

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2014
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 12:00 o'clock noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, for the monthly Agenda Review Meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Laura Cole, Herb Anders, Bart Carey, Vice Chair of MPC, Len Johnson, Janice Tocher, Mac Goodwin, Elizabeth Eason, Jack Sharp 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 12:03 o'clock p.m., and reported that the County Mayor has nominated Jim Wakefield to fill open Commission seat, and that the nomination has been forwarded to the State Planning Office for approval. Mr. Donaldson also reported on activity of the City Council, the County Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals on land use applications since the last Agenda Review Meeting, and responded to questions from Commissioners.

Mr. Donaldson then explained the Staff recommendation for Items 5 and 6 of the February MPC Agenda, and responded to Commissioners' questions. Vice Chairman Carey shared information with the Commission regarding the scheme employed by Nashville for the housing of homeless as an alternative to group housing.

Buz Johnson of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 7, supplemented by comments from Mr. Donaldson regarding the history of the matter.

Michael Brusseau of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 10 and responded to Commissioners' questions regarding the zoning of the adjoining property.

Tom Brechko of MPC Staff then explained the Staff recommendations for Agenda Items 13 and 18. There followed a general discussion regarding right-of-way dedications.

Commissioner Johnson left the meeting at this time.

Michael Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 26. Mr. Donaldson advised the Commissioners of the public meeting regarding the application and Commissioner Tocher reported to her colleagues as to the position of the neighborhood organizations on the application. Vice Chairman Carey inquired as to the value of a deciduous tree screening. There followed a general discussion of the authority of the Commission to establish screening parameters and limitations on use of the property.

Commissioner Johnson rejoined to the meeting at this time.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 27 and responded to questions regarding the maximum possible development density of the property based upon the Staff recommendation. Arthur Seymour of the Knox County Bar then rose to advise Commissioners that he represented the current owner of the property at issue in Agenda Item 27, and that his client had been extremely successful in attracting the attention and enthusiasm of the Sequoyah Hill Neighborhood Association. Mr. Seymour advised that his client was satisfied with the Staff recommendation but that he was unable to speak for the putative developer of the property. Mr. Seymour also advised Commissioners of the apparent concerns of the neighborhood association regarding the application.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the Staff recommendation for Agenda Item 33.

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

This 11th day of February, 2014.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary