

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 2010
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on September 7, 2010, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, for the monthly Agenda Review meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Laura Cole, Stan Johnson, Jack Sharp, Rebecca Longmire, Vice Chairman of MPC, Art Clancy, Nate Kelly, and Brian Pierce. Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director Mark Donaldson, and Deputy Executive Director Buz Johnson, along with various other staff members.

At 12:10 p.m. Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order and reported on the activity of City Council and the County Commission on land use issues since the last Agenda Review Meeting and reported on pending matters before those legislative bodies.

Michael Brusseau of MPC staff then explained the staff recommendation for Items 27 and 28 of the September MPC Agenda and reviewed the history of rezoning request for the parcel at issue in Item 28. There followed a discussion of the current use of the property. Polly Doca, a neighborhood resident rose to advise that she would be seeking a postponement, due to the sign being not readily visible and perhaps moved from its original posting.

Mr. Brusseau then explained that staff recommendation for Item 31 in the September Agenda.

Commissioner Michael Kane joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Brusseau explained the staff recommendation for Item 33 in the September Agenda and the comparison of the requirements of the OS Zone with existing parks in Knox County. Mr. Donaldson advised the Commission of research performed on the use of open space zones for parks in other communities similar to Knox County.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the staff recommendation with regard to Item 34 of the September Agenda and advised the Commissioners of the latest revisions proposed by the applicant which may result in a recommendation of a postponement. There followed a discussion among Commissioners of the location of one of the proposed access roads to Kingston Pike and the limitations imposed by TDOT.

Commissioner Stan Johnson left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Brechko then explained the staff recommendation for Item 35 and the requirement for a more complete and detailed site plan to be submitted prior to certification of the use on review. There followed a discussion among Commissioners of the prior complaints regarding this property and the necessary set back requirements as well as discussion of the negative impact of idling school buses on a community. Pamela Simmons rose in opposition to the application. There followed a general discussion among Commissioners of the nature of the school bus parking as a commercial activity.

At this point a gentleman who did not identify himself rose to advise school bus parking at the proposed site would have a negative impact on his home value. The unknown gentleman further advised that there was nothing but mud in front of his house, and expressed his conviction that the 25' set back proposed in the application would not allow adequate space for buses to turn around.

Mr. Brechko then explained staff recommendation for Item 38 in the Agenda. Commissioners inquired as to the reason for the requested change from the monopole to a lattice tower and staff offered their conclusion it was based simply on the cost of construction.

Commissioner Laura Cole left the meeting at this time.

Discussion continued regarding the communication tower and the differences between a monopole tower and lattice tower on the number of available antenna.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

This 7th day of September, 2010.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary