

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

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, July 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 Scott Smith, Charles Thomas, Mac Goodwin, Len Johnson, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Jeff Roth, Herb Anders, Laure Cole, Pat Phillips, Mike Crowder, Gayle Bustin, Janice Tocher and Art Clancy, III. Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director, Gerald Green, and various MPC staff members.

Commission Longmire called the meeting to order promptly at 12:00 o'clock noon. Thereupon Mr. Green introduced Joy Grisson and Gerry Moll as members of the Native Plant Rescue Squad. Ms. Grisson and Mr. Moll then provided a Power Point presentation regarding their non-profit educational organization, Native Plant Rescue Squad, dedicated to the conservation and restoration of the rich diversity of the native flora in East Tennessee by which they work with builders, developers and land owners, to rescue native plants that would otherwise be destroyed during building and development and make the rescued plants available for residential and commercial landscaping, with the goal of increasing the overall ecological health of our region. Commissioner Charles Lomax, Jr., joined the meeting at this time. Ms. Grisson and Mr. Moll continued with their comments, and responded to various Commissioner's questions.

Mr. Green then provided the Executive Director's report, including the following:

1. He sadly announced the tragic passing of Ruthie Carey, spouse of MPC's immediate-past Vice Chair Bart Carey, advising that memorial services will be conducted on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church.
2. An ice Cream Social is scheduled at the Carter Senior Center later this month to address the proposed East County Sector Plan revisions.
3. With regard to the City's Zoning Ordinance Update, a RFP was issued by the City last month, with proposals being due by the end of July.
4. Mixed Use Standards initially designed for the Bearden area will be subject to discussion at an open house to be held on July 28, at Panera Bread in Bearden.
5. There will be community input sessions both today at 6:00 p.m. and tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. on the proposed Subdivision Regulation revisions.
6. Ian Lockwood is scheduled to make a presentation on July 27th and 28th on road design. Additional information will be provided to the Commissioners.

7. Mr. Green solicited suggestions from the Commissioners for future presentations at the beginning of Agenda Review meetings.

Mr. Green then advised that the City Parking Ordinance Update which is Agenda Item 5 on the July Agenda has been recommended for postponement in order to allow for additional comments from the City officials.

Liz Albertson of MPC Staff then rose to advise there will be no changes to the Staff Recommendation regarding the North East County Sector Plan from last month's recommendation.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 10.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 27. There followed a general discussion about the parameters of conditional zoning and the applicability of the proposed use within the Office Zone.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 28.

Mike Reynolds of MPC Staff then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 29, after having distributed a revised Staff Report to everyone except the Recording Secretary....go figure.

After a lengthy delay and awkward silence, Mr. Reynolds finally began explaining the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 31. Prior to this discussion, however, Commissioner Smith recused himself from the meeting. At the conclusion of Mr. Reynold's remarks there followed a discussion for the need of improvements to Millstone Road and the expected requirements from the County. At the conclusion to the discussion, Commissioner Smith returned to the meeting.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 32. John King, lawyer for the applicant, rose to explain the anticipated traffic impact from the proposed application.

Mr. Brusseau then advised the Commissioners to anticipate neighborhood opposition to Agenda Item 33, which is being recommended for approval.

Mr. Brusseau then explained Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 34.

Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 37. Commissioner Roth left the meeting at this time. The explanation from Mr. Reynolds continued. Commissioner Anders left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 38. There followed a general discussion of the property surrounding the parcel at issue.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 40. Commissioner Smith left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 41.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 44 and responded to questions regarding the existing side walk Plan.

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

This 12th day of July, 2016.

Recording Secretary