

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2014
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, for the monthly Agenda Review Meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Jack Sharp, Mac Goodwin, Elizabeth Eason, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Bart Carey, Janice Tocher and Jeffrey Roth.

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

Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order at 12:05 o'clock p.m. and reported on the land use activities of the City Council and the County Commission since the last Agenda Review meeting.

Mr. Donaldson then pointed out that Item 5 of the July Agenda is recommended for postponement, but advised that the Sign Committee is expected to convene on July 23, to address all remaining issues, creating a hope that the Item can be ready for consideration by the Planning Commission at the August meeting.

Dan Kelly of MPC Staff then provided an unusually cogent explanation of the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 10 and responded to questions regarding the street turning radius. Mr. Donaldson explained the tension between the existing Subdivision Regulations and various traffic calming tools, including stop signs. Mr. Kelly responded to additional questions, and there followed a brief discussion by the Commission of the viability of a residential subdivision accessible only by rail.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff, returning from his surprising absence from the June Agenda Review Meeting, then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 20, and responded to Commissioners' questions regarding the historical use of the property and the significance of Fulton Place. MPC Staff member Michael Brusseau sat quietly and respectfully at Mr. Brechko's side throughout the presentation.

Mr. Kelly then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 30, once again showing unusual clarity in his remarks. Commission Chair Longmire asked the Staff to be prepared to respond to questions at the public meeting regarding the similarity of the RP-2 Zone to the Town Center Zone. Mr. Kelly also explained the meaning of "market rate" apartments and the significance to this particular application. Upon inquiry from Commission Tocher, Staff explained the inclusion of various emails in the Agenda packet with regard to Agenda Item 30.

Mr. Kelly then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 31, albeit with less clarity than in his prior presentations. Mr. Kelly also responded to Commissioners' inquiries regarding the proper location of kennels.

Reflecting an unprecedented participation in Agenda Review, Mr. Kelly then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 34, being his fourth (4th) Item of the meeting. Mr. Kelly, clearly wearied from his earlier exertions, also advised Commissioners that he had received no comments from neighbors.

There being no further business to come before the Agenda Review Meeting, it was duly adjourned, and Mr. Kelly sighed audibly.

This 8th day of July, 2014.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary