

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, May 9, 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 Charles Thomas, Mac Goodwin, Elizabeth Eason, Scott Smith, Rev. Charles Lomax, Jr., Janice Tocher, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Patrick Phillips, Mike Crowder, and Art Clancy, III.

Also in attendance were MPC Deputy Executive Director, Dan Kelly, and various MPC staff members.

Ms. Longmire called the meeting to order promptly at 11:35 o'clock p.m. and called upon Deputy Director Dan Kelly, who introduced Jennifer Roach, the Government Relations Director with Knoxville Area Association of Realtors. Ms. Roach rose and provided a presentation to the Commissioners concerning the Knoxville Area Association of Realtors' survey of its membership on walkability and sidewalks, and the implication of those assets upon sales of residential real estate. After the conclusion of Ms. Roach's remarks, there followed a general discussion of walkability and sidewalks.

Deputy Director Kelly then introduced Crista Cuccaro with the City Law Department to address Agenda Item 10, the proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance for the City. Ms. Cuccaro rose and introduced Jesse Mayshark, Information Officer for the City of Knoxville, who provided a pithy Power Point presentation on Short Term Rentals, explaining the basic business model of AIRBNB, and the policies that the proposed ordinance attempts to engage. Mr. Mayshark also explained pending legislation at the state level which could limit the authority of local governments to impose regulations.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Mayshark's remarks Ms. Cuccaro again rose to advise Commissioners about public input obtained prior to drafting the proposed ordinance, and described specific terms of the ordinance. Ms. Cuccaro responded to questions from the Commissioners. Deputy Director Kelly explained the review and approval process for the adoption of ordinances.

Deputy Kelly then provided the Executive Director's report, including the following:

1. Budget requests by MPC have been submitted both to the City and County governments. It appears that the County will fully fund the MPC request, and that the City will approve MPC's basic funding request but has not made commitment regarding ancillary expenses.

2. The Walkability Ordinance is scheduled for postponement in anticipation of a June 15 meeting at 7:00 o'clock a.m. at Panera in Bearden for public input.

3. The City Health Department's continuing symposia on Walkability will resume with two (2) meetings scheduled for Wednesday of this week, to which the Commissioners are cordially invited.

4. The City's Zoning Ordinance review and update process will have its initial public meeting on May 18, 2017 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at Central United Methodist Church. The consultants will be present to address questions from the public. The process been branded as "Recode Knoxville".

Deputy Dan then provided the Deputy Executive Director's report which consisted of the following:

Deputy Dan's daughter is expected to deliver his newest grandchild at any moment.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained at great length the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 14.

Deputy Dan then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 20 advising that the matter is being recommended for public postponement.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 38. Commissioner Lomax left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 39 advising that the Commission might anticipate a revised recommendation, depending on the results of a meeting between the applicant and the Staff scheduled for Wednesday. Mr. Brusseau also responded to questions regarding the application. A general discussion followed.

Deputy Dan then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 58, the City's Capital Improvement Plan, including the need for action by MPC on that agenda item.

Deputy Dan briefly discussed the status of Agenda Item 54.

Mr. Brechko advised Commissioners that Agenda Item 18 is anticipated for postponement.

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

This 9th day of May, 2017.

Recording Secretary