

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

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, October 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 Len Johnson, Janice Tocher, Bart Carey, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Art Clancy, Rev. Charles Lomax, Laura Cole, Herb Anders, 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 12:06 o'clock p.m., and advised the Commissioners that the City Mayor has recommended two persons to the State Planning Office for appointment as Planning Commissioners, being specifically Beth Eason, and Mack Goodwin. Mr. Donaldson then reported on the land use activities of the County Commission and the City Council since the last Agenda Review Meeting.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 5 of the October Agenda and explained the distinctions between the proposed Ordinance Amendments uses and landscape contractors. Mr. Brusseau also responded to inquiries regarding the proposed ordinance from the Commissioners.

Mr. Donaldson then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 6 and identified various outstanding issues that need to be addressed by the Sign Task Force before consideration by MPC, justifying the need for a postponement. Mr. Donaldson also responded to Commissioners' inquiries about specifics of the proposed ordinance provisions. The explanation was interrupted briefly by lively Latin music emanating from an unidentified staff member's cell phone.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff the explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 14.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 19 and advised of a possible request for postponement, pending resolution of the proposed Zoning Amendment set forth in Agenda Item 5. Arthur Seymour, counsel for the applicant for Agenda Item 19, then rose from the back of the room to announce that his client would be seeking a postponement by written request, to be delivered prior to the monthly meeting.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 20. Commissioner Kane inquired about the potential for townhouse uses as an appropriate designation for the property. Mr. Brusseau responded and expanded on the history of the use of the lot relative to the expectations of the surrounding lot owners.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 23, along with a history of the use of the property, and responded to inquires from the Planning Commissioners.

Dan Kelly of MPC Staff and a lover of Latin music, explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 31, and the anticipated procedural process of this Application based on other pending matters.

Commissioner Anders then inquired about condition 3 in the staff recommendation for Agenda Item 33. Mr. Kelly responded by describing the minimal visual benefit from fencing and the condition of the existing fence.

Mr. Kelly then offered an explanation of the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 32. Upon inquiry from Commissioner Clancy, Mr. Kelly also explained the process for securing permission to tear down the existing Parking Garage.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 34 and advised of ongoing discussions with the applicant regarding their signage proposal.

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

This 8th day of October, 2013.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary