

**MINUTES**  
**Agenda Review Meeting**  
**Monday, November 6, 2017**  
**City – County Building**

Breaking from the long standing tradition of convening at 11:30 o'clock a.m. on the Tuesday immediately prior to the second Thursday of each calendar month for the Agenda Review meeting, the Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Monday, November 6, 2017, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. Eastern Standard Time, in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building for the monthly Agenda Review meeting. The revised meeting date was made to accommodate the needs of the Knox County Election Commission, occasioned by the regularly scheduled City election. In attendance at the rescheduled Agenda Review meeting were Planning Commissioners Herb Anders, Mike Crowder, Patrick Phillips, Gayle Bustin, Art Clancy, III, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Janice Tocher, Laura Cole, Scott Smith, Charles Thomas, Mac Goodwin, Elizabeth Eason, and Chris Ooten.

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

Mr. Green called the meeting to order promptly at 11:39 o'clock a.m. and announced a break from the less aged but equally favored tradition of beginning Agenda Review meetings with a dazzling Power-Point presentation as accompaniment to an outside speaker. This tradition break was particularly disappointing to several in attendance, based upon the announcement by MPC's Deputy Executive Director Dan Kelly at the October Agenda Review meeting that a dazzling Power-Point presentation for the November Agenda Review meeting would contain hints of pumpkin spice, in keeping with the autumnal season.

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

- MPC's next training/social gathering has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, at 4:30 o'clock Eastern Standard Time in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building in Knoxville, Tennessee, unless a better venue can be secured at an acceptable price point. The topic for discussion will be autonomous vehicles.

- The speakers series sponsored by Active Knox continues this month on November 14 and November 15 with a series of lectures, discussions and perhaps a dazzling Power-Point presentation featuring Greenville's Jeff Randolph, who will offer his insights on successful mixed used development.

- Staff will release a letter of Intent this month in pursuit of outside consultants for implementation of the Chapman Highway redevelopment. These letters will be followed by an appropriate RFP in early 2018.

- An RFP soliciting consultants to maximize community engagement in the Recode Knoxville project has been issued.

- Bicycle and pedestrian crash data has recently been made available on MPC's outstanding website, [www.knoxmpc.org](http://www.knoxmpc.org).

- Architects have been retained to assist with the renovation of office space on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the City County Building, including specifically the MPC offices.

- The East Tennessee Regional Leadership Council and others are planning a citizen planning workshop to be held on two (2) Saturday's in February, 2018. The goal of such workshops is to educate the public about planning, zoning and land use issues.

At the conclusion of Mr. Green's report, Commissioner Longmire took a moment to recognize and thank MPC staff member Ellen Zavisca for her work in compiling and creating the crash data link on MPC's outstanding webpage, [www.knoxmpc.org](http://www.knoxmpc.org).

Commissioner Crowder then announced that an unfortunate incident in his experience constituted one of the dots in the crash data report available on MPC's outstanding website, [www.knoxmpc.org](http://www.knoxmpc.org). There followed a general muttering, the basic substance of which was that the bicycling can be a risky undertaking.

Mr. Green then advised that Staff is proposing that implementation of that portion of the new Subdivision Regulations adopted at the October meeting regarding sidewalk requirements be delayed for twelve (12) months, to allow for the completion of various initiatives to flesh out how the requirements will be effectuated. Mr. Green noted that County Engineering and Public Works is currently working on a Sidewalk Plan which is designed to identify the areas most in need of sidewalk improvements. Similarly, the City is working on a separate Sidewalk Ordinance, to which the Subdivision Regulations should comport after adoption. Staff will explore opportunities for the reduction of sidewalk pavement width, and will work on establishing appropriate criteria for analyzing requests for waivers from sidewalk requirements. The additional time before implementation will allow these initiatives, and others to reach a conclusion.

Commissioner Longmire advised her colleagues that she is sympathetic to the need for the additional work in order for the sidewalk provisions to work effectively and that she will support the one year implementation delay.

The matter will be set on the Commissioners' Agenda for vote after the required public's notice.

There followed a general colloquy among Commissioners and Staff about the issues surrounding the installation of sidewalks in advance of home construction.

Michael Brusseau of MPC staff then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 5 and advised that Staff is looking at revising the fee schedule for rezoning to the newly proposed zone. Mr. Brusseau responded to Commissioners' questions.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 6.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 11.

Mike Reynolds of MPC Staff then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 13.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 22 and responded to questions.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda item 29, which was followed by a general discussion regarding the impact of current traffic conditions at the property site and the impact of the proposed extension of Cherehala Boulevard to Coward Mill Road.

Continuing, Mr. Brusseau explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 30.

Continuing still, Mr. Brusseau explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 31.

Mr. Brusseau, tirelessly continuing, explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 33, which was followed by a general discussion about the impact of the Growth Policy Plan.

Mr. Brusseau, after brief confusion whether the appropriate topic was Agenda Item 34, provided the Staff Recommendation for Item 37, which was followed by comments regarding the odd shape of the parcel at issue.

Proving once and for all that he was earning his keep, at least for the day, Mr. Brusseau was then called upon to explain the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 38.

In a welcome relief from the endless droning of Mr. Brusseau, Mr. Reynolds then explained in much detail that Agenda Item 41 is being recommended for postponement.

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

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

Recording Secretary