

**MINUTES**  
**Agenda Review Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 7, 2018**  
**City – County Building**

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, August 7, 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, Tamara Boyer, Mac Goodwin, Elizabeth Eason, Charles Thomas, Richard Graf, Chris Ooten, Mike Crowder, Patrick Phillips, Lou Browning, Gayle Bustin, Jeffrey Roth, Rev. Dr. Charles Lomax, Jr., Scott Smith, and Art Clancy, III.

Also in attendance were MPC's Executive Director, Gerald Green, and various MPC Staff members

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 11:44 o'clock a.m. and delivered the monthly Executive Director's Report which included the following:

1. Progress with Recode Knoxville continues. The second draft of the ordinance is now available on the Recode Knoxville website along with the first draft of the proposed zoning map. Commissioners are asked for comments on both documents. There are a series of community meetings scheduled, including one on Thursday evening at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at the Burlington Library. Another on Monday September 10, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at the South Knoxville Community Center, and again on September 16, at CAC East Neighborhood center, as well as others.

2. The Chapman Highway Improvement Plan continues with two Steering Committee meetings scheduled to be held with MPC Staff, along with a Stakeholder meeting.

3. The Hardin Valley Mobility Plan continues with the hiring of a consultant and the engagement of TDOT and the Knox County Engineering Department and various neighborhood groups.

4. The John Sevier Scenic Highway Study continues with a September 9 Community Meeting at South Knoxville Market.

5. The Staff is considering the possibility of extending the period for review on large projects from one month to two months in order to allow for greater dialogue from the public. With the decision being made in the near future, input from the Commissioners is invited.

6. Renovations of MPC offices continues with the painting of bright colors. The first phase of the move in is anticipated for early October. Renovations will result in a dramatic change in space, a reduction of operating costs, greater security, and greater collaboration between MPC Staff.

7. Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Overlay Study Group continues with the scheduling of the public meetings for consideration of the implications of a neighborhood conservation overlay.

Commissioner Janice Tocher joined the meeting at this time.

8. The Voluntary Right-Sizing of MPC Staff has concluded resulting in five incumbent MPC employees retiring on September 14. An additional employee has resigned to take a new position. The retirement of these six employees will result in a 17% reduction in MPC Staff, which causes the Executive Director both sleepless nights and the consideration of future opportunities. The Executive Director highlighted the lengthy career of Deputy Executive Director Dan Kelly (more than forty years) and the dramatic change that will result from the loss of that type of experience.

Mr. Green then introduced Cindy Pionke of the Knox County Department of Public Works and Engineering who provided a presentation entitled "Roads Scholar" about the role of the Department of Engineering in the planning process. The program was admittedly bastardized from an early presentation to the Citizen's Planning Academy. Accompanied by a pedestrian Power Point presentation Ms. Pionke discussed first basic facts about Knox County, followed by the role of County Engineering staff in the Development Review Process and in construction monitoring. Ms. Pionke explained the role and the process of Traffic Impact Studies and the review of those studies. In the midst of this discussion Ms. Pionke responded to questions. Ms. Pionke also explained the Plans Review process, issues related to road widening, and the review criteria for sidewalks. During the course of Ms. Pionke's comments, Commissioners Ooten and Lomax left the meeting and returned. At the conclusion of Ms. Pionke's remarks she responded to bunches and bunches of questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Goodwin left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Green then explained the Staff recommendation for Item 15 on the August Agenda including justification for the recommendation for postponement. A general discussion ensued.

Commissioner Goodwin returned to the meeting at this time.

Mike Reynolds of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 11.

Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 17 during which time Commissioner Thomas left the meeting and returned. Mr. Reynolds also responded to questions regarding Agenda Item 17.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 37 commencing with the bold promise of "I'll just be very brief on this." Yeah, sure. Although the Staff recommendation was simply for a postponement without any opposition from the applicant or anybody else for that matter, the "very brief" explanation predictably

took a considerable amount of time.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 26 and a lively discussion ensued.

Mr. Brusseau explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 27 and a less lively discussion ensued.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 30.

Mr. Green then explained the history of the global development associated with Agenda Item 32 and the basis for the Staff recommendation. Mr. Brusseau expounded on the explanation, and a healthy discussion ensued.

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

This 7th day of August, 2018.

Recording Secretary