

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2011
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, for the Monthly Agenda Review meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Jack Sharp, Rebecca Longmire, Robert Anders, Chairman of MPC, Art Clancy, Laura Cole, Bart Carey, Brian Pierce, Nate Kelley, George Ewart, Rachel Craig and Michael Kane. Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director Mark Donaldson, and various staff members.

Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order and discussed the flexible work hour program employed by MPC and the advantages to both the staff and the community from the program.

Mr. Donaldson then reported on the activity of the City Council and the County Commission on land use matters since the last Agenda Review Meeting, and pointed out with particularity the action on the Hillside and Ridgetop Protection Plan.

Mr. Donaldson explained the staff recommendation on Item 7 of the May Agenda, which includes a parcel that was not realized to be part of the prior litigation regarding the Midway property, and explained the options available to the Commission with regard to the staff recommendation. At the request of Commissioner Craig, Mr. Donaldson explained the minor nomenclature differences between general commercial and rural commercial.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the staff recommendation for Item 26 of the May Agenda and explained the relatively unused OC Zone. There followed a discussion of the existing improvements to the property and staff responded to Commission inquiry as to the proposed or apparent use of the property.

Commissioner Anders left the meeting at this time.

Jamie Dobbs, President of the League of Women Voters, rose to introduce the Wears Valley Middle School 8th Grade art class and their instructor Susan Wedekin for a presentation on their inaugural curriculum on development, planning, zoning, new urbanism and land use. After comments by Ms. Wedekin, various class members presented their portions of the project to the Commissioners, and explained the techniques employed and the lessons learned.

Nathan Benditz of MPC Staff explained the staff recommendation for Agenda Item 36 outlining the remaining design issues. There followed a discussion among Commissioners on whether it would be appropriate to consider the application while outstanding design issues remain.

Commissioner Kane left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Benditz advised the Commissioners of the response of the applicant to the various issues regarding the proposed development plan, and Commissioners continued their discussion of the deficiencies.

Mr. Johnson of MPC Staff explained the staff recommendation for Item 37 and further explained the process for the approval of the Capital Improvements Program with the City.

Commissioner Craig inquired whether 100% of the landowners effected by Item 31 application had agreed to the elimination of sidewalks and was advised by staff that it appears that less 100% of such homeowners' approval had been secured.

Ms. Craig inquired whether anyone would speak at the public hearing regarding Item 28. Ann Bennett of MPC Staff that she was unaware whether there would be public participation, and further advised as to the posture of the property owner with regard to the application.

Ms. Craig then inquired whether the proposed cell tower in Item 35 was a lattice tower or a pole tower, and was advised by staff that the application anticipated a lattice tower.

There being no further discussion from the Planning Commission, the meeting was duly adjourned.

This 10th day of May, 2011.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary