

MINUTES
Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
City – County Building

The Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. in the Small Assembly Room in the City County Building for the monthly agenda review meeting.

In attendance were Planning Commissioners, Gayle Bustin, Patrick Phillips, Tim Hill, Chris Ooten, Elizabeth Eason and Richard Graf.

Also in attendance were Gerald Green, Executive Director for the Commission, and various members of Knoxville-Knox County Planning ("Staff") who provide professional, technical, and clerical support to the Commission.

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 11:46 o'clock a.m., and provided the Executive Director's Monthly Report, which included the following:

1. The Stakeholder's Committee for the proposed John Sevier Corridor Overlay Zone will meet next Wednesday to work on design standards.
2. Ed McMahon will make a presentation sponsored by ULI on the March 15, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. All Commissioners are welcome to attend.
3. The City Neighborhood Conference will have it's annual meeting on March 28 and all Commissioners are invited.
4. The Southeast Climate Conference will be conducted at UT's Conference Center on March 28 and 29.
5. Mr. Green has had discussions with the Chairman of County Commission and has been requested to make a presentation to the Commission on planning issues on May 18.

Mr. Green then introduced Shauna Godlevsky with the Knox County Parks and Recreation Department for a presentation on the County's recent Greenway study. Ms. Godlevsky rose to the podium and introduced the County's consultant on the project, John Houghton with Gresham Smith, who then rose to provide a dazzling but busy Powerpoint presentation on the study. Mr. Houghton noted that the study, which has been conducted over the last twelve months, included significant opportunities for public presentation and looked at four corridors, constituting sixty miles of proposed greenway improvements, including: Beaver Creek, Northshore Drive, John Sevier Highway and Chapman Highway.

Commissioner Art Clancy, III, and Scott Smith jointed the meeting at this time.

After noting the location of proposed preferred and alternative routes, Mr. Houghton advised that cost estimates for the improvements had been provided, but not including right-of-way acquisition. At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Houghton responded to multiple questions from the Commissioners. An interesting and vigorous discussion ensued.

Amy Brooks of Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Item 5 on the Commission's March Agenda, being the proposed revisions to the One Year Plan. Ms. Brooks responded to questions.

Michelle Portier of Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 9.

Commissioner Ooten left the meeting at this time.

Ms. Portier then explained the Staff recommendations for Agenda Item 17.

Ms. Portier then explained Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 40 in great detail. A lively discussion ensued.

Commissioner Ooten returned to the meeting at this time.

Liz Albertson of Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Items 7, 8 and 6 collectively, which feature a single applicant and contiguous parcels.

Commissioner Eason left the meeting at this time.

Ms. Albertson then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 13 and responded to questions.

Commissioner Eason rejoined the meeting at this time.

Ms. Albertson then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 18 and responded to questions.

Tom Brechko of Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 19 at the conclusion of which a lively discussion ensued. Commissioner Smith left and later rejoined the meeting during that lively discussion.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 23 and responded to questions. Mr. Brechko then reminded the Commission that only 115 shopping days remain prior to his retirement, and advised that he had registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and at Victoria's Secret for their convenience.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 30 including a lengthy explanation on the Rural Retreat criteria.

Mike Reynolds of Staff then explained at great length and in soft and dulcet tones the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 21, and responded to questions.

Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 22. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Ooten left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Reynolds then explained the Staff recommendations for Agenda Items 24 and 25 in turn, once again featuring his soft and dulcet tone. No discussion ensued.

Mr. Green then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 37, being various minor revisions to the City Zoning Ordinance.

Ms. Brooks then explained the Staff recommendations for Agenda Items 38 and 39.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Recording Secretary