

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Tuesday, July 6, 2010
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on July 6, 2010, 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, Nate Kelly, Laura Cole, Rebecca Longmire, Robert Anders, Chairman of MPC, Brian Pierce, Bart Carey, Art Clancy and Michael Kane. Also in attendance were MPC Executive Director Mark Donaldson, and Deputy Executive Director Buz Johnson, along with various other MPC staff members.

Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order and introduced the newest member of the Planning Commission, Brian Pierce. Mr. Donaldson then reported on the activity of the City Council and County Commission on land use issues since the last Agenda Review Meeting.

Commissioner Wes Stowers joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Donaldson announced a work session with City Council on the proposed R-4 zone for Thursday evening.

At the request of Mr. Anders, Mr. Donaldson then discussed the new format for the minutes of MPC's monthly meetings, designed to be in conformity with State law, and with the practice employed by both City Council and County Commission for their legislative minutes. There followed a discussion of techniques for archival record keeping for MPC public meetings, and the relative value of the existing system over the proposed revisions, as well as the financial impact of the existing system.

Commissioner Stan Johnson joined the meeting at this time.

There followed a discussion of the potential for using a court reporter for a verbatim transcription of the public meetings, or the possibility of editing audio CDs to provide easier access to specific matters on the Agenda.

Mr. Donaldson then addressed the staff recommendation for Item 5 in the July Agenda, and explained the revisions in that proposal from the staff recommendation previously provided, as well as the participation of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee. There followed a discussion of whether the Neighborhood Advisory Committee felt additional meetings would be useful and the potential for other public meeting opportunities.

Mr. Johnson then explained the staff recommendation for Item 6 in the July Agenda.

Mike Brusseau of MPC staff explained the staff recommendation for Item 7 and Item 30 in the Agenda.

Nathan Benditz of MPC staff reported on the staff recommendation for Item 37 in the Agenda, leading to a discussion of the proposed access requirements by the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

Mr. Benditz then explained the staff recommendation for Items 38 and 39 in the July Agenda.

Commissioner Longmire inquired about the status of the request in Item 36, and whether there had been any involvement from neighbors. Mr. Arthur Seymour, representative for the applicant for Item 36, rose to explain the need for nighttime production at asphalt plants due to requirements of TDOT for road construction, and explained sound buffering tools which have been implemented at the site.

Commissioner Kane inquired about the quality of design for the townhouses proposed in Item 42 of the July Agenda and his concern about the aesthetics of the proposed building.

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

This 6th day of July, 2010.

Stephen R. Wise
Recording Secretary