

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 2012
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, for the monthly Agenda Review Meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners George Ewart, Jack Sharp, Bart Carey, Rebecca Longmire, Chair of MPC, Janice Tocher, Brian Pierce, Len Johnson, Herb Anders, Laura Cole, 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 12:07 o'clock p.m. and reported on land use activities of the City Council and the County Commission since the last Agenda Review meeting, including specifically, consideration of the South Knoxville Sector Plan by the County Commission, and the ongoing discussions by County Commission regarding billboard control. Mr. Donaldson informed the Commissioners of the tentative scheduling of a Workshop on joint permanent easements for January 31, 2012.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 12 of the December Agenda.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Item 12 of the December Agenda. Kaye Graybeal, Historic Preservation Planner, expressed the support of the Historic Zoning Commission for the proposed plans, and upon inquiry, explained the limited access being made available for the historic portion of the property.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 21. Mr. Donaldson advised the Planning Commissioners of the efforts of MPC Staff to get the applicant and the effected neighbor to look at alternate solutions to the conflict presented by the application. Upon inquiry from Commissioner Kane, Mr. Donaldson explained the evident reason for the County Commission referring the matter back to the Planning Commission for consideration. There followed a general discussion of the historic use of the property.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 25. Buz Johnson, Deputy Executive Director of MPC, explained the anticipated parallel road construction under the Transportation Improvement Plan along Pellissippi Parkway, and how the pending application would potentially impact that plan. Mr. Johnson also advised of the possibility of a request for a postponement of the Item by the public.

Mr. Brechko then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 28. There followed a general discussion among the Commissioners regarding the application and the prior consideration of this parcel by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Tocher inquired whether the re-zoning request in Agenda Item 24 would affect the parking made available to the library located on the adjacent parcel. Staff confirmed that re-zoning the adjacent property would not have any effect on the legal rights of the library to utilize parking. Ms. Tocher also inquired as to the procedure for the monitoring compliance with conditions imposed in use-on-review approvals, and was advised by Staff that both the City and the County have offices established for that purpose.

Commissioner Kane inquired as to whether there had been any change in the application for Agenda Item 8 and was advised that there had been no change.

Mr. Kane also inquired as to Agenda Item 11 regarding the construction of ADA compliant sidewalks. Staff responded to those inquires and there followed a general discussion of the impositions created by the ADA on construction of the sidewalks and the difficulty with strict compliance with some of those requirements.

Ms. Longmire advised the commissioners that their colleague, Commissioner Nate Kelly, was now the proud father of a new baby boy, Arwen, and that the parents and child were happily at home.

Dan Kelly, of MPC Staff and a former resident of Anderson County, Tennessee, was also in attendance. However, he remained uncharacteristically reticent throughout the meeting, perhaps in recognition of the general confusion resulting from his comments at the November meeting.

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

This 11h day of December, 2012.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary