

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2013
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 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, Bart Carey, Art Clancy, Brian Pierce, Janice Tocher and Michael Kane.

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 land use decisions of the City County and the County Commission since the last Agenda Review meeting.

Commissioner Charles Lomax joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Donaldson then reviewed the status of the Commissioners' Tennessee Ethics Commission requirements, and the success in securing authorization codes for each of the Commissioners.

Mr. Donaldson then explained the staff recommendation for Item 5 of the January MPC Agenda along with the purpose and the scope of the proposed amendments. In conjunction with Item 5, Mr. Donaldson advised the Commissioners of a pending dormitory type apartment development proposed in the Cumberland Avenue Corridor and its compatibility with the requirements of the existing zoning ordinance. There followed a general discussion among the Commissioners regarding this proposed development, and the current housing opportunities for university students. There also followed a discussion of the ongoing needs for parking in the Cumberland Avenue District.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 16, and advised that he anticipates the applicant will request a postponement of the matter at the January meeting, which may be resisted by those in opposition to the application.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 19. The owner and the applicant for Agenda Item 19 rose to explain the need to secure a greater development density in order for the project to be economically viable, and their plan to leave the slope portions of the property undeveloped. There followed a general discussion among the Commissioners and Staff regarding the desirability of conservation easements, the limitations imposed by the Growth Policy Plan, the designation of this area as rural, and the mechanisms for amending the Growth Policy Plan.

Deviating from the ordinary numerical order of the Agenda Items, Dan Kelly of MPC Staff, appearing both adequately fed and watered, then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 23, including the status of sidewalks along Middlebrook Pike. There followed a general discussion among Commissioners regarding the need for sidewalks along Middlebrook Pike.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff Recommendations for Agenda Items 20 and 21. Commissioner Kane advised the Commissioners of the history of these parcels, and the history of neighborhood zoning in the area of these parcels.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 24.

Commissioner Tocher inquired whether arrangements had been made for the purchase of residential property adjacent to the Gerdau parcel at issue in Agenda Item 6. Arthur Seymour, counsel for the applicant for Agenda Item 6, rose to explain the status of the negotiations for the purchase and sale, and the status of the proposed greenway development, which was further explained Mr. Brusseau.

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

This 8th day of January, 2013.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary