

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2013
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 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, Chair of MPC, Janice Tocher, Len Johnson, Nate Kelly, Charles Lomax, Art Clancy, Michael Kane, Jeff Roth, Herb Anders, Laura Cole and Bart Carey.

Also in attendance were MPC Deputy Executive Director Buz Johnson, and various MPC staff members.

In the absence of Executive Director Mark Donaldson, who was out of state tending to his daughter's pending nuptials, MPC Deputy Executive Director Buz Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:05 o'clock p.m. Mr. Johnson reported on the land use activities of the City Council and the County Commission occurring since the last Agenda Review meeting.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Items 7 of the June Agenda, and responded to the Commissioners' inquiries regarding the Town of Farragut's Stop Work Order related to the application. The applicant, Bruce Matzel, rose to advise the Commissioners of the status of the road improvements, and prospects on the amount of time required to complete the road improvement. Mr. Matzel also responded to a scattering of Commissioners' questions.

Mr. Brechko then reported on the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 18. There followed a general discussion among Commissioners regarding the existing right of way abutting the surrounding properties, and the plan or lack of plan for improvements to Westland Drive. Dan Kelly of MPC Staff, and former President of the Clinton High School Glee Club, then explained the relationship between width of the right-of-way required under the Subdivision Regulations, and the Master Road Plan.

Mike Reynolds of MPC Staff then explained the history of the application for Agenda Item 37, along with the Staff recommendation. Arthur Seymour, attorney for the applicant, rose to explain the occupancy history of the two buildings at issue, and responded to Commissioners' questions regarding the short term and long term plans for the use by the Church of the space that is currently occupied by the buildings it has requested for demolition. Mr. Reynolds then responded Commissioners' questions regarding the design review process and the opportunity for further review by MPC of future development plans for the property.

Mr. Kelly thereupon regaled the Commissioners with a fascinating story about MPC's malfunctioning copier, and the heroic efforts to secure ink from mysterious, unidentified sources in Huntsville, Alabama.

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

This 11th day of June, 2013.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary