

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, June 12, 2018
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, June 12, 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, Scott Smith, Mac Goodwin, Elizabeth Eason, Charles Thomas, Mike Crowder, Pat Philips, Gayle Bustin, Jeffrey Roth, Art Clancy, III, Janice Tocher, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Reverend Dr. Charles Lomax, Jr., and Chris Ooten.

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 welcomed to the meeting various members of the Zoning Ordinance Public Stakeholders Advisory Committee.

Mr. Green then provided the monthly Executive Director's Report, which included the following:

1. The City Zoning Code update continues with seven (7) community meetings having occurred in the last several days. The Urban League is getting involved in the process with efforts to increase public participation, including door to door contact.
2. The Hardin Valley Community meetings likewise continue, involving members of the neighborhood, developers, Knox County Engineering and Knox County Parks and Recreation.
3. The Chapman Highway Implantation Plan continues, with stakeholder meetings being scheduled for next week.
4. The Hardin Valley Mobility Plan is anticipated next month. Commissioners may expect a request from the County Commission for a small area study for the Hardin Valley Community.
5. The John Sevier Scenic Highway Plan process is approaching the final stages, with additional community meetings being conducted.
6. The terms of Commissioners Anders, Longmire and Cole are expiring. MPC has been advised that Richard Graf, Tamara Boyer and Lou Browning, III have been recommended by the County Executive to the State Planning Office as the replacement Commissioners. Commissioner Crowder has been reappointed by the State to a second term.

7. Office renovations continue which will result in a smaller footprint and a better work environment.

8. MPC Staff will be informally changing its name to Knoxville/Knox County Planning in order to distinguish the planning staff from the corporate body of the Planning Commission.

At the conclusion of the Executive Report, Mr. Green then introduced Ben Crenshaw, Senior Vice President of Design with Southern Land Company of Franklin, Tennessee for a presentation on mixed use development and affordable housing. Mr. Crenshaw is the fifth (5th) speaker in the Active Knox Program, and will be making additional presentations to the public later in the week.

Mr. Crenshaw then rose and provided a description of Southern Land Company accompanied by a dazzling Power Point presentation. Mr. Crenshaw pointed out the public interest in walkability and explained how Southern Land Company vets projects for development. He responded to questions about parking requirements and the interface between development and public transport. The Power Point presentation became even more dazzling as Mr. Crenshaw shared examples of projects in various communities. Through the course of the presentation and at the conclusion, Mr. Crenshaw responded to questions regarding a variety of matters.

During the course of the dazzling Power Point presentation, the Recording Secretary was approached by Tom Brechko of MPC Staff who shared that he would be commenting on no less than five (5) Agenda Items in the meeting. The Recording Secretary cancelled all of his remaining appointments for the day.

Mr. Brechko was then called upon and explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 12, during which time a significant majority of the public attendees fled the room.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 14 during which even more public attendees fled the room.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 16.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Items 15 and 49 in tandem.

Mike Reynolds of MPC Staff then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 50, assisted by pictographs from the MPCGIS webpage, Mr. Reynolds responded to Commissioners questions about berms and the ability to require aesthetic improvements.

Mr. Brechko then spoke at great length about Agenda Item 57, even though it is recommended for postponement until BZA has acted on needed variances. The flight of public attendees resumed.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 32. A lively discussion ensued.

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

Commissioner Tocher inquired as to what elements of creativity had been incorporated into Agenda Item 12 as requested by the Commission. Mr. Brechko replied.

Mr. Brechko then volunteered that Agenda item 46 constitutes the first review of a telecommunication tower under the new ordinance.

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

This 12th day of June, 2018.

Recording Secretary