unifier between our community members, businesses and environmental and sustainability groups and initiatives across the region. My dedication to environmental issues can be seen through past projects such as the LEED-certified building of the Majestic 12 theatre and the Medal of Honor Heritage Center to smaller scale projects like obtaining green|light certification for the River City Company office building including an employee composting initiative and spearheading a recycling project for Miller Plaza. I also want to acknowledge Volkswagen Chattanooga, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, EPB, the Chattanooga Convention Center and the Chattanooga Airport among the many companies that continue to set the highest environmental standards for our city. I look forward to working with leaders like green|spaces on strategic projects that are key to reducing our carbon footprint and also preparing for the future. Initiatives such as electric and autonomous vehicle preparation in addition to improved public transportation that will give more citizens access to more areas of our city without the reliance of a car are important issues for our city to address.

I believe partnerships are key to our city’s success and want to say thank you to green|spaces for being an industry leader and wealth of knowledge in this important space. I look forward to diving deeper into these topics in the coming months. So much of what is great about Chattanooga is its natural beauty; we must be thoughtful and intentional in building a more sustainable city for our neighbors, businesses and future generations.”