



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item # 10

Date: April 4, 2014
To: Planning Commission
From: Mark Donaldson, Executive Director
Subject: East City Sector Plan and Amendments to the General Plan and Sector Plans – 3-D-14-SP

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the [East City Sector Plan](#) and Amendments to the General Plan and Sector Plans.

BACKGROUND:

MPC staff completed the East City Sector Plan update that amends the previously adopted 2002 East City Sector Plan and the General Plan. The plan incorporates recently adopted recommendations contained within the Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue Corridor Plan and Magnolia Avenue Corridor Plan. The major sections of the plan include land use, transportation, historic preservation, green infrastructure, and community facilities.

The public engagement process included the use of surveys, meetings for neighborhood and business association participation, and general community meetings. The plan calls for mixed-use special districts for Magnolia Avenue, Asheville Highway, Broadway, East Town Center Mall Area, Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, and Rutledge Pike. The plan contains a small area plan for Whittle Springs Corridor and recommendations for new zoning tools, such as Heart of Knoxville Residential District (R-1HK) and a Corridor Overlay (CO-1).

**KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE EAST CITY SECTOR PLAN
AND AMENDING THE KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY GENERAL PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission, a regional planning commission established pursuant to state statute, has the duty to make and adopt plans for the physical development of Knoxville and Knox County; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff prepared a background report, containing an inventory of existing conditions and trends regarding the sector; and

WHEREAS, this plan is consistent with the plan maps and policies of the Farragut-Knoxville-Knox County Growth Policy Plan, maintaining the Urban Growth Boundary, Planned Growth Area and Rural Area of the Growth Plan; and

WHEREAS, this plan is consistent with the goals of the Knoxville-Knox County General Plan, including those related to development of a strong economy, provisions of transportation choices, development and enhancement of neighborhoods, communities and corridors, provisions for strategic investments, and protection of historic resources and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff held four public meetings to solicit public input and incorporated the input into this plan; and

WHEREAS, this plan includes recommendations concerning land use, transportation, community facilities, green infrastructure, historic resources, and includes a five and fifteen year plan with proposed implementation methods, including capital improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION:

SECTION 1: The Commission hereby adopts the East City Sector Plan, dated April 2014 and amends the General Plan.

SECTION 2: The Planning Commission further recommends (a) that the Knoxville City Council adopt the plan and amend the General Plan and (b) that the Knox County Commission adopt the plan and amend the corresponding General Plan by resolution.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval.

Date

Chairman _____

Secretary _____