

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2016
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building for the monthly Agenda Review meeting. In attendance were planning Commissioners Elizabeth Eason, Charles Thomas, Mac Goodwin, Laure Cole, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Jeff Roth, Patrick Phillips, Mike Crowder and Gayle Bustin. Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director, Gerald Green, and various MPC staff members.

Commission Longmire called the meeting to order promptly at 12:01 o'clock p.m. Thereupon Mr. Green introduced Brad Collette, Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee in the Plant Sciences Department and recent Fulbright Scholar, who presented an intriguing PowerPoint presentation regarding health and walkability.

Commissioner Art Clancy, III joined the meeting at this time.

Professor Collette continued with his PowerPoint presentation and upon conclusion responded to questions from the Commission.

Mr. Green then advised the Commission that the pending revisions to the Subdivision Regulations, the proposed Mix-Use Standards for the Bearden Area, the City Parking Ordinance revisions and a Rural Retreat Study will likely be on Commission's September Agenda if matters move according to schedule. He also advised that the selection committee for the consultant for revisions to the City Zoning Ordinance will convene Thursday to rank the various proposals received. He also advised that on August 25 there will be a meeting to discuss the proposed updates to the Parking Ordinance, and on August 17th there will be a meeting to discuss the proposed Mix-Use Standards at a venue yet to be determined.

Mr. Green then called upon MPC Staff Member Tom Brechko to explain the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 8. Inexplicably, Mr. Brechko commenced a lengthy rambling discourse regarding revisions to the Subdivision Regulations. Eventually, after winding down his thoughts about the Subdivision Regulations, Mr. Brechko at last explained the Staff recommendation for Item 8 on the Planning Commission's August Agenda.

Commissioner Longmire offered insight on the standards required to determine the existence of gravesites. Commissioner Goodwin offered that Ground Penetrating Radar is very accurate, but that ground scraping is also necessary in order to determine the presence or absence of gravesites, and that the probe method is not adequate to the task. Mark Jendrick, a local attorney of note, then rose to respond to questions from Commissioners.

Arthur Seymour, yet another local attorney of note and representative of the applicant on Agenda Item 8, rose to advise the Commissioners of the burden placed on landowners when human remains are discovered on their property.

Dan Kelly of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 9 and advised that it was his intention to place the matter on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Eason inquired about the final map contained in the packet material for Agenda Item 9 showing the proposed subdivision overlay on the slope map. Her inquiries were responded to by Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Green then advised the Commissioners of the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Planning Association, which is scheduled to be held in Knoxville on September 21 through 23. The enrollment fee will be paid for Commissioners choosing to attend. The required continuing education can be obtained at the conference.

Amy Brooks of MPC Staff then rose to explain the status of the agenda of the Conference and the plans to update the website so that the courses topics can be viewed in advance.

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

This 9th day of August, 2016.

Recording Secretary