

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building for the monthly Agenda Review meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Mac Goodwin, Elizabeth Eason, Charles Thomas, Chris Ooten, Scott Smith, Laura Cole, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Art Clancy, III, Herb Anders, Patrick Phillips, Mike Crowder, Janice Tocher, and Charles Lomax, Jr.

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

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05 o'clock p.m. and called upon MPC's attorney, Steve Wise, to compare and contrast Robert's Rules of Order with procedures and orders employed MPC in the conduct of its public meetings and business. Upon conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Wise responded to the questions from Commissioners but judiciously avoided responding to the muffled utterance of MPC Staff Member, Dan Kelly, that the presentation represented 20 minutes of his life that he would not get back.

Mr. Green then introduced Peter Aherns, Director of Plan Review for the City of Knoxville, who rose to explain the proposed revisions to the South Knoxville Waterfront District Ordinance. At the conclusions of Mr. Aherns remarks he responded to a question from Commissioner Smith regarding Storm Water Standards in the District, and to a question from Commissioner Tocher regarding the vetting of the proposed revisions by various South Knoxville groups.

MPC Chair, Rebecca Longmire, then reminded the Commissioners of the need to file investment disclosures with the State of Tennessee in order to be compliant with State law.

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

1. MPC Staff is meeting with various county groups to study Small Cell Telecommunication Facilities looking toward the creation of standards for those facilities. In conjunction with those remarks, Mr. Green also advised the MPC Staff is in the process of updating the cell tower ordinance.
2. Staff is currently surveying the public regarding the Sector Plan process via email inquiry and by personal interviews.
3. The western portion of Magnolia Avenue is being considered for an Innovation Corridor, and Staff is seeking grant funds to facilitate that project.

4. The kickoff for revamping of the City's Zoning Ordinances is planned for next month. Stakeholder committees and Staff committees are being formed.

5. Meetings regarding the East Knox County Community Plan continue with comments focusing on the need to maintain agriculture and open space. As a result, Staff is currently examining the Agriculture District in the Knox County Zoning Ordinance for potential revisions appropriate to help preserve open space.

6. Hardin Valley residents have requested a meeting regarding the Community Plan with both Planning Commission Staff and other county officials. A meeting is currently scheduled for January 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Hardin Valley Elementary School.

7. Town Hall East met earlier in the week regarding opportunities to reinvigorate various neighborhoods in East Knoxville in East Knox County, with a goal of preserving the existing building inventory and the unique architectural qualities. Commissioner Goodwin also spoke on the matter advising that the Burlington neighborhood is getting the most attention from Town Hall East.

8. As a result of contact from City Engineering, a review of the Northeast City Sector Plan may be elevated within MPC's Work Plan. To facilitate elevating that priority, MPC will be looking for opportunities for funding through TPO.

Commissioner Eason left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Green then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 5, being the City Parking Ordinance, pointing out the latest revisions.

Mr. Kelly then reported on study efforts for a NC-1 or a H-1 Overlay Zone in the Oakwood Lincoln Park neighborhood. Thereafter, Mr. Kelly explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 16. Prior to the conclusion of Mr. Kelly's remarks, Commissioner Ooten left the meeting.

Commissioner Kelly then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 16 and responded to questions from Commissioners.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 47. Commissioner Lomax left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 53. Mr. Kelly piped in that the Bearden Neighborhood Association is trying to meet with the Applicant/Developer in an effort to persuade the Developer to comport the development with the Bearden Mix Use Plan.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 54. At the conclusion of those remarks, Arthur Seymour, a local lawyer of renown, rose to advise of the position of a neighbor, Cherokee Country Club, with regard to the proposed rezoning.

Commissioner Phillips left the meeting at this time. Thereupon followed a general discussion about the ability to impose conditions upon the use of the property as part of rezoning.

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

This 10th day of January, 2017.

Recording Secretary