

**MINUTES**  
**Agenda Review Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**  
**City – County Building**

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building for the monthly Agenda Review meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Herb Anders, Scott Smith, Elizabeth Eason, Charles Thomas, Mac Goodwin, Laura Cole, Janice Tocher, Vice Chair of MPC, Art Clancy, III, Jeffrey Roth, Gayle Bustin, Patrick Phillips and Mike Crowder. Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director, Gerald Green, and various MPC staff members.

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at approximately 12:01 o'clock p.m. and introduced Dr. Kelsey Ellis from the Department of Geology at the University of Tennessee for a brief presentation on climate change. Noting that the Power Point apparatus was not fully warmed up and ready for use, and not wanting to waste time, Mr. Green elegantly pivoted from the meeting agenda and began delivery of the Executive Director's Report, noting the following:

1. Beginning in April, the Agenda Review Meetings will be moved to 11:30 o'clock a.m. to facilitate the Commissioners' calendars. It had previously been anticipated that the revised time would take effect in March, but due to conflict in scheduling the Small Conference Room the commencement date has been postponed until April.
2. Consultants for the revisions to the City's Zoning Ordinance have been in town and have begun their work. They were surprised by the amount of pavement found in the City.
3. The Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the City Zoning Ordinance review has been composed and endorsed by the City Administration.

At this point, it was determined that the transistors and tubes of the Power Point machine were adequately warmed. Therefore, Mr. Green, in another elegant pivot, interrupted his Executive Director's Report in deference to Dr. Ellis and her rightful place in the meeting agenda.

Dr. Ellis then rose and delivered an outstanding and timely Power Point presentation regarding climate change and manners by which it will be manifested in Knox County. The three (3) primary points emphasized by Dr. Ellis were: (i) climate change will not have a uniform effect in in all locales or regions; (ii) there are a multitude of accompanying economic and social issues related to climate change; and (iii) the relationship between sea and air resulting from climate change is a complicated matter. The assertion of the President of the United States that climate change is a hoax was not addressed. At the conclusion of her remarks and Power Point presentation, Dr. Ellis responded to questions from the Commissioners, primarily focused tornadoes and mini-bursts.

Upon the conclusion of that question and answer session, Mr. Green resumed the Executive Director's Report with the following:

4. Staff will be exploring the potential expansion of the Park Ridge local historic district, with a public meeting scheduled for February 17, 2017.

5. The East Knoxville Development Plan moves forward with a presentation of the final plan to be made on February 23, 2017.

6. Funding has been made available by the City to expedite a review of the Oakwood Lincoln Park neighborhood. MPC Staff is reaching out to identify appropriate Stakeholders.

7. The Executive Committee has broached the idea of a Commissioners' retreat. Staff will be soliciting input from the Commissioners regarding their availability and their interests, as well as the amount of time they can dedicate to such a retreat.

8. The MPC Staff is currently working on: (i) revisions to MPC Procedures employed at the public meetings, (ii) revisions to the Administrative Rules, (iii) revising MPC's Staff interaction with the public, particularly at the front desk; and (iv) the potential for an online application process.

Mike Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 7 and responded to questions.

Mr. Green then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 9 and the need for postponement.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 40.

In the place and stead of the absent Dan Kelly, Mr. Brechko then explained at great length the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 46, noting that the Applicant may seek a postponement in light of the recommendation for denial. Mr. Green and Mr. Brechko responded to questions regarding the existence of duplexes in the neighborhood as it is currently configured.

Mr. Green then advised Commissioners of a proposed budget amendment and proposed revisions to MPC's Financial Policies which are scheduled as consent items on Tuesday's Agenda.

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

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

Recording Secretary