

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 2014
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, October 7, 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, Herb Anders, Scott Smith, Mac Goodwin, Len Johnson, Bart Carey, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Laura Cole, Jeff Roth, Elizabeth Eason, Michael Kane, Janice Tocher, and Charles Lomax. 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. sharp, and reported on land use decisions by the City Council and the County Commission since the last Agenda Review Meeting.

Mr. Donaldson then addressed Commission regarding Item 5 of the October Agenda concerning proposed City Sign Ordinance revisions offered by the City Sign Ordinance Task Force, and advised of additional exhibits added to the Staff recommendation as a result of discussions occurring at the MPC workshop. Mr. Donaldson responded to questions from Commissioners.

Commissioner Art Clancy joined the meeting at this time. Discussion regarding the Sign Ordinance proposal continued revealing the issue to be absurdly intractable, complex and nuanced.

Dan Kelly of MPC Staff proudly sporting full length socks, then announced that Agenda Item 7 has been requested for postponement and described potential issues regarding the application and responded to questions.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 23.

Mr. Kelly left the meeting at this time purportedly to attend to a pressing medical issue. Speculation by the Recording Secretary regarding the nature of the medical condition was scoffed at by Mr. Kelly during his exit, but not denied.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff, a part-time volunteer umbrella monitor, then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 29. There followed a general discussion among Commissioners as to the size of the proposed building and the products offered by the proposed tenant. Mr. Brechko explained the history of the property and the justification for commercial use as part of the development of the adjoining residential property. Commissioner Eason left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Brechko then explained the application and the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 32 and responded to Commissioners' questions. Commissioner Anders left the meeting at this time.

There followed a discussion of the conflict between potential land uses in the County Agricultural zone and encroaching residential development.

Tim Kuhn of MPC Staff then rose and politely, but unnecessarily, introduced himself once again to the Commissioners and inquired as to the location of a missing charger for one of the Commissioner's new tablets. Mr. Kuhn's efforts were, sadly, fruitless.

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

This 7th day of October, 2014.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary