

MINUTES
Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2019
City – County Building

The Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission, f/k/a the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission (hereinafter the “P.C.”) convened on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 11:30 o’clock a.m. in the Small Conference Room (hereinafter the “SCR”) of the City-County Building (hereinafter the “C-C Bldg.”) for the monthly Agenda Review Meeting (hereinafter the “ARMtg.”).

In attendance were P.C. Commissioners Elizabeth Eason, Chris Ooten, Mac Goodwin, Lou Browning, Richard Graf, Art Clancy, III, Jeffrey Roth, Patrick Phillips, Mike Crowder, Gayle Bustin, Janice Tocher, and Tim Hill (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “PCCr’s”, and individually as a “PCCr”).

Also in attendance were Gerald Green, the Executive Director of the P.C., and various staff members of Knoxville-Knox County Planning (hereinafter referred to as “PC S”).

Mr. Green called the meeting to order on or about 11:35 o’clock a.m., and after appropriate welcoming remarks, provided the Monthly Executive Director’s Report (hereinafter the “Ex. Dir. Rpt.”), which included the following:

1. PC S delivered a presentation on September 9 to members of the Knox County Growth Policy Coordinating Committee (hereinafter the “KCGPCC”), and received notification of proposed revisions to the Growth Policy Plan (hereinafter the “GPP”) from the Knox County Mayor (hereinafter the “KCM”). Those proposed revisions will be analyzed by PC S in anticipation of the next meeting of the KCGPCC on September 30, 2019.
2. The Knox County Commission (hereinafter the “KCC”) is scheduled to discuss updating the County’s General Plan (hereinafter the “CGP”) at its October meeting.
3. The consultant for the newly adopted City Zoning Ordinance (hereinafter the “ReCode”) will be in town October 3 and 4 to help train PC S, City Code Administration Staff (hereinafter the “CCAS”), City Engineering Staff (hereinafter the “CES”), and others on implementation of and the application of the ReCode. PC S will be preparing handouts and formal presentation material to assist in educating the general public about ReCode.
4. P.C.’s application forms, fee schedule, and processes are under review by PC S to respond to the anticipated effects of ReCode.

5. The ReCode Stakeholder Advisory Committee (hereinafter the “ReCode SAC”) will be reconvened on a periodic basis over the next couple of years to monitor, oversee, and react to the implementation of ReCode.

Mr. Green then introduced Ellen Zavisca of PC S (hereinafter “EZ”) who rose to the podium to advise the PCCr’s of the ongoing discussions with officials with the City and with the County regarding guidelines for implementation of the sidewalk requirements and the recently revised Knoxville-Knox County Minimum Subdivision Regulations (hereinafter the “K-KCMSR’s”). The dominate goal for all parties is: safe walkability in all subdivisions.

Mr. Green then introduced Mike Conger of PC S (hereinafter “MC”) who rose to the podium to advise that the final report on the Chapman Highway Implementation Plan (hereinafter the “CHIP”), has been released and is now available for study on the P.C.’s outstanding website: www.knoxmpc.org.

MC provided a brief background of the genesis and purpose of CHIP, and thereupon introduced Brad Waldschmidt (hereinafter “BW”) and Allison Fluitt (hereinafter “AF”), both of whom are associated with the private consultant for the CHIP project, Kimley-Horn (hereinafter “K-H”). BW and AF then collectively rose to the podium to provide a summary of the CHIP report to the PCCr’s. Their remarks were accompanied by a dazzling PowerPoint presentation (hereinafter “PPP”) featuring charts, graphs, and the printed word, itemizing efforts at securing public participation, the ranking of priorities, crash rates, methods employed to secure public participation, and the processes used in organizing the data obtained, and in compiling the report, among other things.

At the conclusion of their collaborative remarks, BW and AF responded to questions from the PCCr’s. In addition, Jim Hagerman, Director of Engineering for the City of Knoxville (hereinafter “Dir. Eng. C. of K”) likewise rose to the podium to address specific questions of the PCCr’s with greater detail.

A healthy discussion ensued among the PCCr’s.

Mr. Green then introduced Cindy Pionke of Knox County Government (hereinafter “CP”), who rose to the podium to explain the purposes and goals of the long-awaited Hardin Valley Mobility Study (hereinafter “HVMS”). CP then introduced Beth Ostrowski (hereinafter “BO”) and Kayla Ferguson (hereinafter “KF”), both of whom are associated with the consultant for the HVMS, KCI (hereinafter “KCI”).

BO then rose to the podium to provide an overview of the HVMS project, the timeline, and the magnitude of public participation in HVMS to the PCCr’s.

KF, in due course, then rose to explain the three (3) scenarios examined in the HVMS, and the three (3) catalyst projects identified in the HVMS to the PCCr’s.

Liz Albertson of PC S (hereinafter “LA”) then explained the Staff Recommendation (hereinafter the “SR”) for Item 25 in the P.C.’s September Agenda (hereinafter “AI”) to the PCCr’s. At the conclusion of LA’s remarks, Jim Snowden of Knox County Engineering (hereinafter “KCE”) then rose to respond to questions from the PCCr’s about available right-of-way to Ole Andes Road (hereinafter “Ole Andes Road”).

LA then explained the SR for AI #28.

PCCr Ooten left the meeting at this time. LA continued with the explanation of the SR for AI #28, advising that the matter is recommended for postponement.

Tom Brechko of PC S (hereinafter “TB”) then **briefly** explained the SR for AI #9 (actually less than three (3) minutes, which must be a record for TB brevity!).

Mike Reynolds of PC S (hereinafter “MR”) then explained the SR for AI #13. PCCr Ooten returned to the meeting at this time. MR responded to questions from the PCCr’s about AI #13.

TB then **briefly** explained the SR for AI #14 (somewhat more than four (4) minutes) and responded to questions from the PCCr’s about the need for a traffic study associated with AI #14.

MR then explained the SR for AI #29 and for AI #32. TB interrupted MR to discuss some other AI that TB somehow thought was related to AI #29.

MR then explained the SR for AI #36. Discussion ensued.

TB then explained to the PCCr’s the need for additional proposed revisions to the K-KCMSR’s as set forth in AI #38, promising at the outset of his remarks that “again, I will be brief on this.”

PCCr Graf then inquired of PC S about the definition of Common Area (hereinafter the “Comm. Area”) in a subdivision, and various PC S replied.

PCCr Graf then inquired about the need for the change of name as reflected in AI #7. Mr. Green replied.

PCCr Tocher then announced the appointment of a Nominating Committee (hereinafter the “Nom. Comm.”) for the P.C., to be headed by PCCr Bustin, with officer elections (hereinafter the (Off. Elec.) scheduled for December. PCCr Tocher also advised that she will be absent from the October P.C. meeting.

There being no further business, the ARMTg was duly adjourned.

This 10th day of September, 2019.

Recording Secretary