

MINUTES
Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
City – County Building

The Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 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 Hill, Goodwin, Graf, Phillips, Clancy, III, Roth, Bustin, Crowder, and Browning.

Also in attendance were the Planning Commission's Executive Director, Gerald Green, and various staff members of Knoxville-Knox County Planning.

The Planning Commission's Vice Chair, Patrick Phillips, called the meeting to order at 11:31 o'clock a.m., and expressed gratitude to Commissioners Bustin, Graf, and Clancy for their efforts at the recent social gathering.

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

1. The Agenda Package will reflect a new format, beginning Thursday..
2. The Annual Report will be made available to the Commissioners at Thursday's meeting.
3. The John Sevier Scenic Highway Study is being submitted to the legislative bodies later this month.
4. ActiveKnox is sponsoring a speaker at noon at the offices of the Chamber Partnership on October 16, and all Commissioners are welcome.
5. The East Tennessee Community Design Center will be presenting its annual gala later this month and tickets are available to Commissioners, if they are interested.

Commissioner Eason joined the meeting at this time.

6. The East Tennessee Community Design Center along with Planning Staff and others will be examining Sutherland Avenue in the following weeks
7. County Commission has remanded the recent Ordinance Amendment, which will be back before the Planning Commission in November.

8. The Realtor's Association is concerned about cluster mailboxes as evidenced by prior correspondence. It appears that the legislative bodies will be looking into the matter to determine what, if anything, should be done. If Commissioners have any advice they would like to share regarding this matter, it will be welcome.
9. Aubrey Loria has joined the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Staff as a Research Associate.
10. Planning Staff is looking at expanding its relationship opportunities with UT's Geography Department. Two (2) new interns from that Department are currently working with Staff in anticipation of establishing a long-term relationship.
11. Staff has met with Legacy Parks to help identify green space opportunities in the Hardin Valley area.
12. The quarterly meetings between Staff and developers was conducted last week at which time they reviewed processes and procedures.

Michelle Portier of Knoxville-Knox County Planning then advised that Agenda Item 7 on Thursday's Agenda will be recommended for postponement to permit additional community input on a new name. Andrea Kupfer of Planning Staff rose to explain the criteria employed in street naming.

Liz Albertson of Knoxville-Knox County Planning then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 12, and responded to questions.

Ms. Albertson explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 14.

Commissioner Canty joined the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Hill observed that the proposed buffer described in Agenda Item 14 appeared adequate and he did not understand the objections. The observations of Mr. Hill were concurred with and expanded upon by Commissioner Clancy, III.

Ms. Albertson then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Items 23 and 25.

Ms. Portier then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 18 and responded to questions about topography and the suitability of the property for industrial use.

Ms. Portier then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 19 and advised that a postponement had been requested.

Ms. Portier then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 27 and responded to questions from Commissioners. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Portier then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 29 and responded to questions.

Ms. Portier then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 31. There was a general observation that the Commissioners were a quiet group today.

Ms. Portier then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 31. With the “new employee get-your-feet-wet period” having evidently expired, it was observed, based on the level of responsibility for this month’s Agenda, that Ms. Portier has been thrown into the deep end.

Continuing from the deep end, Ms. Portier then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 36. Commissioner Graf asked how a chain link can change a zoning classification. Discussion ensued regarding the chain link fence as well as the location of other parks in the Park City neighborhood.

Tom Brechko of Knoxville-Knox County Planning then explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 38. As should be expected, the pace of the meeting slowed dramatically.

Mr. Brechko, aggressively pursuing his slowdown of the pace of the meeting, explained the Staff Recommendation for Agenda Item 51, advising that the applicant was seeking a postponement. Commissioner Graf inquired about the approval process for Planned Development Zoning and an explanation was provided by Mr. Green.

Mr. Green then explained the Staff Recommendations for Agenda Items 52 and 53. Once again it was noted that the Commission was a quiet group today.

Apparently unsatisfied with his prior efforts to slow down the pace of the meeting, Mr. Brechko once again advanced an explanation for Agenda Item 51, for no apparent reason, and at no one’s behest.

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

This 8th day of October, 2019.

Recording Secretary
(hereinafter “Recording Secretary”)