

**MINUTES**  
**Agenda Review Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 9, 2012**  
**City – County Building**

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, for the monthly Agenda Review Meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Brian Pierce, Jeffrey Roth, Len Johnson, Janice Tocher, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, George Ewart, 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 pm, and reported on the land use activities of the City Council and the County Commission since the last Agenda Review Meeting, Mr. Donaldson also reported on his efforts at re-drafting the City Sign Ordinance at the instruction of the City's Signage Task Force. Commissioner Laura Cole joined the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Len Johnson inquired about the existing signage moratorium of the County which was explained by Mr. Donaldson.

Commissioner Bart Carey joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Donaldson then explained the Staff recommendation for Item 5 of the October Agenda including a historical background of efforts to regulate crematories. Included in the discussion of the Staff recommendation was an explanation of the request and instruction of City Council. There followed discussion among Commissioners of the public policy considerations for restrictions on crematorium and other funeral services and the impact of existing operations and grandfathering provisions under state statutes.

Mr. Donaldson then explained the Staff recommendation for Item 6 of the Agenda and advised that the Commission may want to suggest potential strategies for reduction of billboards to the City Council. Following inquiry from Commissioner Tocher, Mr. Donaldson explained the process for drafting the language for the zoning ordinances and the forwarding of that language to the legislative bodies.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 10. There followed a general discussion by Commissioners regarding the impact of changing street names. Mr. Donaldson explained the process for honorary street names.

Liz Albertson of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 11, being the South Knoxville Sector Plan.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 10.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 31. Commissioner Kane inquired about the use-on-review process how it addresses changes in the use of a building after approval. There followed a general discussion regarding that matter.

Buzz Johnson of MPC Staff advised Commissioners that all three of the Gerdau applications have been recommended for postponement.

Mr. Donaldson advised the Commissioners of his planned response to the inquiry from a homeowner in Devonshire Subdivision regarding MPC review and approval of homeowners' associations.

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

This 9th day of October, 2012.

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Stephen R. Wise  
Recording Secretary