

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 2014
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at 12:00 o'clock noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, for the monthly Agenda Review Meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Art Clancy, III, Michael Kane, Bart Carey, Herb Anders, Brian Pierce, Lyn Johnson, Elizabeth Eason, Mac Godwin, and Jack Sharp.

Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director Mark Donaldson, and various MPC staff members.

Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order at 12:06 o'clock p.m. and reported on land use activities of the City Council and the County Commission since the last Agenda Review Meeting. Mr. Donaldson advised the Commissioners that the sign ordinance proposal, being Agenda Item 5 on the May MPC Agenda, will be recommended for postponement in order to allow the Sign Task Force an opportunity to review the recommendations.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 12. Commissioner Laura Cole joined the meeting at this time. Mr. Brechko responded to Commissioners' questions regarding the number of lots to be served by the proposed joint permanent easement.

Mr. Brechko then provided the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 17 and responded to questions regarding lock box requirements.

Buz Johnson of MPC Staff then provided an exhaustive explanation of the history and Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 22 and explained the distinctions from the prior action by MPC on the property at issue. An unidentified gentleman, assumed by the Recording Secretary to be either the applicant or a representative for the applicant, rose to explain plans for a buffer along the boundary of the proposed project.

Mr. Johnson then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 39. Commissioner Kane inquired about the inclusion of walkability provisions in the Capital Improvements Plan, and Mr. Donaldson responded.

Commissioner Carey then inquired about the status of Agenda Item 9 and was advised that the application has been withdrawn.

Commissioner Cole informed Commissioners and Staff that a Dollar General Store is to be constructed upon the property proposed for removal from the overlay zone in Agenda Item 26. Mr. Johnson confirmed that Dollar General Store had participated in discussions about the property, and advised that the Historic Zoning Commission has approved removal of the overlay. Mr. Donaldson further explained the Staff recommendation.

Commissioner Kane inquired about the status of Agenda Item 18. Mr. Donaldson and other Staff members provided an explanation of the Staff analysis of the application, including plans for use of adjoining property. Commissioner Pierce left the meeting at this time.

Dan Kelly of MPC Staff then offered an explanation of plans for overflow parking associated with Agenda Item 18. There followed a general discussion among the Commissioners and Staff regarding the surrounding neighborhood conditions and the implications of the proposed development.

Arthur Seymour, a local lawyer who appears with great frequency at Commission meetings, rose to offer his personal recollections of prevailing land uses along Grand Avenue during the earliest part of the last century. His relationship with the application and for the applicant, if any, is unknown to the Recording Secretary.

There being no further business to come before the Agenda Review Meeting, it was duly adjourned.

This 6th day of May, 2014.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary