

MINUTES
Agenda Review Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2011
City – County Building

The Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission convened on Monday, October 10, 2011, at Noon in the Small Assembly Room of the City – County Building, for the monthly Agenda Review Meeting. In attendance were Planning Commissioners Jeff Roth, Rebecca Longmire, Mose Lobetti, Jack Sharp, Michael Kane, Ursula Bailey, and George Ewart. Also in attendance were Executive Director Mark Donaldson and various MPC staff members.

Mr. Donaldson called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. He then reviewed the actions of the City Council and County Commission on land use issues since the last Agenda Review meeting.

Mr. Donaldson advised the Planning Commissioners on the status of the Hillside and Ridgetop Protection Plan now before City Council and County Commission. He then reviewed the staff recommendation on Item 5 in the September Agenda Package. The item described amendments to the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance creating four zones for regulating sign heights and setbacks relative to a property's road frontage and proximity to an interstate highway.

Mr. Donaldson then reviewed changes to the Knox County Zoning Ordinance, as presented under Item 6, which would establish requirements regulating the location of pain management clinics. This was prepared in response to a request from County Commission.

Tom Brechko under Item 7, discussed changes to the Minimum Subdivision Regulations that would allow the submission of larger size sheets for final plats. New scanning technology and the elimination of the need to store original plan documents by the register of deeds had brought about these changes.

Mike Brusseau discussed the staff's recommendation to deny the rezoning request under Item 27. The request called for the rezoning of property, from A (Agricultural) to CA (General Business), primarily for the installation of a larger church sign. As explained, the staff could not recommend approval of CA zoning for the property, which was located in the Rural Area of the Growth Policy Plan.

Mr. Brusseau then explained the rationale behind the recommendation to deny the applications under Item 28. They called for a sector plan change, from LDR to GC, to allow the rezoning of property from A (Agricultural) to CB (Business and Manufacturing). The applicant wanted to use the property for a residence and a contractor's office to allow a residence and a contractor's office. The sector plan LDR designation was appropriate and should remain.

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

This 10th day of October, 2011.

Mark Donaldson