

MINUTES
Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

The Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. via remote tele-conferencing (Zoom), for the monthly agenda review meeting.

Attending the virtual meeting virtually, or via telephone connection (ahoy-hoy) were Planning Commissioners Beth Eason, Jeffrey Roth, Dick Graf, Karyn Adams, Sandra Korbelik, Scott Smith, Tamara Boyer, Gayle Bustin, Lou Browning, Patrick Phillips, Chair of the Commission, and Jacqueline Dent.

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

The meeting was called to order promptly at 11:30 o'clock a.m. by Mr. Phillips.

Upon Motion of Commissioner Korbelik, seconded by Commissioner Eason, the Commission unanimously affirmed the need to conduct the meeting by electronic means to protect the public health, safety and welfare, in light of the infernal COVID pandemic.

Ms. Brooks then provided the Interim Executive Director's Interim Monthly Report, which included the following:

1. Review of the Planned Residential Zone is underway with the first meeting of the Stakeholder Committee having been held on January 29, and with the second meeting scheduled for February 23. Progress of the Stakeholder Committee will be memorialized on the Commission's outstanding webpage, www.knoxmpc.org.
2. Density Explorer, developed by Staff, is now available on the Commission's outstanding webpage, www.knoxmpc.org for the use and enjoyment of Commissioners, and the public. A nifty tool, the Explorer provides examples of levels of development density, in a ready to use format.
3. In concert with the local ULI Chapter, Staff has invited Ed McMahan to speak at an event scheduled for March 31 at 10:30 o'clock am. Details will be forthcoming.

Commissioner Tim Hill joined the meeting at his time.

4. Staff will be organizing a workshop for the Commissioners in the Spring,

focusing on the (relatively) new City Zoning Ordinance, colloquially known as ReCode.

5. The County Board of Zoning Appeals has acted on three (3) applications previously heard by the Commission, approving Commission action in some instances, and reversing in others.
6. Public meetings addressing the Mobility Plan will be scheduled in mid to late March. Planning Commissioners are encouraged to participate.

Ms. Brooks then introduced Katharine Killen, Chief Strategy Officer with the Knox County Health Department, and Erin Read, Health Planner with that same agency. After a savvy technical intervention by Ms. Read, Ms. Killen gave a dazzling PowerPoint presentation on the 2019 Community Health Assessment, and offered suggestions how that report could be useful to the Commission and others, and responded to questions.

Ms. Brooks then explained the Staff recommendation for Item 27 on the Commission's February Agenda, and responded to questions. A thoughtful and healthy discussion ensued.

Michell Portier of Staff then explained the Staff recommendations for the related Agenda Items 24 and 6, and responded to questions. Discussion ensued regarding potential steps to encourage a public review of the development.

Commissioner Chris Ooten joined the meeting at this time.

Ms. Portier then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 8, and Tarren Barrett of Staff responded to Commissioner's questions about the scope of the required traffic letter.

Ms. Portier then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 9. The report elicited no questions.

Michael Reynolds ("The Mikester") of Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 31. The report elicited no questions.

There then followed a general discussion among the Commissioners about their preferred manner of receipt of public input on applications prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Korbelik then inquired about Agenda Items 11, and Ms. Portier responded.

Commissioner Korbelik then inquired about Agenda Item 14 (initially misidentified as Agenda Item 8). The Mikester and Tarren Barrett responded.

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

Interim Recording Secretary