



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 8

Date: July 9, 2015
To: Planning Commission
From: Jeff Welch, Interim Executive Director
Prepared By: Jeff Archer, Senior Planner
Subject: **Knox County's 2015 Northwest City Sector Plan**
Agenda Item: Agenda #7-F-15-SP

BACKGROUND

On April, 2015 MPC adopted the 2015 Northwest City Sector Plan which amends the General Plan 2033 and recommended that Knoxville City Council and Knox County Commission do the same. MPC's recommendation was to remove the reference to PlanET being a plan. MPC staff made changes in this regard before forwarding the plan to City Council and County Commission.

On May 12, 2015 MPC staff, city administration and concerned neighborhood representatives agreed on compromise to the PlanET language which furthered MPC's recommendation. This language was included for the May 26th Knoxville City Council meeting where the plan was adopted.

Also on May 26, 2015 Knox County Commission did not approve the 2015 Northwest City Sector Plan. At this meeting the same neighborhood representatives that compromised on the PlanET related language at City Council spoke against this compromise at the County Commission meeting. As an alternative, Knox County Commission initiated its own sector plan which includes MPC's 2015 Northwest City Sector Plan but removes all references to PlanET. MPC staff has highlighted all the PlanET references and they are found on pages 1, 4, 25, and 53 of the plan.

ACTIONS

MPC can accept, deny or table Knox County's version of the Northwest City Sector Plan
MPC can forward it to Knox County Commission with no action.

SCHEDULE

The Knox County version of the 2015 Northwest City Sector Plan is scheduled to be heard by Knox County Commission on August 24th.

ATTACHMENTS

Knox County's version of the 2015 Northwest City Sector Plan, including highlighted PlanET related sections that County Commission wants removed from the plan.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION
OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
TO INITIATE A NORTHWEST CITY
SECTOR PLAN AMENDMENT
(MPC FILE NO.: 4-C-15-SP).

RESOLUTION: RZ-15-5-101

PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY LAW
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS: Richard B. Armstrong Jr.
DIRECTOR OF LAW

APPROVED: May 26, 2015
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WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff has completed the 2015 Northwest City Sector Plan (the "Plan") which amends the previously adopted 2003 Northwest City Sector Plan and the General Plan 2033; and

WHEREAS, at its April 9, 2015 regularly scheduled meeting, the Metropolitan Planning Commission adopted the Plan as amended to remove the word "plan" in reference to PlanET and recommended the Knox County Commission also adopt the Plan with the amendment; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Knox County Commission finds it is in the public interest to initiate, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §13-3-304(b)(2), a new Northwest City Sector Plan amendment which includes the Plan as presented this date to the Knox County Commission by MPC but removes all references to PlanET.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

The Knox County Commission hereby initiates a Northwest City Sector Plan amendment which includes the 2015 Northwest City Sector Plan as presented this date to the Knox County Commission by the Metropolitan Planning Commission but removes all references to PlanET.

Bill Anderson 5/26/15
Presiding Officer of the Commission Date

John O. Anderson 5/27/15
County Clerk Date