

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. in the Small Conference Room of the City-County Building for the monthly agenda review meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Mac Goodwin, Charles Thomas, Laura Cole, Jeffery Roth, Gayle Bustin, Patrick Phillips, Michael Crowder, Chris Ooten, Elizabeth Eason, Janice Tocher, Vice Chairman of MPC, Herb Anders, and Charles Lomax.

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

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 11:45 o'clock a.m. and provided the monthly Executive Director's Report, which included the following:

1. Mike Reynolds of MPC Staff along with Mr. Green and several planning commissioners participated in a ULI sponsored tour of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Green provided a summary of his impressions of the tour and of the City of Cincinnati. At the conclusion of his remarks various Commissioners who participated in the tour weighed in on their impressions of the City. A general discussion followed. Mr. Green announced that ULI may have another tour planned for late spring and will keep Commissioners advised.
2. Craig Luebke was introduced as the newest MPC staff member who will be serving as the TIP Project Manager.
3. Staff is working with City Engineering on traffic counts on Chapman Highway for use in the Chapman Highway Improvement Implementation Plan.
4. John Sevier Scenic Highway Corridor Study meetings continue focusing on review of the recommendation of the Stakeholder Committee.
5. The Hardin Valley Mobility study is getting underway and a new community group is being formed.
6. The first draft of the proposed new zoning ordinance for the City is now available, and can be found at RECODEKNOXVILLE.COM, and at all branches of the Knox County Library. Community input is critical. It is expected that a second draft will be produced in late June or early July, incorporating public input. Meetings continue to be organized with workshops scheduled for May 16-19. May 21 is the deadline for comments on the first draft. Mr. Green also discussed the process and scheduling of the comments in response to Commissioner inquiries.

7. Mr. Green encouraged all to continue to be supportive of Betty Jo Mahan during this difficult time for her and her family. Her absence reveals how important she is to the efficient operation of MPC.

8. The Active Knoxville Walkability series continues with a presentation by Janna LaNutt of AARP on April 25 at the Knoxville Chamber Partnership.

9. MPC is engaging in efforts to modernize its branding.

Mr. Green then introduced Laura Fleming, Vice President of Human Resources at the Trust Company for a brief presentation on the Community Health Council which published its initial report approximately three (3) years ago. Ms. Fleming rose and thanked the Commission for their support and gave a brief update of the Community Health Improvement Plan. No Power-Point presentation was offered, and as a result her comments were in fact brief, which is normally not the case when remarks are accompanied by a Power-Point presentation. At the conclusion of those brief remarks, Ms. Fleming responded to Commissioner's questions and remarks.

Dan Kelly of MPC Staff then explained the Staff Recommendation for Item 72 on MPC's April Agenda. He advised of the status of notice letters to persons whose applications have been placed on the table, and the schedule for resolution for those tabled matters. Mr. Kelly also explained the proposed amendment to the Administrative Rules and responded to questions.

Mr. Green then explained the reason for the Staff Recommendation for postponement for Agenda Item 74.

Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda 9.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then provided a brief explanation of the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 10. There followed a discussion regarding incorporating open space/green space into development projects. Thereupon Mr. Brechko advised that Agenda Item 24 will likely be upon the Consent Agenda and responded to questions from the Commissioners regarding the impact on joint permanent easements from potential future resubdivision requests.

Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 60, which was recognized as the winner of the monthly contest for the application for the largest number of recommended conditions.

There followed a brief discussion regarding the inconsistency of the two video monitors.

Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 68 and responded to questions. Commissioner Lomax left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Green then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 36.

Commissioner Lomax returned to the meeting, and an excellent discussion of Agenda Item 36 continued.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 39. Commissioner Ooten left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Brusseau explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 47.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 52, being the third consecutive spot rezoning request discussed.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 57 which was followed by a discussion regarding the inclusion of residential development in mixed use areas.

Commissioner Thomas then inquired as to the need for C-6 in Agenda Item 41. Mr. Brusseau responded as to why the C-3 Zone would not be adequate for the applicant's needs.

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

This 10th day of April, 2018.

Recording Secretary