

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 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, Mac Goodwin, Scott Smith, Elizabeth Eason, Len Johnson, Bart Cary, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Art Clancy, III, Jeffrey Roth, Laura Cole, Mike Crowder, and Herb Anders. Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director, Gerald Green and various MPC Staff members.

Mr. Green called the meeting to order promptly at 12:01 o'clock p.m, and called upon MPC's Historical Planner, Kaye Graybeal, to explain the staff recommendation for Agenda Item 32, being the application for H-1 protection on the historic Cal Johnson Building.

Commissioner Janice Tocher joined the meeting at this time.

At the conclusion of Ms. Graybeal's comments, Bill Lyons, Deputy Mayor of the City of Knoxville, enjoying a box lunch while seated at the dais, explained the position of the City Administration regarding the application and responded to questions from Commissioners. In response to inquiry from Commissioners. Ms. Graybeal explained the differences between the H-1 Zone and the Downtown Review Board Guidelines.

Commissioner Michael Kane joined the meeting at this time.

There continued a general discussion of the protections afforded by the H-1 Zone. At the conclusion of that discussion Deputy Mayor Lyons excused himself from the meeting, noting his satisfaction with his Hippy Killer Wrap lunch selection.

Mr. Green then introduced Carol Evans, Executive Director of Legacy Parks Foundation, who provided an overview of the Foundation, utilizing an excellent Power Point presentation.

Commissioner Anders left the meeting at this time.

Ms. Evans responded to various questions from Commissioners, and a general colloquy followed regarding the valuable contributions the community by Legacy Parks Foundation.

Commissioner Anders returned to the meeting at this time.

Mr. Green then recognized the TPO Staff and Jeff Welch for the excellent audit results (no findings) from three separate departments of the Federal Government. Such

audits are required every four years.

Mr. Green then provided status reports to the Commissioners on the following:

- Midway Community Plan
- TPO Projects
- Bearden Mixed Use Plans
- Subdivision Ordinance Revisions (supplemented by Comments from MPC Staff Member, Tom Brechko)
- Southwest County Sector Plan and Northwest County Sector Plan and the meetings schedules.
- Great School Partnership Coordination
- Ordinance Revision and updates, including a proposed comprehensive update of the City Zoning Ordinance funded by the City.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the staff recommendation of Item 35 of the April Agenda.

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Ms. Graybeal then explained the staff recommendation for Agenda Item 58, the annual Historic Preservation Report, along with the purpose of the report, and the various recommendations arising therefrom.

Commission Eason left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the staff recommendation for Agenda Item 38. At the request of Commissioners, Arthur Seymour, counsel for the applicant for Agenda Item 38, rose to explain the applicant's intended use of the property being limited to overflow parking, and further explained there are no plans to expand the building.

Commissioner Kane inquired of staff if Office zoning has been used in the past for additional parking rather than converting to a C-4 Zone. He was advised that such practice has occurred.

Commissioner Tocher inquired as to the absence of a lighting limitation in the staff recommendation. Staff responded that the proposed buffering is anticipated to handle the lighting, along with requirements of the City Zoning Ordinance prohibiting lighting from spilling over into the neighborhoods.

There followed a general discussion among Commissioners, manifested as unintelligible mumbling, perhaps due to a remarkable Power Point map display of the property at issue in Agenda Item 38 on the jumbo-tron screen placed in their field of vision.

Mr. Brusseau then explained staff recommendation for Agenda Item 40.

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Chairman Longmire inquired as to Agenda Item 24 and, whether the Greenway required by the earlier rezoning was still in play. Dan Kelly of MPC staff responded with authority: "I do not know the answer to that". Discussion of that topic ended.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the staff recommendation for Agenda Items 6 and 7, both of which concerned road name changes.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was duly adjourned.

This 12th day of April, 2016.

Recording Secretary