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## [MPC Comment] Agenda Item # 9 and MPC File Number 4-C-15-SP.

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Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 5:52 PM

I understand at the MPC April 9th meeting the proposed Northwest City Sector Plan with be considered as the above referenced agenda item and MPC file number. I am respectfully asking that all references to PlanET, the PlanET Playbook and PlanET Index be removed from the Northwest City Sector Plan.

Kind regards

Barbara Chandler

This message was directed to commission@knoxmpc.org

## Northwest City Sector Plan, Agenda No. 9, File No. 4-C-15-SP

## **Dear Commissioners:**

The Board of Fountain City Town Hall, Inc., joins the Community Forum and others, in requesting that all references to PlanET, the PlanET Playbook and PlanET Index, be removed from the Northwest City Sector Plan. We repeat the Community Forum's March 30, 2015 letter. PlanET is not part of the Statemandated Comprehensive Plan and incorporation of PlanET in the Northwest City Sector Plan undermines the Comprehensive Plan.

Regarding the MPC staff's April 2, 2015, "Northwest City Sector Plan Clarification Memo": The Memo clearly illustrates, and furthers, the confusion created by referencing PlanET.

The "Explanation / Clarification" section states: "...staff is prepared to remove any language that characterizes PlanET as a 'plan' since its products represent an information source provided for community consideration." And, the section titled "What is PlanET? states: "PlanET did not produce a regional plan. The final product produced as part of the PlanET process was a "playbook". The PlanET playbook is a high-level roadmap...".

However, the "Staff Response" section of the Memo proposes to add the following language to page 3 of the Northwest City Sector draft update: "The PlanET regional plan and products have not been formally adopted, ....".

There appears to be uncertainty regarding the existence of a PlanET-produced **regional plan**. And, what does the staff mean by **"formally adopted"?** Is there another type of adoption?

Why reference PlanET when it is not part of the State-mandated Comprehensive Plan and when the very nature of PlanET needs substantial explanation and definition?

The reason offered by the staff for referencing PlanET at all, appears to be that the "Staff wants to be open and transparent, and it would have been disingenuous to fail to mention that work of PlanET was consulted as an information source." Please note that the Northwest City Sector Plan fails to reference any other information source, document, professional paper, book, government census report, etc.

Importantly, the "What is PlanET?" section of the Memo acknowledges that no damage is done to the Northwest City Sector Plan if all references to PlanET are removed. Furthermore, it notes that many of the PlanET concepts are not novel--they are already part of the adopted Knoxville-Knox County General Plan 2033. Why undermine the Comprehensive Plan by including unnecessary references?

The Memo states: "Any mention of the PlanET process can be removed without affecting the content and recommendations in the draft Northwest City Sector Plan. The sector plan is consistent with the Knoxville-Knox County General Plan 2033, which is an adopted plan and also contains many of the same concepts found in PlanET."

It is essential to protect the legally-binding and legally-required Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Planning process. In order to accomplish that, we ask that all references to PlanET, PlanET Playbook and PlanET Index be removed from the Northwest City Sector Plan.

Yours truly, Charlotte Davis and Carlene Malone, Co-chairs, FCTH Land Use Committee



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## [MPC Comment] Northwest City Sector Plan

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Tue, Apr 7, 2015 at 12:39 AM

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I ask that all references to PlanET and the PlanET Index be removed from the Northwest City Sector Plan.

I believe that local neighborhoods should have the opportunity for significant input in determining the future planning and zoning in their communities and that PlanET and any reference to it does not reflect this.

Sincerely,

Sandy Gillespie 4272 Holloway Drive Knoxville, TN 37919

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Region of A/9/2015 MPC MA Itm: A-C-15-5P COUNCIL OF WEST KNOX COUNTY HOMEOWNERS, INC.

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March 9, 2015

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Woods at Bluegrass Woods at West Valley Re: Northwest City Sector Plan

Please vote NO to accepting changes as presented

The Council of West Knox County Homeowners asks that you deny this sector plan change and all sector plan changes pending the appointment of a new MPC Executive Director.

Dear MPC Commissioners,

The Council of West Knox County Homeowners met on April 7, 2015, and unanimously voted to deny proposed sector plan changes in the Northwest City Sector as well as in ALL sectors. It seems improper to rush to make sector plan changes at this time, so soon before a new MPC Executive Director is appointed.

Many of the changes being proposed contain wording from PlanET, which was a research grant funded under the administration of the former MPC Executive Director. PlanET has not been presented in public forums or discussed by either the City Council or the County Commission. It is these two elected bodies, not MPC staff, who should have authority to adopt or reject recommendations from the PlanET study.

There may be many good things in the PlanET study, but the public does not know about what is contained, and it seems to be an improper time to adopt them at this point without further review.

Thank you,

Marget Kline -

President, Council of West Knox County Homeowners

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