

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

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 11:45 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 Charles Thomas, Elizabeth Eason, Mac Goodwin, Scott Smith, Chris Ooten, Laura Cole, Jeff Roth, Herb Anders, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Art Clancy, III, Gayle Bustin, Patrick Phillips, Mike Crowder, Charles Lomax, Jr., and Janice Tocher.

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

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 11:55 o'clock a.m. and introduced Christy Altman, Executive Director of the Knoxville Track Club, to provide an update on Knox County's Health Improvement Plan. During the course of Ms. Altman's comments, Ellen Zavisca of MPC Staff rose to respond to Commissioner Clancy, III's inquiry about the proposed Sidewalk ordinance. Mr. Green spoke about the status of funding from the constituent governments for Knox County's Health Improvement Plan and Ms. Altman provided information regarding efforts to obtain grant funding for the programs.

At the conclusion of Ms. Altman's remarks, Mr. Green provided the Executive Director's Report for the month, including the following:

- Several opportunities for Commissioners' continuing education were identified.
- The initial draft of the East County Community Plan has been completed and is available for final comment.
- The Knoxville Neighborhood Conference is scheduled for later this week at the Convention Center.
- The Zoning Ordinance revamp is underway, and the consultants have been busy as beavers.
- The Sector Plan Process Review is progressing nicely and Commissioners will be contacted in the following days for their input.
- The Oakwood/ Lincoln Park neighborhood zoning study group will be seeking comments from neighborhood residents to determine the level of interest.
- Kaye Graybeal of MPC Staff will be reporting to City Council next week on the state of the Edgewood/ Park City neighborhood overlay study.

- MPC's Budget is now being developed which will be seeking a significant increase in funding for Commissioners' continuing education.
- The Commissioners were polled regarding their time preferences for a planned retreat.

Mr. Green then introduced Stephanie Carter, Vice President of Operations for Helen Ross McNabb, to address the Use on Review application found as Agenda Item 58 in the March MPC Agenda. Ms. Carter advised that the applicant was pleased with the Staff recommendation and invited questions from Commissioners. Thereupon followed a healthy and lengthy discussion of issues generated by Agenda Item 58, which were addressed by Ms. Carter, as well as by Kelly Headden, Project Architect, and by Candace Allen, Senior Director for Outpatient Mental Services with Helen Ross McNabb. In addition, Arthur Seymour, a local attorney representing the applicant, stood closely behind the podium, periodically leaning in and whispering to persons addressing the Commissioners. Late into discussion, Mr. Seymour approached the podium directly and spoke of the approval process for the neighboring Center Point facility, which occurred more than a decade ago.

Mr. Green then reminded Commissioners that beginning in April, the Monthly Agenda Review Meeting will commence at 11:30 o'clock a.m.

Mike Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 12, being the City's One Year Plan. He responded to questions about the notices that will be provided to property owners in anticipation of any proposed rezonings.

At this point, completely unprovoked, Dan Kelly, Deputy Director and Development Service Manager of MPC, rose to offer a "history lesson" regarding the One Year Plan. Perhaps in response to Mr. Kelly's overture, Commissioner Anders rose and immediately left the meeting, not to return.

Undeterred, Mr. Kelly pushed forward with his history lesson during the course of which MPC Staff member Tom Brechko, a notorious fan of and practitioner of prolix disquisition, also left the room briefly. Finally, Mr. Kelly finished his comments and sat down.

Mr. Brechko, freshly returned to the meeting, then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 16.

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

Mr. Reynolds explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 44.

At the conclusion of the formal Agenda, Staff responded to inquiries from Commissioner Tocher regarding the meal plan requirement in Agenda Item 50 and a definition of commercial center as set forth in Agenda Item 60.

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

This 7th day of March, 2017.

Recording Secretary