



AGENDA ITEM#: 7

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Commission
FROM: Mark Donaldson, Executive Director
DATE: June 12, 2014
SUBJECT: Consideration of amendments to the City of Knoxville zoning ordinance regarding day care facilities
4-A-14-OA

REQUEST

MPC staff requests that the planning commission consider and initiate amendments to the City of Knoxville zoning ordinance regarding day care facilities as permitted uses in appropriate zone districts with suitable development standards.

BACKGROUND

Recent actions and decisions demonstrate a need to update the City of Knoxville zoning ordinance with regard to its regulation of day care facilities.

MPC staff attended the May 7th meeting of the City's Neighborhood Advisory Council to review the current day care regulations and recent actions and to outline an approach to allow small day care services in neighborhoods.

There is growing support for an amendment to allow small day care services to be provided as an accessory use to all houses in the City. There needs to be more work done to cultivate this support. In addition, there needs to be further public outreach to inform more people about what is proposed. Staff is working on a phasing strategy to first address the provisions for small day care services and follow with a more comprehensive approach to all day care facilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the planning commission postpone consideration of this item for two months to its August 14th meeting

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A – Current City of Knoxville approach
- Exhibit B - Summary of other day care approaches