

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2015
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened for the monthly Agenda Review Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, perhaps the worst lit public building in the lower forty-eight. Staring into the gloom, the Recording Secretary determined that the following Commissioners were in attendance: Jack Sharp, Mac Goodwin, Elizabeth Eason, Len Johnson, Art Clancy, Laura Cole, Jim Wakefield, Herb Anders, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Scott Smith, Bart Carey, Janice Tocher, Michael Kane, and Reverend Charles Lomax, Jr. Also in attendance were MPC Interim Executive Director, Jeff Welch, and various MPC staff members.

Mr. Welch called the meeting to order at 12:07 o'clock p.m. sharp, and announced that Sarah Powell, a long time MPC Employee working in information services and graphic design, had resigned from the Agency to move with her family to Florida, after fourteen (14) years of excellent service. Mr. Welch further advised that a Neighborhood Conference held the previous Saturday attracted between six hundred to seven hundred persons, including significant participation by MPC Staff, and excellent representation by MPC Commissioners.

Mr. Welch distributed to the Commissioners the most recent Livability Report describing the release of that Report on March 6, to a well-attended press conference. Mr. Welch then reported on the activities of City Council and County Commission since the last Agenda Review Meeting, highlighting new requests from the City for a study of the South Northshore Drive area and an examination of pet services in the C-2 zone. Mr. Welch advised that a workshop on the City Sign Ordinance will be held next Thursday after the conclusion of the MPC Monthly Meeting, and that Commissioners are welcome to attend.

Dave Hill, Deputy Director of MPC, then explained the status of four studies currently in process, including an ordinance controlling demolition of historic buildings, an ordinance for off street parking, and a study of appropriate locations for payday lenders.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 10 of the March Agenda. Commissioner Longmire inquired as to the lack of requirement for sidewalks outside of the parental responsibility zone in light of existing school bus routes. Mr. Brechko explained the status of the existing regulations concerning requirement for sidewalks construction. Dan Kelly of MPC Staff offered that the routes driven by school bus drivers are often inconsistent. There followed a lengthy and lively discussion of sidewalk construction, bonding, and easement construction bonding.

Mr. Kelly then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 18, and the lively discussion of sidewalk requirements resumed.

Mr. Kelly then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 14.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Items 26 and 29. Mr. Brusseau responded to questions regarding the calculation of density bonuses.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 39, after announcing that the matter will be automatically postponed based upon the request of the applicant.

There being no further business to come before the Agenda Review Meeting, it was duly adjourned, and the participants emerged from the shadows into the light of day.

This 10th day of March, 2015.

Recording Secretary