MINUTES Agenda Review Meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2010 City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on January 12, 2010, at Noon in the Small Conference Room of the City-County Building, for the monthly agenda review meeting. In attendance were Planning Commission Members Robert Anders, Chairman of MPC, Jack Sharp, Becky Longmire, Trey Benefield, Mose Lobetti, Art Clancy, Laura Cole, Nat Kelly, and George Ewart. Also in attendance were MPC staff Mark Donaldson, Executive Director of MPC, Buz Johnson, Dan Kelly, Michael Brusseau, Mike Carberry, Mike Reynolds and Tom Brechko.

- Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order.
- Mr. Donaldson advised of MPC Staff participation in securing a grant addressing childhood obesity and the role that the Planning Commission can play in combating that problem. Mr. Donaldson then presented a summary of land use activity in Knoxville and Knox County during the past calendar year, in comparison with previous year's activities.

Commissioners Ursula Bailey and Stan Johnson joined the meeting at this point.

- Mr. Carberry then presented the proposed Vestal Site Improvement Plan to the Planning Commission as is delineated as Item 8 in the January Agenda.
- Mr. Brusseau explained the Staff Report regarding Items 33 and Items 34 of the January Agenda.

Commissioner Michael Kane joined the meeting at this time.

- Mr. Brusseau explained the Staff Report and recommendation regarding Item 35 of the Agenda and there followed the discussion for opportunities for outside display in the various city zones.
- Mr. Brusseau explained the Staff Report for Item 37 of the January Agenda along with proposed conditions in the event the rezoning was approved, as well as the history of the approval of the plan amendment at the December 2009 meeting.
- Mr. Brusseau explained the Staff Report for Item 43 of the January Agenda. Tom Hale, representing First Century Bank announced his intention to request a postponement at Thursday meeting in order to allow an opportunity to examine further the implications of the proposed rezoning.
- Mr. Brechko then presented and explained the Staff Report for Items 48 and 49. There followed a discussion regarding the nature of home occupations and the breadth of the applicants request. Jim Bletner, a neighborhood resident, expressed several reasons for his opposition to the applications, and gamely offered to answer any other questions that anyone might have.

Mr. Reynolds then rose to explain the appeal process from a Certificate of Appropriateness issued by the Downtown Design Review Board, and explained the Staff Report and the history of Item 53. There followed a discussion of the history of the EMC ordinance and its applicability to downtown area.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

This 12th day of January, 2010.

Stephen R. Wise Recording Secretary