

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, June 10, 2014
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 12:00 o'clock noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, for the monthly Agenda Review Meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Jack Sharp, Mac Goodwin, Elizabeth Eason, Bart Carey, Art Clancy, III, Janice Tocher, Jeff Roth, Brian Pierce, Laura Cole, Len Johnson, and Jim Wakefield.

Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director Mark Donaldson, and various MPC staff members.

Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order at 12:05 o'clock p.m. and introduced the newly appointed Planning Commissioner Member, Jim Wakefield, to the remaining Commissioners and Staff.

Mr. Donaldson then introduced MPC Staff Member Tim Kuhn, who explained the email control mechanism that will be initiated by MPC in the following weeks to insure that all Commissioners receive timely copies of all comments and that email comments from the public are shared equally between Staff and Commissioners. Mr. Kuhn explained how the process would work and the anticipated schedule for implementation.

Mr. Donaldson then advised Commissioners of progress toward a paperless agenda. Mr. Kuhn provided additional details about the process and implementation schedule. Mr. Donaldson advised that there is a MPC workshop scheduled for July 31, 2014, to address PlanET, and suggested that time may be made available to practice with the paperless agenda tools.

Mr. Donaldson then reported on the activities of the City Council and the County Commission on land use matters since the last Agenda Review Meeting.

At this time the Recording Secretary realized that MPC Staff Member Tom Brechko, a regular attendee at Agenda Review Meetings, was strangely absent, and noted the same in the minutes.

Mr. Donaldson then explained the status of the three proposed City of Knoxville Zoning Ordinance Amendments (Agenda Items 5, 6 and 7) and the reasons for recommendation for postponement.

Commissioner Tocher expressed her concern that draft ordinances should be circulated among neighborhood organizations prior to being placed on the MPC Agenda. A discussion followed. Commissioner Tocher requested that Agenda Item 7 be postponed to August to allow for additional public participation.

Mr. Donaldson announced that amendments to the Parking Regulations in both the City Ordinance and the County Ordinance are being studied and that the Commissioners should expect to see some proposed language in the following months.

Commissioner Michael Kane joined the meeting at this time.

Dan Kelly of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 17 and efficiently responded to the Commissioners' questions.

Commissioner Len Johnson, announced his recusal from the next Item scheduled to be discussed, and left the meeting at this time.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 37 and responded to Commissioners' questions. There followed a general discussion of the appropriateness of the NC Zone for the property at issue in Agenda Item 37.

John King, a local attorney of some renowned, then rose to announce that he represents the applicant on Agenda Item 37. Mr. King advised that an alternate proposal would be suggested by his client at Thursday's Meeting to include rezoning only a portion of the property to CA in order to capture the existing metal building, and to change the RB Zoning from the balance of the property, to RA.

Commissioner Tocher inquired about the impact of postponement on the continuation of the unpermitted business currently existing at the location, and Staff explained the implications of the postponement.

Mr. Donaldson then explained that of a portion of MPC's Fund Balance will be used to balance the FY 2014-2015 MPC Budget, found as Agenda Item 48. Commissioner Carey inquired about the increase in consultant fees on telecommunication towers in the Budget and was advised that those are pass-through expenses matched by the fee charged to the applicant.

Commissioner Eason inquired as to whether the hiring of a new Manager of Comprehensive Planning is reflected in the fluctuation of payroll expense in the Budget and was advised that there was no relationship. Mr. Donaldson explained the hiring process employed for that position.

Commissioner Kane inquired as to the application process for rezoning of a general area. Mr. Donaldson explained to different approaches that are being analyzed with regard to the RB Zone, and there followed a general discussion of the RB Zone.

There being no further business to come before the Agenda Review Meeting, it was duly adjourned.

This 10th day of June, 2014.

Recording Secretary