

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2011
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, for the Monthly Agenda Review meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners George Ewart, Jack Sharp, Rebecca Longmire, Robert Anders, Chairman of MPC, Brian Pierce, Mose Lobetti, Ursula Bailey, Michael Kane and Laura Cole. Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director Mark Donaldson, and various staff members.

Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order and 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 the adoption of the East County Sector Plan by the County Commission.

Commissioner Stan Johnson joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Donaldson then explained the status and schedule for the Regional Sustainability Study (PLANet), as well as other matters discussed at the MPC workshop held on June 30, 2011.

Buz Johnson of MPC Staff explained the staff recommendation for Item 5 of the July Agenda.

Commissioner Rachel Craig joined the meeting at this time.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the staff recommendation for Item 7 of the July Agenda, and there followed a discussion of the internal improvements by the University of Tennessee to the property, including the preservation of street ways and green ways, as well as the relocation of the existing rock garden.

Mr. Brusseau explained the staff recommendation for Item 29 in the Agenda and his understanding of the potential compromise being negotiated between the developer and adjoining land owners. Commissioner Kane inquired about whether a local church group had been included in the discussions with the developer. Mr. John King, representing an adjoining land owner, and Mr. Arthur Seymour, representing the developer, both rose to advise of the status of the efforts to include the church group in their discussions.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the staff recommendation for Item 36 in the Agenda and there followed the discussion among Commissioners of the existing development patterns in the surrounding neighborhood.

Mr. Johnson described in detail the staff recommendation for Item 42 along with the history of the Committee, its study and its recommendations. Commissioner Cole, who also served as a member of the Committee, advised her colleagues of the potential for the recommendations coming from the Committee.

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

This 12th day of July, 2011.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary