

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2017
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building for the monthly Agenda Review meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Scott Smith, Elizabeth Eason, Mac Goodwin, Charles Thomas, Laura Cole, Reverend Charles Lomax, Jr., Janice Tocher, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Chris Ooten, Patrick Phillips, Herb Anders, Jeff Roth, Mike Crowder, and Gayle Bustin.

Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director, Gerald Green, and various MPC staff members.

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at approximately 11:35 o'clock a.m. and introduced Sergeant Sammy Shaffer, of the City of Knoxville Police Department for a presentation regarding "active shooters". After defining active shooters, Sergeant Shaffer encouraged the need for communication and keeping people informed. Sergeant Shaffer also commended three (3) simple words in all active shooter circumstances: "run, hide and fight", to be employed in that order, emphasizing that if left to fight, there are no rules. Sergeant Shaffer responded to questions regarding the current methods in place for alerting the public.

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

1. The Mobility Plan is in final stages incorporating transportation priorities for the TPO region.
2. The Zoning Ordinance Update is well underway. The consultants are working on a technical report to be delivered in mid-May in anticipation of the first public meeting to be conducted on May 16, 2017.
3. The Walkability Speaker series continues with a session presented by Smart Growth America on May 9 and 10 and a session regarding the Atlanta Belt Line on June 6 and 7.
4. The Commissioners have been polled regarding a Commissioners' Retreat seeking available dates.
5. The Oakwood/Lincoln Park Neighborhood study by Staff is continuing with emphasis on securing neighborhood support for any resulting plans.
6. The Parkridge District Expansion continues to move forward with the emphasis on providing accurate information to the public.

7. Donna Hill of MPC Staff has been recognized for 25 years of loyal service to MPC. In addition, Staff members Kaye Graybeal and Dori Caron celebrated their 5 year anniversaries with the agency.

8. MPC has established an employee Appreciation program with initial recognition going to Christi Wampler and to Tarren Barrett.

9. Jeff Welch continues to provide legislative updates, with the resultant inherent worrisomeness.

10. New initiatives being undertaken by the Staff include:

(a) Rural Preservation Zone District;

(b) Conservation Subdivision Ordinances with incentives;

(c) Self Service Storage regulations;

(d) Addressing open space in sensitive areas in a more comprehensive approach with incentives; and

(e) Processes and procedures employed by MPC.

At the conclusion of the Report, Mr. Green responded to inquiries from Commissioners about the reason behind the proposed inclusion of the Self-Storage in Office Zones. A general discussion followed.

MPC Staff Member, Mike Reynolds then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 9 on MPC's April Agenda, and responded to questions.

Mike Brusseau of MPC Staff then invited and responded to questions from Commission regarding the proposed ordinances on the Self Storage facility. Dan Kelly of MPC also addressed the provisions of Self Storage facility, including specifically the reasoning for locating such facilities in the Office Zone. Additional questions and general discussions ensued.

Mr. Green then responded to questions on the latest revisions to the proposed City Parking Ordinance advising that the Commissioners are now looking at the 33rd iteration of that Ordinance.

Mr. Kelly then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 14.

Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 16 and responded to inquiries about road access from Pleasant Ridge Road.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the request for a postponement for Agenda Item 20.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 52.

Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 62.

Mr. Kelly then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 66 and responded to questions regarding the driveway width.

Commissioner Tocher then advised Commissioners that there will be a meeting of Lindbergh Forest Homeowner's Association on April 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the implications of Agenda Item 51 which is scheduled for postponement. Arthur Seymour, representing the applicant for Agenda Item 51, then rose to explain the tax credits for housing that will be applied to the project and the implications of those tax credits on the rent pricing. There followed a general discussion of the Federal Tax Credit Program.

Commissioner Longmire inquired with regard to Agenda Item 17 about the dimensions of the parental responsibility zone and the likelihood those dimensions will be altered. Dan Kelly responded to those inquiries.

Thereupon, Dan Kelly rose to explain his proposed amendments to the MPC Administrative Rules, emphasizing specifically revisions to posting of signs. Commissioner Lomax left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Kelly continued with his discussion of the proposed amendments to the Administrative Rules. Commissioner Cole left the meeting at this time.

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Mr. Kelly continued with his discussion of the proposed amendments to the Administrative Rules. Commissioner Eason left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Kelly continued with his discussion of the proposed amendments to the Administrative Rules until exhaustion.

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

This 11th day of April, 2017

Recording Secretary